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**IN GLOBAL TRANSIT
JEWISH MIGRANTS FROM HITLER'S EUROPE IN
ASIA, AFRICA, AND BEYOND**

FEBRUARY 14-16, 2018

Loreto College

Kolkata

Organized in Kolkata by the Max Weber Stiftung India Branch Office

Wednesday, February 14

10:30

Welcome and Introduction

11:00-12:30

Panel 1: Refugee Identities in Colonial India

Chair: **Indra Sengupta** (GHI London)

Maria Framke (Universität Rostock): *India a safe haven for Jewish refugees? Exploring the entangled web of Indian anti-fascism, anti-colonialism and humanitarian solidarity in the interwar period*

Pragya Kaul (University of Michigan, Ann Arbor): *Between Colonizer and Colonized: Nationalism, the War, and Refugee Identity Formation in British India*

12:30-14:00

Lunch

14:00-15:30

Panel 2: Local Interactions and anti-Semitism

Chair: **Anne Schenderlein** (GHI Washington)

Flora Roberts (Universität Tübingen): *Jews in wartime Central Asia: migrants, locals, and the specter of anti-Semitism*

Atina Grossmann (Cooper Union): *Trauma, Privilege, and Adventure in Transit: Jewish Refugees in Iran and India*

15:30-16:00

Break

16:00-17:30

Roundtable: Jewish refugee history outside the university: archives, collections and exhibitions

Chair: **Tapati Guha Thakurta** (CSSS, Kolkata)

Jael Silliman (independent scholar, Kolkata)

Anuradha Chatterji (Sri Sri Academy, formerly of Loreto College, Kolkata)

Kenneth X. Robbins (collector and author, Washington DC)

Thursday, February 15

9:30- 11:00

Panel 3: Knowledge

Chair: **Simone Lässig** (GHI Washington)

Sebastian Musch (Hochschule für Jüdische Studien, Heidelberg): *Jewish Migrants from Germany to British Ceylon and their Networks of Knowledge, 1933-1950*

Swen Steinberg (TU Dresden): *Destinations in Asia and Africa in Newspapers and Journals of the German Political Exile*

- 11:00-11:15** **Break**
- 11:15-12:45** **Razak Khan** (Universität Göttingen): *Migrant Lives and Ideas: Jewish and Muslim Intellectual Entanglements in Colonial India.*
- Amit Levy** (Hebrew University): *Meeting in the Intellectual Sphere: German-Jewish Émigré Orientalists in British Mandate Palestine and "Culture rapprochement with the Arabs"*
- 12:45-13:45** **Lunch**
- 13:45-15:15** **Panel 4: State Power**
- Chair: **Shail Mayaram** (CSDS Delhi)
- Susanne Heim** (Institut für Zeitgeschichte München-Berlin): *Resettling Jews*
- Gerhard Wolf** (University of Sussex): *Fantasies of settlement and civilization*
- 15:15-18:30** Synagogue Tour guided by Jael Silliman (by invitation only)
- 19:30** Conference Dinner at a restaurant (by invitation only)

Friday, February 16

- 10:30-12:30** **Panel 5: Non-governmental networks and organizations during and after the Holocaust**
- Chair: **Andreas Gestrich** (GHI London)
- Sarah Haggmann** (University of Basel): *Shaping New Global Spaces in Times of Transit: Relief organizations in Shanghai during World War II*
- Tobias Brinkmann** (Penn State University): *Stranded in Between: Jewish Refugees in Shanghai and other Treaty Ports after 1945*
- Margit Franz** (Universität Graz): *Decolonization and Demarcation: Experiences of Central European Exiles in the Partition of India*
- 12:30-13:30** **Lunch**
- 13:30-15:30** **Concluding Discussion**

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