

# MODERN SOUTH ASIAN HISTORY RESEARCH SEMINAR

Summer Semester 2025

The research group seminar will be held in presence in room 2.112 (Waldweg 26, Altbau) if not announced differently and will also be accessible through zoom. Lectures shaded in blue are public. All other events require registration.

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**Tuesday, 29 April, 7 – 9 pm, ZHG 001**  
in cooperation with Sociology of Labour  
**Beverly Silver** (Johns Hopkins University),  
*Workers' Resistance and the Return of Fascism in the Era of Declining Western Hegemony*

**Tuesday, 6 May, 4 – 6 pm**  
**Veena Naregal** (Institute of Economic Growth, Delhi), *'Monolingual' States in a Polyglot Setting: the Long History of Linguistic Territorial Reorganisation in India 1905-1950s*

**Tuesday, 20 May, 4 – 6 pm**  
**Roi Ball** (Universität Münster),  
*Kinship and the Social History of Empire: transregional farming families and agrarian settlement in Germany's imperial frontiers, 1860s-1920s*

**Tuesday, 27 May, 4 – 6 pm**  
**PhD Workshop**  
**Maria Pomohaci** (CeMIS), *Garbage as a Tool of Protest: Sanitation Workers' Strikes in Colonial Calcutta*  
**Jan zum Mallen** (Universität Bochum): *Free Labor in German Sugar Beet Agriculture: The Persistent Criminalization of Contract Breaches from Servant Law to Migrant Law (1880s–1914)*

**Tuesday, 3 June, 4 – 6 pm**  
**Samita Sen** (University of Cambridge),  
*Double Indenture: Gender and international labour migration from India in the nineteenth century*

**Thursday, 5 June, 3 – 6 pm, Alte Mensa**  
**Book discussion**  
***Shipping Lords and Coolie Stokers. Class, Race, and Maritime Capitalism in the Early Twentieth Century***  
with Ravi Ahuja (author, CeMIS), Peter Birke (SOFI Göttingen), Samita Sen (University of Cambridge), Rupa Viswanath (CeMIS), Klaus Weinbauer (University of Bielefeld)

**Tuesday, 10 June, 4 – 6 pm**  
**Anupama Roy** (Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi), **Ujjwal Kumar Singh** (University of Delhi)  
*Trial and Sentencing under Extraordinary Laws: Some Recent Trends*

**Tuesday, 17 June, 4 – 6 pm**  
**PhD Workshop**  
**Anusheh Bakht Aziz** (CeMIS): *Iterations of the "Mill Girl Phenomeon": Excerpts from a Global Survey*  
**Nabhojeet Sen** (Bonn Center for Dependency and Slavery Studies), *Slavery, Corvée and Convicts: Strategies of Coercion in Early Modern Deccan, 1670s-1818*

**Tuesday, 24 June, 4 – 6 pm**  
**PhD Workshop**  
**Lukas Rosenberg** (CeMIS), *Labour-Force Composition and Wage Differentials in the Parel Railway Workshops*  
**Natasha Narwal** (University of Warwick), *Life of Carceral Labour: Gender and Punishment in Women's Prison in Contemporary India*

**Tuesday, 1 July, 4 – 7 pm**  
**PhD Workshop**  
**Rahul Maganti** (CeMIS): *Indian Shipping Capital and the Indian State in the 1940s and 1950s*  
**Saloni Verma** (Shiv Nadar University, NOIDA), *Rebuilding Safer Cities and Towns: How an Earthquake Reconfigured Urban Geographies in 1930s Colonial Bihar*  
**Rohan Mathews** (CeMIS), *Construction Labour and Law: Some Observations*

**Tuesday, 8 July, 4 – 6 pm**  
**Naveen Chander** (CeMIS), *Industrial Relocation, Employer Strategies, and the Question of De-industrialisation in Delhi*  
**Shiva Singh** (Indraprastha IIT Delhi): *When Community is the Workplace: On the Laboring Lives of Frontline Care Workers in India*

**Tuesday, 15 July, 10 am – 4 pm**  
**MA Workshop**  
with Aleksei Danilenko, Nihala Hasan A N, Pavel Lebedev, Muhammed Anees Mezhu Parakkal and Leo Sedlmair