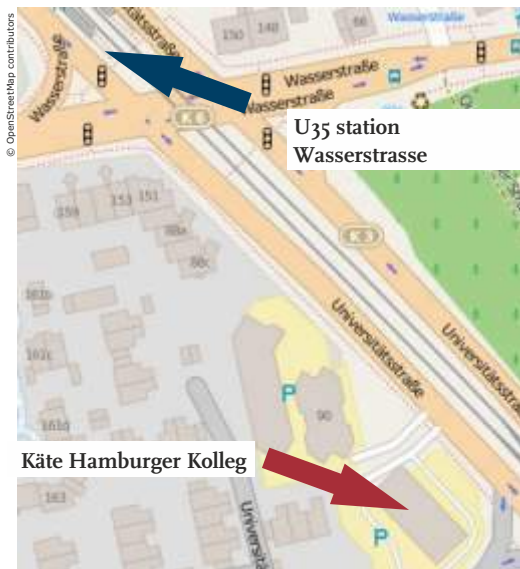


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The workshop will investigate intellectual and religious contacts in and between Safavid Iran and Mughal India in the 16th and 17th centuries. In the early modern period, Iran and North India witnessed fundamental cultural changes which profoundly formed their new identity. The rulers of Iran at the time, the Safavids (1501-1722), proclaimed Šī'ī Islam as the state religion. The Mughal emperors (1526-1858) fostered an environment in India, where Islam, Hindu religions, Christianity and Zoroastrianism came more intensively in dialogue. Not only numerous syncretistic trends arose from these entangled situation, but the contacts impacted the respective religions as well.

Moderated Indian rulers invited for example the representatives of different religions to the court to dispute with each other. They moreover supported translations of the Sanskrit religious texts into Persian which were received in Safavid Iran as well. One might mention the Persian translation of Upanishads in this period which found its way to Europe and resulted in the acquaintance of the Europeans with this philosophical work. The open religious environment of Mughal India was for Iranian intellectuals so attractive that many of them traveled or even migrated to India. It was due to these migrations that scholastic teachings of Islamic theology started in major cities of India. These interactions between Safavid Iran and Mughal India enhanced the religious and intellectual thoughts between the two lands and in-between. It is in-between of these two religious zones where some new syncretistic philosophical and religious movements as Āzar Keywānīs should be located. Moreover, the religious activities at one of these courts seem to have been animated by the other. Scrutinizing these topics are the goals of this workshop.

Thursday, 07 June 2018

09:45 - 10:00 Welcome Address & Introduction

Alexandra Cuffel (Bochum)
Reza Pourjavady (Bochum)

10:00 - 12:00 Panel 1: Šī'ī Theology and Philosophy in Iran & India

Chair: Reza Pourjavady (Bochum)

Šī'ī Theology and Polemics between Iran and India: The Case of Sayyid Nurullāh Šūštārī
Sajjad Rizvi (Exeter)

Philosophical Commentaries and Mīr Dāmād's Legacy in India
Asad Q. Ahmed (Berkeley, CA)

12:00 - 01:30 Lunch

01:30 - 03:30 Panel 2: Philosophical Exchanges between Iran & India

Chair: Cornelia Schöck (Bochum)

Avicenna's Šīfā' from Safavid Iran to the Mughal Empire: On Ms. Rampur Raza Library, 3476
Amos Bertolacci (Pisa)

The Liar Paradox: Some Safavid and Mughal Solutions
Hassan Rezakhani (Berkeley, CA)

03:30 - 04:00 Coffee break

04:00 - 06:00 Panel 3: Intellectual Impacts of Christian Missionaries on Iran & India

Chair: Kianoosh Rezaia (Bochum)

The Discussions on Jerónimo Javier's (1549–1617) Ā'īna-yi ḥaqqnamā in the Safavid Persia
Haila Manteghi Amin (Münster)

'Abd al-Sattār Lāhūrī's Samrat al-falāsafa and its Possible Impact on Later Safavid Doxographies
Reza Pourjavady (Bochum)

06:30 Dinner

Friday, 08 June 2018

10:00 - 12:00 Panel 4: Intellectual and Cultural Connections between Iran & India

Chair: Stefan Reichmuth (Bochum)

Bridging Empires at the Edge of Empires: Mīr Fīndiriskī's Philosophical Excursions
Shankar Nair (Charlottesville, VA)

Patronage, Adab, and the Trans-Imperial: The Case of Ḥvādamīr
Colin Mitchell (Halifax)

12:00 - 01:00 Lunch

01:00 - 03:00 Panel 5: Āzar Keyvānīs as a Link between Iran & India

Chair: Jessie Pons (Bochum)

Āzar Keyvān School in Historical Context: Zoroastrianism, Sufism and Mughal India
Takeshi Aoki (Hamamatsu)

Did Āzar Keyvānīs Know Zoroastrian Sources? Some Remarks to the Literary Sources of Āzar Keyvānīs
Kianoosh Rezaia (Bochum)

03:00 - 04:00 General Discussion