

YOGA AND MUSLIM SOCIETIES: TRANSREGIONAL PERSPECTIVES

The Seventh Perso-Indica Conference

Organized by Fabrizio Speziale (EHESS) and Andrea Acri (EPHE/EFEO)

EHESS, Marseille, 8th and 9th November 2023

(Remote attendance is possible; the link will be circulated ahead of the event)

Program and Panels

Wednesday November 8th, 14:00–18:15

Texts and Practices in Persianate South Asia

James Mallinson (SOAS, London), “Inverted physical postures in premodern Hindu and Muslim religious practice”

Jean Arzoumanov (University of Chicago, Chicago), “‘A chain of *jōgīs*’: Persian descriptions of Yogi ‘sects’ from the Mughal to the colonial period”

15:30–16:00 **Coffee break**

Jason Birch (SOAS, London), “Textual and Postural Exchanges between Yogis and Sufis”

Torsten Tschacher (Heidelberg University, Heidelberg), Speaking the Lord in the Tongueless Lotus: Yogic Anthropology in Tamil Islamic Poetry

Discussion: 17:30–18:00

Thursday November 9th, 9:30–18:00

Ethnography of Yoga in Modern Java and Bali, 9:30–11:00

Annette Hornbacher (Heidelberg University, Heidelberg), “Auto-ethnographic, embodied research on Balinese yoga as opposed to ‘modern’ forms of yoga (business) in Indonesia”

Patrick Vanhoebroek (Independent scholar), “Yoga among contemporary Muslim practitioners: Topo Broto, Lelono Broto & the various austerity fasts comprised under the Tarak Broto”

11:00–11:30, **Coffee break**

Ida Bagus Putu Suamba (Politeknik Negeri Bali, Bali), “A Survey of the Perception on Yoga, Health, and Lifestyle Behaviours of Muslim Yoga Practitioners in Indonesia”

Yogis and Sufis in Bengal, 12:15–16:00

Carola Erika Lorea (Universität Tübingen), “On the use of the term ‘yoga’ and yogic practices among Fakir lineages in West Bengal and Bangladesh: Textual, oral, and ethnographic perspectives”

13:00–14:30: Lunch

Lubomír Ondračka (Charles University, Prague), “The Middle Bengali Ādyaparicaya by the Sufi Śekh Jāhid: A text on Tantric Yoga”

Ayesha Irani (University of Massachusetts Boston), “Sufi yoga in early modern Bengal”

16:00–16:30 Coffee break

Yogis and Yoga in Central Asia and Turkey, 16:30–18:30

Xavier Hermand (Université de Namur, Namur), “Ratan Baba: A Yogi figure of the Afghan trade”

Alexandre Toumarkine (INaLCO, Paris), “Does Yoga in contemporary Turkey have anything to do with religion?”

Chander Shekhar (Delhi University, New Delhi), “Promoting Yoga practice in contemporary Uzbekistan”

General discussion, 18:30–19:00

Venue: École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales/School for Advanced Studies in the Social Sciences, Centre de la Vieille Charité, salle du Miroir – salle A, 2 rue de la Charité 13002 Marseille.

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