

12th EASAS PhD Workshop in South Asian Studies

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The Heisenberg-Position GloBe at the Institute of History at the University of Stuttgart, Dr Margret Frenz, convened the 12th EASAS PhD Workshop in South Asian Studies between 19 and 21 September 2019 together with Dr Georg Berkemer of the Humboldt University Berlin. Doctoral students from Finland, France, India, Italy, Lithuania, Portugal, Sweden, the USA, the UK and Germany took part, as well as senior scholars from France, Italy, Portugal and Germany. Each of the presented PhD thesis chapters engages with the Indian subcontinent.

The European Association for South Asian Studies (EASAS) is a charitable organisation, which supports interdisciplinary research and teaching in South Asian Studies covering any period in time. EASAS convenes workshops and conferences, supports early career scholars and offers a European platform for intensive academic exchange with respect to South Asia.

Compared to conventional doctoral symposia the format of EASAS PhD workshops follows a unique pattern: each PhD student presents another student's submitted PhD chapter and has engaged with his or her topic beforehand. The subsequent comments by one of the senior scholars, the clarifications and further elaborations of the author, and the ensuing group discussion provide constructive and productive feedback.



At the Stuttgart workshop, we had lively and intense discussions on all presented topics, which ranged from historical to anthropological, and linguistic to art-historical and musicological subject areas. The in-depth conversations offered students with high quality feedback on their work in progress.

The student participants particularly enjoyed

- the diverse set of papers, all relating to South Asian Studies, but embedded in a variety of disciplines;
- the opportunity to engage with other PhD students who experience similar challenges when researching and writing their theses;
- the constructive feedback by all participants;
- the specific format of presenting another fellow student's paper;
- receiving comments by a senior scholar;
- the space and ample time to discuss chapters and comments.



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