



# Launch of BERSAS – the Newly Created Forum for South Asia Studies in Berlin

May 3 at 2:00 pm in room 315 at IAAW

## PROGRAM

2:00 pm

### WELCOME ADDRESS

**Prof. Dr. Henning Klöter**

Vice Dean for International Affairs  
Faculty of Cultural, Social and Educational Sciences

**Prof. Dr. Baz Lecocq**

Managing Director  
Institute for Asian and African Studies

2:10 pm

### INTRODUCING BERSAS

**Prof. Dr. Michael Mann**

Head of the Department of South Asia Studies

2:20 – 4:15 pm

### SOUTH ASIAN URBAN STUDIES AT HU BERLIN

Short Presentations

**Prof. Dr. Annette Schmiedchen**

First Urbanisation, Second Urbanisation, Deurbanisation  
- the Role of Cities in the Premodern History of South Asia

**Prof. Dr. Michael Mann**

A British Rome in India. Calcutta – Capital for an Empire

**Dr. Sadia Bajwa**

Urban South Asia: Interdisciplinary Approaches to the City

**Dogukan Mouezzinler (MA candidate)**

South Asians in Dubai: Home-making in a Non-Place

**Dhanya Fee Kirchhof (PhD candidate)**

Jalandhar: A Global Small City from an Anti-Caste Perspective

**Dr. Salma Siddique**

An Online Streaming Code for Non-Metropolitan India

**Prof. Dr. Nadja-Christina Schneider**

Reimagining Housing, Rethinking the Role of Architects  
in India

4:15-5:30 pm

### RECEPTION

To register for the event, please write to: [johannes.heyman@hu-berlin.de](mailto:johannes.heyman@hu-berlin.de)

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