Religion and Its Others: Power, Sovereignty and Politics in Indian Religions Past and Present

Friday, March 15th, Sedgewick C168
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Welcome and Introductions  Paul Bramadat, Neilesh Bose  9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

I. Monotheism, Polytheism, and Sovereignty  9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
   Azfar Moin, “Saint Shrines and Sovereignty in Pakistan”
   Uday Chandra, “The Political Theology of Polytheism and the Sacral Hierarchy of Indian Democracy”

II. Reform, Colonialism, and Religion  11:15 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.
   Brian Hatcher, “Querying Reform in Early Colonial India: Views from the Frontier”
   Shruti Patel, “Empowering Devotion in the Nineteenth Century”

III. Arya Samaj, Brahma Samaj, and Indian Secularism  2:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.
   J. Barton Scott, “Was the Arya Samaj Secular?”
   Neilesh Bose, “From the Brahma Samaj to Bandung: Secularism’s Many Histories”

IV. Roundtable  Paul Bramadat, Rinku Lamba, Ramesh Bairy  4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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Azfar Moin, University of Texas–Austin
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