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



**Friday, March 15th, Sedgewick C168**

**sponsored by the Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute**

- 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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