



Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin
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Indian-European Advanced Research Network (IEARN)

Intellectual History-Political Thought Group: Third Meeting

"Conceptions of Power and Its Limits II" (Convener: Sunil Khilnani)

April 9-10, 2010

Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin, Wallotstraße 19, 14193 Berlin

Format:

Presenters will have 10-15 minutes for their remarks; Commentators will have 5-7 minutes. The emphasis will be on dialogue and discussion between all members of the group.

Schedule:

Thursday, April 8, 2010

6 p.m.: Reception and Dinner at the Wissenschaftskolleg

Friday, April 9, 2010

Session 1: 9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

Power and Self-Creation: Recovery, Revival and Reconstruction of Political Traditions

Charles Malamoud: "The Scope and Limits of the King's Power in the Arthashastra"
(Comments: John Dunn)

11 a.m.: Coffee/ Tea break

Faisal Devji: "Muslim Zion"
(Comments: Yogendra Yadav)

1.00 – 2 p.m.: Lunch

Session 2: 2 – 5.30 p.m.

The Social and Political Sources and Limits of Power

Karuna Mantena: “The social in Indian political thought: From imperial sociology to Gandhian antistatism”

(Comments: Dilip Menon)

A. R. Venkatachalapathy: “Against the Hustings: Periyar, Elections and Democracy”

(Comments: Shruti Kapila)

4 p.m.: Coffee/ Tea break

Shruti Kapila: “A History of Violence”

(Comments: Francesca Orsini)

7.30 p.m.: Fingerfood and Wine at the Wissenschaftskolleg

Saturday, April 10, 2010

Session 3: 9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

Power and its Languages: Translatability, Simultaneity, and Transformation of Concepts and Ideas

Diana Mishkova: “Imported forms and local substance. Political modernity and legitimization of power in a European periphery”

(Comments: Björn Wittrock)

11 a.m.: Coffee/ Tea break

Dilip Menon: “Itinerant thought: the miscegenated space of thinking about power in colonial India”

(Comments: Faisal Devji)

12.30 – 2 p.m.: Lunch

Session 4: 2 – 5.30 p.m.

Power and Political Judgment: The Ends of Modern Indian Political Thought?

Yogendra Yadav: “Death of Modern Indian Political Thought and what it means for India's political life today”

(Comments: Charles Malamoud)

3.30 p.m.: Coffee/ Tea break

Concluding discussion