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This graduate seminar will meet fifteen times on Wednesdays. Participants will be credited and graded on the basis of their active participation in class, not on the basis of exams. Each participant is also expected to present critical reviews of readings and research simultaneously in oral and written format throughout the seminar. The week-by-week schedule will be announced in class.

Topics and reading lists.

1. Perspectives on the Indo-Islamic world: introduction to the literature.
2. General characteristics of Islam in South Asia.

Required reading:

-F. Robinson, 'Islam and Muslim Society in South Asia,' in: F. Robinson, *Islam and Muslim History in South Asia* (New Delhi, 2000), pp. 44-65.

-P. Hardy, 'Some General Characteristics Analysed,' in: P. Hardy, *Historians of Medieval India: Studies in Indo-Islamic Historical Writing* (New Delhi, 1997).

-Y. Friedmann, 'Islamic Thought in Relation to the Indian Context,' in: M. Gaborieau (ed.), *Islam et Société en Asie du Sud* (Paris, 1986), pp. 79-91.

3. The making of the Indo-Islamic world.

Required reading:

-J. F. Richards, 'The Islamic Frontier in the East: Expansion into South Asia,' *South Asia*, 4 (1974), pp. 91-109.

-C. Talbot, 'Inscribing the Other, Inscribing the Self: Hindu-Muslim Identities in Pre-colonial India,' *Comparative Studies in Society and History*, 37, (1995), pp. 692-722.

-A. Ahmad, 'Epic and Counter-Epic in Medieval India,' *Journal of the American Oriental Society*, 83 (1963), pp. 470-6.

-S. Pollock, 'Ramayana and Political Imagination in India,' *Journal of Asian Studies*, 52, (1993), pp. 261-97.

-A. Wink, 'From the Mediterranean to the Indian Ocean: medieval history in geographic perspective,' *Comparative Studies in Society and History*, 44 (2002), pp. 416-45.

-R. M. Eaton, 'Temple Desecration and Indo-Muslim States,' *Journal of Islamic Studies*, 11, 3 (2000), pp. 283-319.

Background reading:

-A. Wink, *Al-Hind: The making of the Indo-Islamic World, 3 Volumes* (Leiden, Boston, Oxford, and New Delhi, 1990-2004).

-Y. Friedmann, *Tolerance and Coercion in Islam: Interfaith Relations in the Muslim Tradition* (Cambridge, 2003).

4. Conversion to Islam.

Required reading:

- R. M. Eaton, 'Approaches to the Study of Conversion of Islam in India,' in: R. C. Martin (ed.), *Approaches to Islam in Religious Studies* (Tucson, 1985), pp. 106-23.
- R. M. Eaton, 'The Political and Religious Authority of the Shrine of Baba Farid,' in: B. D. Metcalf (ed.), *Moral Conduct and Authority: The Place of Adab in South Asian Islam* (Berkeley, Los Angeles and London, 1984), pp. 333-56.
- R. M. Eaton, 'Who are the Bengal Muslims? Conversion and Islamization in Bengal,' in: R. Robinson and S. Clarke (eds), *Religious Conversion in India: Modes, Motivations, and Meanings* (Oxford and New Delhi, 2003), pp. 75-97.
- S. Dale, 'Trade, Conversion, and the Growth of the Islamic Community in Kerala,' *ibid.*, pp. 54-74
- P. Hardy, 'Modern European and Muslim Explanations of Conversion to Islam in South Asia: A Preliminary Survey of the Literature,' in: N. Levtzion (ed.), *Conversion to Islam* (New York and London, 1979), pp. 68-99.

Background reading:

- R. M. Eaton, *The Rise of Islam and the Bengal Frontier, 1204-1760* (Berkeley, Los Angeles and London, 1993).
- R. W. Bulliet, *Conversion to Islam in the Medieval Period: An Essay in Quantitative History* (Cambridge, MA, 1979).

5. Science, religion and imperial reformation in Mughal India.

Required reading:

- A. Wink, *Akbar* (Oxford, forthcoming).
- W. Pinch, *Warrior Ascetics and Indian Empires* (Cambridge, 2006).
- S. Digby, 'The Sufi Shaikh as a Source of Authority in Medieval India,' in: M. Gaborieau (ed.), *Islam et Société en Asie du Sud* (Paris, 1986).

Background reading:

- Y. Friedmann, *Shaykh Ahmad Sirhindi: An Outline of His Thought and a Study of His Image in the Eyes of Posterity* (Toronto, 1971).
- S. A. S. Rizvi, *A History of Sufism in India, 2 Vols* (New Delhi, 1975-83).
- R. M. Eaton, *Sufis of Bijapur 1300-1700: Social Roles of Sufis in Medieval India* (Princeton, 1978).

6. Islam, trade and the coastal societies of the Indian Ocean.

Required reading:

- A. Wink, 'Islam, Trade and the Coastal Societies of the Indian Ocean,' *Al-Hind, III*, pp. 170-243.
- S. Bayly, 'Islam in Southern India: "Purist" or "Syncretic"?', in: C. A. Bayly and D. H. A. Kolff (eds), *Two Colonial Empires: Comparative Essays on the History of India and Indonesia in the Nineteenth Century* (Leiden, 1986).
- S. Dale, 'The Islamic Frontier in Southwest India: The Shahīd as a Cultural Ideal among the Mappillas of Malabar,' *Modern Asian Studies*, 11, 1 (1977), pp. 41-55.
- A. Nandy, 'Time Travel to a Possible Self: Searching for the Alternative Cosmopolitanism of Cochin,' in: *Time Warps: the Insistent Politics of Silent and Evasive Pasts* (New Delhi, 2001).

Background reading:

- S. Dale, *Islamic Society on the South Asian Frontier: The Māppilas of Malabar, 1498-1922* (Oxford, 1980).

7. Pilgrimage to Hijāz.

Required reading:

- N. R. Farooqi, 'Moguls, Ottomans, and Pilgrims: Protecting the Routes to Mecca in the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Centuries,' *The International History Review*, x, 2 (1988), pp. 173-344.
- M. N. Pearson, *Pilgrimage to Mecca: The Indian Experience 1500-1800* (Princeton, 1996).

Background reading:

- C. Snouck Hurgronje, *Mekka in the Latter Part of the 19th Century* (Leiden, 1931).

8. The Muslims of British India, revivalist movements, and the partition of the subcontinent.

Required reading:

- P. Hardy, *The Muslims of British India* (Cambridge, 1972).

Background reading:

- B. S. Metcalf, *Islamic Revival in British India: Deoband, 1860-1900* (Princeton, 1982).
- D. Page et al, *The Partition Omnibus* (New Delhi, 2004).
- N. S. Sarila, *The Shadow of the Great Game: The Untold Story of India's Partition* (New Delhi 2005).

9. Contemporary Islam in South Asia.

Required reading:

- V. S. Naipaul, *Beyond Belief: Islamic Excursions among the Converted Peoples* (London, 1998).
- B.-H. Lévy, *Who Killed Daniel Pearl?* (Hoboken, 2003).
- A. Rashid, *Taliban: Islam, Oil and the New Great Game in Central Asia* (New York and London, 2003).