

Invitation to the workshop

# Politics, Religion and Modernities in India

29 April 2019

Academic Conference Centre  
Husova 4a, Prague 1

This international workshop will focus on the rise of caste and religious divisions and possible languages of secularity in contemporary India. It will explore the persistence of pre-modern identities and cleavages in contemporary Indian politics such as caste and community with special emphasis on Dalit assertion, and their consequences for the Lok Sabha general election which is taking place in April–May 2019.

9:00

Registration

9:30–10:30

Opening address

— Marek Hrubec, Coordinator of the Research Programme “Global Conflicts and Local Interactions”

Ambedkar’s Theory of the Social: The Universal Condition of Recognition

— Martin Fuchs, Max-Weber-Kolleg, Universität Erfurt

10:30–10:45

Coffee break

10:45–12:15

In the Grip of Development: The Dubious Recognition of ‘Environment’ in Indian Politics

— Antje Linkenbach, Max Weber Kolleg, Universität Erfurt

Revising Theories of Modernity from an Indian Angle? Reflections on Question Posed by and to Sudipta Kaviraj

— Johann P. Arnason, Faculty of Humanities, Charles University in Prague

12:15–13:30

Lunch break

13:30–14:30

Is it the Economy, Stupid? Role of Economic Policies and Identity Politics in the Lok Sabha Elections

— Jiří Krejčík, Institute of Sociology of the Czech Academy of Sciences

West Bengal – a Bastion of Secularism in India?

— Martin Hříbek, Institute of South and Central Asia, Faculty of Arts, Charles University in Prague

14:30–14:45

Coffee break

14:45–15:45

Dalit Votes: Will They Decide?

— Pavel Hons, Oriental Institute of the Czech Academy of Sciences, Prague

The Voice of Neo-Buddhist Young Generation: Buddhism as a Part of Strategies of Resistance against Brahmanism and Indian Nationalism

— Tereza Menšíková, Faculty of Arts / Faculty of Social Studies, Masaryk University, Brno

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