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Situating Muslim Nepal in Islamic South Asia

Historical Themes, Directions for Future Study, and the Case for Religion

5.30 pm • 20 June, 2018 (Wednesday) • Yala Maya Kendra, Patan Dhoka, Lalitpur

This lecture will discuss the broad features of the history of Muslims and Islam in Nepal, and trace the themes, knowledge produced, and questions raised in studies from the mid-20th century forward. It will then situate these in the broader context of Islamic South Asia, illuminating key features that are both shared and distinct between Muslim Nepal and other parts of Muslim South Asia, and salient even in contemporary global Islam. In conclusion, it will suggest new directions for research and make a case for the critical importance of foregrounding religion in future studies of Muslims in Nepal.

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This lecture has been organised in collaboration with the Association for Nepal and Himalayan Studies.

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