

Berliner Transregionale Gespräche

Public Lecture by **Gleb Stukalin**

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Popular Cult of Muslim Saints in Northern India

Sufi Brotherhoods of Central Asian origin gained prosperity and popularity on the territories of modern India, Pakistan and Afghanistan. Worship of Sufi saints is popular among believers of all Indian religions, including Christianity, Sikhism and different branches of Hinduism. Mr Stukalin will talk about the current state of popular Sufism and Islam, ritual practices of pilgrimage to Sufi tombs (*dargahs*) and healing, focusing on usage of ritual objects and concepts of materiality and charisma. Also, he will discuss the possible usability of the concept of “*Dargah Culture*” as a separate indigenous religious system of India.

Gleb Stukalin is a PhD candidate and research fellow at Ruhr University Bochum. He studied Indian languages at St. Petersburg University, focusing on medieval literature. Later, he shifted to the field of anthropology. For the last few years, he conducted research on pilgrimage practices of Indian Muslims.

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