



– Institute's Colloquium –



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"Andaman in Muslim Cultural Memory. The case of Fazl-e Haqq Khairabadi"

The shrine of Fazl-e Haqq Khairabadi who died in 1861 in Andaman after deportation, has become an important venue for the peaceful encounter between Hindus and Muslims serving the Nehruvian project of religious and cultural pluralism. Over the years, a number of players have admittedly tried to appropriate and reinterpret the records of this profound scholar. Muslim narratives as well as state institutions, such as Ministry of Minority Affairs, Departments of Religious Affairs or State Waqf Boards, endowed him and his material remnants with a major historical dimension in public debates. These reinterpretations of popular discourses have produced notions of history that have also served different Muslim historical consciences for various reasons, and continue to do so. Khairabadi's alleged involvements in the 1857 uprising and his detention on the Islands have become major fields of contested interpretation from within Muslim communities, and have provided multiple meanings in the construction of an array of histories. The talk will reconstruct the nexus between 1857 and the deportation of freedom fighters to Port Blair, and their subsequent, important meanings for Muslim cultural histories.

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4-6 p.m.

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Everybody is welcome!