



## **Merian Centres, A Public Knowledge Exchange Event on**

### **Horizons of Knowledge regarding the Political: Past Perspectives and Future Prospects**

**2 March 2020**

India International Centre Annexe, Lecture Room II

2-7 pm

The M.S. Merian – R.Tagore International Centre for Advanced Studies 'Metamorphoses of the Political' (ICAS:MP) is one of the 'Maria Sibylla Merian Centres' funded by the German Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) with the aim of strengthening scientific collaboration between Germany and one or more countries in different regions. In addition to ICAS:MP, three other Merian Centers are already established:

Center for Advanced Latin American Studies (CALAS, Mexico)

Maria Sibylla Merian Centre Conviviality-Inequality in Latin America (Mecila, Brazil)

Maria Sibylla Merian Institute for Advanced Studies in Africa (MIASA, Ghana)

The setting up of the Merian Centres in Latin America, Asia and Africa gives us a unique opportunity to think of our historical and contemporary experience and knowledge formations in comparative and cross-cultural perspective.

Please join us for our public knowledge exchange event with two panel discussions on 'Peace, Violence, and Living Together' and 'Democracy, Development, Inequality', designed to explore both difference and common ground and plan future collaboration.

## **Programme**

### **2-2:45 pm Introduction**

Welcome by

Philipp von Ritter (German Embassy New Delhi)

and

Shail Mayaram (ICAS:MP co-director; CSDS Delhi)

Chair:

Andreas Gestrich (ICAS:MP; University of Trier)



Introduction Merian Centres by

Gordon Crawford (MIASA; Coventry University; Freiburg University)

Olaf Kaltmeier (CALAS, Bielefeld University)

Susanne Klengel (Mecila, Freie Universität Berlin)

Martin Fuchs (ICAS:MP co-director, Max-Weber-Kolleg, Erfurt)

## **2:45-4:15 Panel 1: On Peace, Violence, Living Together**

Input Statements:

Gerardo Gutiérrez Cham (CALAS)

Transitions between violence and peace in CALAS Laboratory

Susanne Klengel (Mecila)

Re/Visiting the Twenties: Conviviality in a Radical Decade

Martin Fuchs (ICAS:MP co-director, Max-Weber-Kolleg, Erfurt)

Decent Society - Recognition – Solidarity

Shail Mayaram (ICAS:MP co-director; CSDS Delhi)

Conceptualisations of Living Together: A View from Mexico and India

4:15-4:30 pm High Tea

## **4:30-6:00 pm Panel 2: Democracy, Development, Inequality**

Input Statements

Olaf Kaltmeier (CALAS)

Contemporary Dynamics of Re-feudalization: The Crisis of the Political in Latin America.

Gordon Crawford (MIASA)

Inequality: Democracy's Achilles' heel?

Awadhendra Sharan (ICAS:MP; Director CSDS)

Democracy as Quality of Life: Indian Debates

Open Discussion

## **6:00-6:45 Wrap up and Final Reflections**