IN GLOBAL TRANSIT
JEWISH MIGRANTS FROM HITLER’S EUROPE IN
ASIA, AFRICA, AND BEYOND

FEBRUARY 14–16, 2018
Loreto College
Kolkata

Organized in Kolkata by the Max Weber Stiftung India Branch Office
**Wednesday, February 14**

10:30  Welcome and Introduction

11:00-12:30  Panel 1: Refugee Identities in Colonial India

Chair: **Indra Sengupta** (GHI London)

**Maria Framke** (Universität Rostock): *India a safe haven for Jewish refugees? Exploring the entangled web of Indian anti-fascism, anti-colonialism and humanitarian solidarity in the interwar period*

**Pragya Kaul** (University of Michigan, Ann Arbor): *Between Colonizer and Colonized: Nationalism, the War, and Refugee Identity Formation in British India*

12:30-14:00  Lunch

14:00-15:30  Panel 2: Local Interactions and anti-Semitism

Chair: **Anne Schenderlein** (GHI Washington)

**Flora Roberts** (Universität Tübingen): *Jews in wartime Central Asia: migrants, locals, and the specter of anti-Semitism*

**Atina Grossmann** (Cooper Union): *Trauma, Privilege, and Adventure in Transit: Jewish Refugees in Iran and India*

15:30-16:00  Break

16:00-17:30  Roundtable: Jewish refugee history outside the university: archives, collections and exhibitions

Chair: **Tapati Guha Thakurta** (CSSS, Kolkata)

**Jael Silliman** (independent scholar, Kolkata)

**Anuradha Chatterji** (independent scholar, previously Loreto College, Kolkata)

**Kenneth X. Robbins** (collector and author, Washington DC)

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**Thursday, February 15**

9:30-11:00  Panel 3: Knowledge

Chair: **Simone Lässig** (GHI Washington)

**Sebastian Musch** (Hochschule für Jüdische Studien, Heidelberg): *Jewish Migrants from Germany to British Ceylon and their Networks of Knowledge, 1933-1950*

**Swen Steinberg** (TU Dresden): *Destinations in Asia and Africa in Newspapers and Journals of the German Political Exile*
11:00-11:15  Break


   Amit Levy (Hebrew University): Meeting in the Intellectual Sphere: German-Jewish Émigré Orientalists in British Mandate Palestine and "Culture rapprochement with the Arabs"

12:45-13:45  Lunch

13:45-15:15  Panel 4: State Power

   Chair: Shail Mayaram (CSDS Delhi)

   Susanne Heim (Institut für Zeitgeschichte München-Berlin): Resettling Jews

   Gerhard Wolf (University of Sussex): Fantasies of settlement and civilization

15:15-18:30  Synagogue Tour guided by Jael Silliman (by invitation only)

19:30  Conference Dinner at a restaurant (by invitation only)

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**Friday, February 16**

10:00-12:30  Panel 5: Non-governmental networks and organizations during and after the Holocaust

   Chair: Andreas Gestrich (GHI London)

   Sarah Hagmann (University of Basel): Shaping New Global Spaces in Times of Transit: Relief organizations in Shanghai during World War II

   Tobias Brinkmann (Penn State University): Stranded in Between: Jewish Refugees in Shanghai and other Treaty Ports after 1945

   Margit Franz (Universität Graz): Decolonization and Demarcation: Experiences of Central European Exiles in the Partition of India

12:00-13:00  Lunch

13:00-15:00  Concluding Discussion
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