

ERC Project: JudgingHistories –  
**Experience, Judgement, and Representation  
of World War II in an Age of Globalization**

## International Workshop

# The Indian Predicament: South Asia in WWII

**June 5-6, 2016**

Beit Maierdorf Faculty Club, room 405  
The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Mount Scopus Campus



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### Sunday, June 5

#### 9:30-10:00 Opening Remarks

**Dan Diner**, Principal Investigator, ERC Project  
“JudgingHistories”

**Rotem Geva**, Postdoctoral Fellow, ERC Project  
“JudgingHistories”

#### 10:00-12:30 The War's Indian Legacy

Chair: **Samir Ben-Layashi**, The Hebrew University of  
Jerusalem

**10:00-10:45 – Indivar Kamtekar**, Jawaharlal Nehru  
University

The Foundations of State Expansion: War and  
Government in India, 1939-1950

**10:45-11:30 – Aditya Balasubramanian**, University of  
Cambridge

Evading the Enlarging State: The Control Economy and  
Illegality in India, c. 1940-1945

11:30-11:45 – Coffee break

**11:45-12:30 – Bérénice Guyot-Réchar**d, King's College  
London

Bound by War: World War Two's Legacies on the  
Assam-Burma Border

12:30-14:00 – Lunch

#### 14:00-15:30 Asia's Indian Diaspora

Chair: **Iris Nachum**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

**14:00-14:45 – Jialin Christina Wu**, Université catholique  
de Louvain

Fast Friends – Sudden Foes: Echoing India in Colonial  
Malaya, 1939-1945

**14:45-15:30 – Nirmola Sharma**, University of Delhi

Residing in China: The Indian National Army and the  
Indian Independence League

15:30-15:45 – Coffee break

#### 15:45-17:15 Wartime Logistics and Propaganda

Chair: **Maja Ščrbačić**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

**15:45-16:30 – Santosh Hasnu**, University of Delhi

Air Transport from India: Diplomacy and Business in  
WWII

**16:30-17:15 – Chandrika Kaul**, University of  
St. Andrews

India on the Airwaves: Mediating War,  
Propaganda and the BBC

### Monday, June 6

#### 9:30-11:00 The Indian Military

Chair: **Lutz Fiedler**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

**9:30-10:15 – Tarak Barkawi**, London School of Economics and  
Political Science

Soldiers of Empire: Rethinking Army, Society and Battle with the  
British Indian Army in the Asia-Pacific Wars

**10:15-11:00 – Steven Wilkinson**, Yale University

Veterans in Conflict: Indian Soldiers after WWII

11:00-11:15 – Coffee break

#### 11:15-12:45 The Bengal Famine Represented

Chair: **Kobi Kabalek**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

**11:15-12:00 – Sharmistha Saha**, Freie Universität Berlin

Performing Hungry Lives: The Indian People's Theatre  
Association's Central Squad and the Bengal Famine

**12:00-12:45 – Rochona Majumdar**, University of Chicago

A Cinema of Hunger: The Famine of 1943 in Postcolonial India

12:45-14:00 – Lunch

#### 14:00-16:30 Poetics of War

Chair: **Rotem Geva**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

**14:00-14:45 – Vikas Rathee**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Qissa Subhash Bose: A Soldier-Poet's Reflections on the War

**14:45-15:30 – Gregory Goulding**, Loyola University Chicago

Burning Reflections on the Rivers of India: The Imagination of  
WWII in Hindi Literature

15:30-15:45 – Coffee break

**15:45-16:30 – Milinda Banerjee**, Presidency University

Empire, Sovereign Violence and Messianic Advent: Two Bengali  
Poets on WWII

#### 16:30-17:30 Concluding Remarks and Discussion

**Michael Geyer**, University of Chicago



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