



## South Asia Forum - Lecture Series HS 2017

**04.10.2017 Mike Youngblood** (The Youngblood Group, Stanford University)

*Myth and the Politics of Meaning in an Indian Social Movement*

The presentation, based on three years of fieldwork, will focus on a mass rural political movement in Maharashtra, and will present a fresh look at leaders and the ordinary people who support them, often seemingly against their own best interests.

**11.10.2017 Henrike Donner** (Goldsmiths, University of London)

*"The Girls Are Alright": Neoliberal Ideology, Class and Gender in Urban India.*

At a time when the successes of liberalisation are hailed as empowering for women in India as a whole, the paper asks how young women from different class-backgrounds position themselves through and vis-a-vis neoliberal concepts of the self, which are often portrayed as enabling and desirable.

**15.11.2017 Frank Heidemann** (Ludwig-Maximilians- Universität, München)

*Puja and the Space Between Devotee and God: For an Anthropology of Atmosphere*

In puja, a Hindu act of worship, the relationship between devotee and God is transformed and the space between them altered. Using case studies of the Badagas in the Nilgiri hills of South India, this presentation analyzes puja in light of the New Phenomenology and Gernot Böhme's philosophy of atmosphere.

Alle Vorträge finden hier statt: Asien-Orient-Institut, Rämistr. 59, Raum RAA - E27; 16:15-17:45.