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## Call for Papers

### First Students' Conference on Bengal Related Studies

October 30/31 2010 in Halle (Saale), Germany

The South Asia Seminar of the Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg along with the association Bengal Link e.V. is pleased to host the First Students' Conference on Bengal Related Studies. The committee welcomes contributions from graduate and postgraduate students from different disciplines. The aim of the conference is to provide an interdisciplinary venue for young scholars who focus on the Bengali regions in their studies.

The Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg is one of the two German universities where research on the Bengal regions, Bengali language and culture has been an integral part for a long time. After the emergence of numerous studies on the Bengal regions from other disciplines (e.g. Social Anthropology, Sociology, Development Studies, Urban Planning) the conference organisers realised the necessity of giving young scholars an option to discuss their various topics and research approaches among each other and of building up an interdisciplinary network for Bengal Related Studies.

There is no overarching theme. Any topic from the humanities and social sciences is welcome as long as the region of study is either Bangladesh or Bengali speaking India. Each participant will be given 20 minutes for his/her presentation followed by 10 minutes of discussion. We invite abstracts (not more than 300 words) from graduate and postgraduate students at any stage of their career. Please send your abstract along with your affiliation details till July 15<sup>th</sup> 2010 to Carmen Brandt (details below). The committee will inform the students until August 15<sup>th</sup> whether their papers have been selected for presentation or not.

The conference will be inaugurated with an informal dinner on Friday evening (October 29<sup>th</sup>). Since the conference committee is quite aware of the fact that students are often financially strained, the cost for the participants will be kept as low as possible and proposals for individual financial support will be considered.

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