

Lecture in the History of Religions

**Śakti Past and Present: Aspects of Womens' Power in India**

by

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Starting from a brief review of the classic iconography of the Devī/Śakti Dr. Alessandra Consolaro will address some examples of contemporary re-reading of such representations in India, focussing on politics and the women's movement.

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