

This one-week workshop for PhD scholars aims to introduce the concept of vernacular cosmopolitanism and Sufi culture by studying the religious and cultural traditions of the Indus Valley in India and Pakistan. The intensive workshop will help research students from various disciplines to grasp major concepts related to the making of the Indus Valley's vernacular religious practices and rituals, its oral, print, visual, sonic and material cultures and much more. It will also acquaint them with Western and Indian academic debates in the field and construction of canons.

The participants will get a hands-on training to understand and deploy different approaches to understand these vernacular traditions and how they are important constituents of a cosmopolitan culture. The historical, oral and textual literature of the region will be examined in addition to ethnographic fieldwork to review the Indus Valley's material and visual cultures as well as different forms of rituals and everyday practices. The Workshop will be led by scholars in the field of history, literature and anthropology specializing in the three regions - Kashmir, Punjab and Sindh - that constitute the broader territorial extent of the Indus Valley.

Eligibility criteria and logistics

- Students should be currently registered with research centres or universities where they are pursuing their PhD research.
- Submit a 300-500 words proposal stating 'Why would you like to participate in the Workshop?' along with a one- page CV through the following link; <https://forms.gle/obqYb77fbZNcEeTPn7>
- The submitted proposals will be evaluated and selected students will be intimated by 31 May 2024.
- There is no workshop fee. Reading materials, lunch and refreshments will be provided by the organisers.
- However, workshop participants will have to bear the travel expenses. They will be provided affordable accommodation in one of the Guest Houses at IIT Kharagpur for the duration of the workshop on payment basis (ranging from approximately Rs. 300 to Rs. 800 per person per day).
- For any additional information and clarifications please feel free to email us on vernacosmop@gmail.com

IMPORTANT DATES

Registration Last Date
31 May 2024

Acceptance Notification
10 June 2024

Workshop Dates
22-27 July 2024

Total number of students:
Up to 50

WORKSHOP CONVENERS

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