

Panel 35: The city and the public: Social dimensions of intra-urban networks in colonial South Asia

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Abstract: This panel invites presentations which explore the various factors and actors that constituted and transformed the public sphere in the colonial cities of South Asia. Thematically, the papers should address the interplay between society and technology broadly defined, and ideally the chronological focus should rest on the period between c. 1850 to the 1930s.

Of particular interest are contributions dealing with the way information is produced, communicated, and disseminated, looking for communities, discourses, agents of change, and the way all these overlap and intersect. This may include subjects such as the media of communication (newspapers, book printing, telephone, telegraph etc.), the forms of the discourse (printed, visual, audio, etc) as well as the time and locality (market, club, cinema, etc), accounting also for its speed and general mobility.

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