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CALL FOR PROPOSALS

International Webinar on Guru Tegh Bahadur's 400th Birth Anniversary: Dr. Jasbir Singh Saini Endowed Chair in Sikh and Punjabi Studies Online Conference (November 13, 2021)

Theme of the Online Conference

The Relevance of Guru Tegh Bahadur's Teachings and Sacrifice in Modern Times

Description and Rationale

This one-day conference will be 100% virtual/online.

The Department of Religious Studies at the University of California Riverside and the Dr. Jasbir Singh Saini endowed Chair in Sikh and Punjabi Studies are pleased to announce the call for papers for UC Riverside's eighth international Sikh Studies conference on the theme of *The Relevance of Guru Tegh Bahadur's Teachings and Sacrifice in Modern Times*.

The 400th birth anniversary of Guru Tegh Bahadur (1621-1675) is being celebrated not only in India but also throughout the world. We invite scholars to explore any aspect of the ninth Guru's life, his "inspired utterances" (*bāṇī*), and his noble sacrifice from a variety of disciplinary and interdisciplinary approaches.

We invite graduate students to present their current research on Guru Tegh Bahadur in this online conference.

We also invite community representatives to participate in this online conference and provide the community perspective.

Timelines / Participation

The conference will be held online due to COVID 19 situation. This one-day event will be held on Saturday, **November 13, 2021**, through Zoom Meetings. The abstracts of the papers are due by **August 31, 2021**, and the draft papers by **October 31, 2021**. Participation in this online conference will be open to graduate students, faculty and the public. For this purpose, online registration will be necessary. All the participants are advised to register at the Zoom link given below:

https://ucr.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_e0frbnJtRDCNBWi3Fzef7w

Outcomes

There are two main outcomes of this project, one immediate and quantitative, and the other long term and qualitative.

The immediate outcome of this conference will be the publication of selected papers emerging from the conference on a coherent theme. The task of soliciting contributions from among the participants and organizing and editing the volume will fall to the chair of the organizing committee of this conference. It is anticipated that an academic publishing house will be receptive to publish such a volume.

In the long term, this conference will contribute to the on-going process of community building between individual scholars as well as across institutions. This online conference provides an opportunity for scholars with otherwise disparate fields of inquiry in the area of Sikh Studies / South Asian Studies to enter into conversation with one another. This conference represents a first step in developing further collaborative projects among scholars of UCR and other universities around the world.

Organizers

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