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Islam and Buddhism as World-Making Vehicles in Nineteenth Century India: Global Intellectual Histories of Religion



Recent histories of religion and reform in colonial India have complicated older models of diffusion, acculturation, and neo-Hindu nationalism through a focus on translation, encounter, and subjectivity yet have left trans-regional, yet Indian, religions like Islam and Buddhism mostly out of consideration. This lecture will explore the history of research into Islam and Buddhism by the *Brahma Samaj*, often considered the first modern reformist institution begun in Kolkata in the early nineteenth century. Recent debates in the field of South Asian religions, frequently focused on Hinduism, as well as universal and comparative religious thought in India will be discussed, and the *Brahma Samaj*, Islam and Buddhism's role in it will be elucidated. Furthermore, the speaker will explore how the evolving concept of universal religion in nineteenth century India comprises a portion of global intellectual history.

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