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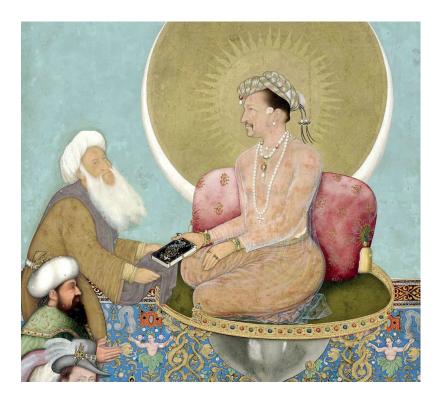
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Since Russian full-scale invasion of Ukraine in February 2022, academics and public commentators alike have begun to pay sustained attention to epistemic differences among political cultures, which are informing realignments on a global scale. To understand what defines a legitimate sovereign in socio-cultural systems which are not premised upon shared notions of democracy and the rule of law has therefore become a pressing question more than ever. The proposed event is designed to examine the history of political thought from a non-Eurocentric perspective in order to address this desideratum. Our international workshop invites five major historians working on different parts of Asia from the medieval period to the 20th century to reflect upon the multifarious experiences of sovereignty across Asia and consider political dynamics in the continent from the perspectives of their own periods, regions, and materials (the Perso-Islamicate World, South, Southeast and Far-East Asia). The aim of this event is to highlight cutting-edge research on distinct fields of Asian studies and provide space for an academic conversation on what past formations of sovereignty might signify for the political and cultural histories of individual regions and for the history of Asia as a whole.

PROGRAM

Welcome and Introduction

	Paolo Sartori Austrian Academy of Sciences
14:10	Eric Schluessel George Washington University Post-Qing Sovereignty: Law, Time, and the Haunting of Empire in Inner Asia and Inner China
15:00	Jane Burbank New York University The Eurasian Trajectory of Russian Sovereignty
15:50	COFFEE BREAK

- **16:10** Nandini Chatterjee | University of Exeter
 Imperial Handover: Mughal to Maratha Transition in a Persian Document from
 Eighteenth-Century India
- 17:00 Roy Bar Sadeh | Freie Universität, Berlin
 Meat-Together: South Asian Muslim Visions of Sovereignty in the Age of
 Minority, 1858–1898
- 17:50 Cemil Aydin | University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
 The Ottoman Caliphate and Pan-Islamic Notions of Sovereignty, 1774–1924