

## THE INSTITUTE OF IRANIAN STUDIES

The Institute of Iranian Studies in Vienna was established in 2002 as a research institute of the Austrian Academy of Sciences. The largest academic institution of its kind in Europe, it aims at advancing cutting-edge academic research on all aspects of Iranian and Persian cultures and societies. For further information please visit [www.oeaw.ac.at/iran](http://www.oeaw.ac.at/iran).

## BRILL ACADEMIC PUBLISHERS

Founded in 1683 in Leiden, the Netherlands, Brill is a leading international academic publisher in the Humanities, Social Sciences, International Law, and Biology. With offices in Leiden and Boston, Brill today publishes over 200 journals and around 700 new books and reference works each year, available in both print and electronic form. Brill also markets a large number of primary source research collections and databases. The company's key customers are academic and research institutions, libraries, and scholars. Brill is a publicly traded company and is listed on Euronext Amsterdam NV.

For further information please visit [www.brill.com](http://www.brill.com).

## CONVENOR:

Paolo Sartori, Institute of Iranian Studies of the OeAW, Editor-in-Chief of JESHO  
Dominikanerbastei 16, A-1010 Wien  
T: +43 1 51581-6516 | [paolo.sartori@oeaw.ac.at](mailto:paolo.sartori@oeaw.ac.at)

Please register at:

<https://www.oeaw.ac.at/veranstaltungen/anmeldung/jesho-workshop>

## CONTACT:

Sabrina Radax, [sabrina.radax@oeaw.ac.at](mailto:sabrina.radax@oeaw.ac.at)

Illustration: [https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Bichitr\\_-\\_Jahangir\\_Preferring\\_a\\_Sufi\\_Shaikh\\_to\\_Kings\\_from\\_the\\_St.\\_Petersburg\\_album\\_-\\_Google\\_Art\\_Project.jpg](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Bichitr_-_Jahangir_Preferring_a_Sufi_Shaikh_to_Kings_from_the_St._Petersburg_album_-_Google_Art_Project.jpg)

WWW.OEAW.AC.AT

ÖAW

AUSTRIAN  
ACADEMY OF  
SCIENCES

NOVEMBER 27, 2023

START: 14:00

AUSTRIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES  
THEATERSAAL  
SONNENFELSGASSE 19  
1010 VIENNA



A JESHO INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP

# SOVEREIGNTY IN THE HISTORY OF ASIA



Institute of Iranian Studies

Austrian Academy  
of Sciences

# PROGRAM

## SOVEREIGNTY IN THE HISTORY OF ASIA

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.

- 14:00** **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*