

# RESEARCH DIALOGUES ON KERALA MALAYALI WORLDS IN FOCUS

DOCTORAL WORKSHOP  
OCTOBER 31 – NOVEMBER 1, 2025

This two-day workshop, organised by the Department of Indology, brings together PhD researchers from the Social Sciences and Humanities to share their work on the Indian state of Kerala. The workshop fosters dialogue across disciplines and highlights new perspectives on Kerala's histories and contemporary realities.

## PROGRAM SCHEDULE

### Keynote Address

**Contested sovereignties on the Kerala coast: popular protests against the construction of the Vizhinjam International Deepwater Multipurpose Seaport**

By **Dr. Filippo Osella**

Emeritus Professor of Anthropology, School of Global Studies, University of Sussex

**Friday, October 31 | 13:10 Uhr**

Bonatzbau, Schulungsraum B004, Universitätsbibliothek

### Panels

**October 31 | Bonatzbau, Schulungsraum B004, Universitätsbibliothek**

Panel One: Identity, Belonging, and Marginality in Kerala

Panel Two: Politics, Media, and Public Culture in Kerala

**November 1 | Room 1.05, Nauklerstraße 35**

Panel Three: Inscriptions, Lexicons, and the Making of Kerala's Religious Cultures

Panel Four: Women's Labour, Power, and Agency in Kerala

Panel Five: Sonic Negotiations of Religion and Politics in Kerala

Panel Six: Spiritual and Devotional Cultures in Kerala

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