



CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

RESEARCH DIALOGUES ON KERALA: MALAYALI WORLDS IN FOCUS DOCTORAL WORKSHOP

October 31 and November 1, 2025

**Department of Indology,
Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen**

Deadline for Abstract Submissions: Friday, Aug 22, 2025

Link: <https://forms.gle/g3eDSUcNxZdi1JCb6>

**For any queries, e-mail us at
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Research Dialogues on Kerala: Malayali Worlds in Focus

Doctoral Workshop

The Department of Indology at the Institute of Asian and Oriental Studies (AOI), Eberhard Karls University of Tübingen, invites PhD researchers to submit abstracts for participation in the two-day workshop titled “Research Dialogues on Kerala: Malayali Worlds in Focus,” to be held in Tübingen on October 31 and November 1, 2025.

The workshop aims to create an opportunity for emerging scholars from the Social Sciences and Humanities to present their ongoing research on Kerala and to receive feedback from peers and senior researchers. Confirmed discussants to date include senior scholars Professor Dr. Filippo Osella, Emeritus Professor of Anthropology at the School of Global Studies, University of Sussex, and Professor Dr. Heike Oberlin, Head of the Department of Indology at the University of Tübingen.

We welcome submissions on a wide range of topics within Kerala studies, especially those engaging with the following themes:

- Caste, Gender, and Inequality
- Religion, Ritual, and Cultural Continuity
- Childhood, Youth, and Education
- Malayalam Language and Literature
- Art, Performance, and Cultural Production
- Migration, Diaspora, and Translocality
- Material Culture and Identity
- Culture, Media, and Representation
- Environment, Development, and Climate Change

The workshop organisers will cover accommodation for two nights and meals for the participants. We welcome abstracts from participants who wish to join the workshop online. However, please note that the workshop is primarily planned as an in-person event, and we will prioritise applicants who are able to attend in Tübingen.

Please send your abstracts (250-350 words) and a bio (100-150 words) here:

<https://forms.gle/g3eDSUcNxZdi1JCb6>. In case of any queries, please contact Geetha K. Wilson or Rajashree Raju at keralaworkshoptuebingen@gmail.com on or before **Friday, August 22, 2025**.

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