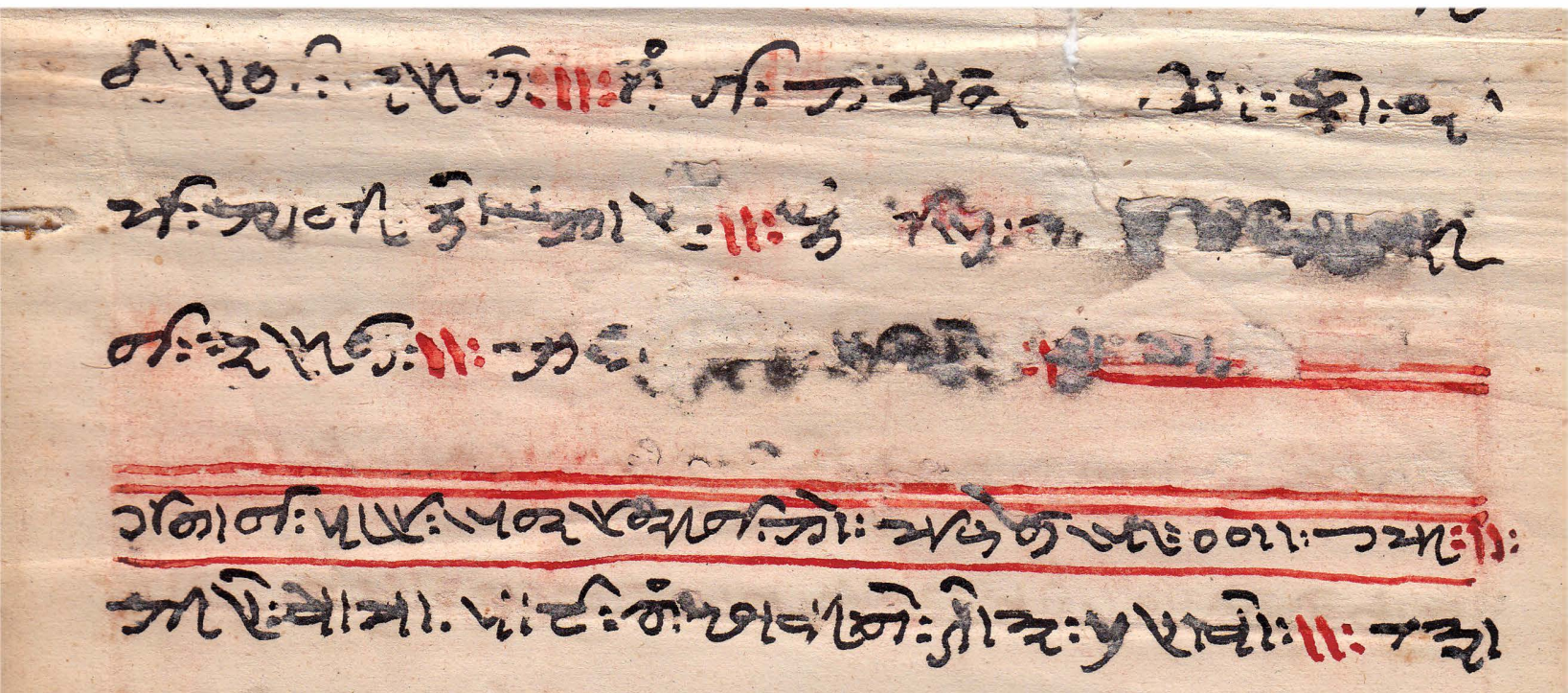


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Religious Identities in the Construction of Communal Khōjā Historical Memory

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This conference is the inaugural event in the collaboration among FIU in Miami, Le Centre d'Études de l'Inde et de l'Asie du Sud (CNRS- CEIAS) in Paris, and The World Federation of Khoja Shia Ithna-Asheri Muslim Communities in London. Its focus is to develop a rigorous transdisciplinary international program of research on the history of the Khōjā peoples through scientific research of manuscripts, printed texts, oral traditions and material culture. The preservation of multilingual materials in Sindhi, Kacchī, and Gujarati are important links that bridge the premodern-modern divide of Khōjā historiography. Coordinating ways to preserve these materials and make them available for academic research is a priority that necessitates international coordination and cooperation. This gathering will explore religious and social transformations that occurred as a result of migration and cosmopolitanism. It seeks to be inclusive of various modern academic interpretations of Khōjā identity and history in conversation with one another on the frames used in the interpretation of primary texts. Moreover, the Khōjā cannot be understood in isolation therefore research on related communities, such as the Lōhānā and Bohra, are particularly welcome as this helps to better contextualize what is sometimes a more insular Khōjā self-articulation of identity narratives.

This conference was organized with the help of **Dr. Michel Boivin**, **Dr. Hasnain Walji**, **Sheikh Kumail Rajani** and **Dr. Iqbal Akhtar** and is in honor of the great French scholar **Françoise Mallison**.

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