The terms ‘Indic’ and ‘Islamicate’ have been widely accepted and have gained currency in academic scholarship for some time now. The former term denotes cultural expressions that have their roots in the main belief-systems that sprung within the Indian Subcontinent; and the latter for those originating within Muslim societies and communities. This presentation suggests that the use of these terms in the study of Islam and of South Asia is worth problematizing as they reinforce presumed linkages and divides between geography and religion.

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Refreshment will be served!

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