

**“Bani Guru, Guru Hai Bani, ……………”
“The Word is Guru, Guru is Word……”**

Guru Arjan Dev, 5th Guru of the Sikhs, compiled Adi Granth-the Holy Book of the Sikhs. In addition to his own hymns, he included those of the previous four Sikh Gurus, but also of several Hindu and Muslim Saints and manifested it on

1st September 1604 at Harimandir Sahib (Golden Temple) as the Sacred Scripture of the Sikhs.

Guru Gobind Singh, the 10th Guru of the Sikhs, before leaving for his heavenly journey, passed on the Guruship to the Holy Book; he manifested it as Sri Guru Granth Sahib and ordained:

***Sab Sikhan ko Hukam hai, Guru manyo Granth……
To all Sikhs is ordained, respect the Granth as Guru……***

To mark the Tercentenary Celebration of

Sri Guru Granth Sahib—Holy Scripture of the Sikhs

In co-operation with Guru Nanak Dev University Amritsar and Punjabi University Patiala

- ◆ The Institute of Religious Peace Research at the Goethe University of Frankfurt (Germany);
- ◆ The Institute of Indology at the Johannes-Gutenberg University of Mainz (Germany); and
- ◆ The Department of Guru Nanak Studies at the Madurai Kamraj University of Madurai (India)

jointly organise an Indo-German series of International Symposia at three universities as follows:

- 12.11.2008 Goethe University of Frankfurt
- 13.-14.11.2008 Johannes-Gutenberg University of Mainz
- 17.-19.12.2008 Madurai Kamraj University of Madurai

Renowned Scholars from India (Guru Nanak Dev University Amritsar, Punjabi University Patiala, Kamraj University Madurai, Gurukul University Haridwar), England, USA, Canada and Germany will contribute to the first leg of the series in Frankfurt and Mainz (Germany).

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Academic co-operation with universities in India, Egypt, Turkey, Russia and Indonesia.

Prof. Dr. Konrad Meisig:

Dr. phil., Prof. of Indology and Director of the Institute of Indology at Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz, Germany. 1999-2003 Dean of Faculty and Senator of Mainz University. 2000-2007 Chairman of the Interdisciplinary Working Group East and South East Asia. Since 2001 member of the Leibniz Society Berlin. Editor of the monograph series *Beiträge zur Indologie und East Asia Intercultural Studies – Interkulturelle Ostasienstudien*, Harrassowitz, Wiesbaden. Academic co-operation with universities in India, Sri Lanka, Hanoi, Bangkok, South Korea, Abu Dhabi.

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Dr. phil., studied at the University of Delhi, Heidelberg (Germany), Cornell and Denver (USA), with specialisation on Religious Tourism. Consultant to various governments – India, Cambodia, Myanmar, Indonesia, Nepal, Bahrain & Iran. Teaches Religious Tourism at the Goethe University of Frankfurt and Indian Religions at Johannes Gutenberg University of Mainz. Association with Tech. University, Dresden, Bahrain University and Universities in India.

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Holy Scripture of the Sikhs**

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On 12th November 2008
In Campus Westend Raum 1.802 (Casinogebäude)
at the



on 13th & 14th November 2008
in Fakultätssaal im Philosophicum
at the



Wednesday, 12th November 2008

Goethe University, Frankfurt
Campus Westend, Casino R. 1.802

- 09.30 Opening Address—Prof. Edmund Weber/Dr. Ajit Singh Sikand
09.35 Welcome by President of Goethe University
09.45 Address by Ambassador of India - Mrs. Meera Shankar /
Consul General of India – Mr. Ajit Kumar
10.00 Address by Prof. Dr. Jai Rup Singh,
Vice Chancellor - Guru Nank University, Amritsar

10.00 Keynote: Prof. Dr. Dharam Singh, Panjabi University, Patiala

10.45 – 11.00 Tea Break

11.00 – 13.00 Podium I: Sri Guru Granth Sahib – Creation, Canonisation and Authority

Moderation: Prof. Dr. Martin Mittwede, Goethe-University, Frankfurt

1. Dr. Ajit S. Sikand,
Goethe-University Frankfurt and University of Mainz
2. Prof. Dr. Konrad Meisig, University of Mainz
3. Prof. Dr. Balwant Singh Dhillon, Guru Nanak University, Amritsar
4.

Discussion

13.00 – 14.00 Lunch Break

14.00 Podium II: Meaning and Role of Holy Scriptures in Sikhism and other Religions

Moderation: Mr. Vladimir Serikov, Goethe-University Frankfurt

1. Prof. Dr. Edmund Weber, Goethe-University Frankfurt (Christianity)
2. Prof. Roop Kishore Shastri, Haridwar University (Hinduism/Vedas)
3. Prof. Dr. Abdullah Takim, Goethe-University Frankfurt (Islam)
4. Prof. Dr. Michael Brumlik, Goethe-University Frankfurt (Judaism)
5. Prof. Dr. Muthu Mohan, Madurai Kamraj University, Madurai (Sikhism)

Discussion

Vote of Thanks & Comments

- 19.30 **Concert – Long night of Indian Classical Music**
Gurmat Sangeet,
Bhai Jagmeet Singh,
Prof. Gurnam Singh & Co.,
Singh Bandhu – Surinder Pal Singh & Tej Pal Singh

Thursday, 13th November 2008

Johannes Gutenberg University, Mainz
Philosophicum
Guru Nanak Birthday

- 09.00 Opening Greetings - Prof. Dr. Konrad Meisig /
Dr. Ajit Singh Sikand
09.15 Greetings – President – Joh.-Gutenberg University, Mainz
09.30 Greetings – Ambassador of India – Mrs. Meera Shankar /
Consul General of India – Mr. Ajit Kumar
09.45 Greetings – State Secretary – Rhineland Palatia
10.00 Greetings - Prof. Dr. Jai Rup Singh
Vice Chancellor – Guru Nanak Dev University Amritsar
10.15 Greetings – Prof. Dr. Muthu Mohan
Chairperson – Guru Nanak Studies,
Madurai Kamraj University, Madurai

10.30 – 10.45 Tea Break

10.45 Keynote – Prof. Dr. Balwant Singh Dhillon
Guru Nanak Dev University Amritsar

- 11.10 Prof. Dr. Konrad Meisig, Joh.-Gutenberg University, Mainz
11.45 Prof. Dr. Nikky Guninder Kaur; University of Maine, USA
12.15 Prof. Dr. Martin Mittwede, Goethe University of Frankfurt

12.45 – 14.00 Lunch Break

14.00 Interfaith Symposium – Moderation: Word and Song – Music in Religions

1. Prof. Dr. Karl Dienst, Academy of Music and Performing Arts &
Goethe-University Frankfurt (Christianity)
 2. Prof. Dr. Gurnam Singh, Punjabi University Patiala (Sikhism)
 3. Prof. Dr. Roop Kishore Shastri, Haridwar University (Hinduism)
 4. (Judaism)
 5. Ms. Gülhan Sirin M.A., Goethe University Frankfurt (Islam)
- #### Discussion

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Friday, 14th November 2008

Johannes Gutenberg University, Mainz
Philosophicum
Pt. Jawahar Lal Nehru's Birthday

Pandit Jawahar Lal Nehru's Birthday – At the Mainz University

- 09.00 Address by the University President
Address by Ambassador of India - Mrs. Meera Shankar
Consul General of India – Mr. Ajit Kumar

10.00 - 10.30. Tea Break

- 10.30 Prof. Dr. Pashaura Singh;
University of California, Riverside; USA
11.10 Prof. Dr. Edmund Weber;
Goethe-University Frankfurt Germany
11.45 Prof. Dr. Dharam Singh;
Punjabi University Patiala, India
12.15 Prof. Dr. Muthu Mohan;
Madurai Kamraj University, Madurai, India

13.00 – 14.00 Lunch

- 14.00 Dr. Ajit Singh Sikand,
Goethe-University Frankfurt and University of Mainz
14.30 Prof. Christopher Shackle, SOAS-London

15.45

Vote of Thanks

Abbr.:

GU Ffm: Goethe-University, Frankfurt am Main
JoGu Mainz: Johannes Gutenberg University, Mainz
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