

CoHaB Indian Diaspora Centre

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The CoHaB IDC Fellowship Lecture Series

Dates: 14th, 21st and 28th January 2020

Time: 12:30 PM to 2:00 PM

University of Mumbai



CoHaB IDC has organised a three-part lecture series to be delivered by the CoHaB IDC Fellow **Dr. Meera Venkatachalam**.

The first lecture to be held on 14th January will discuss the themes in the study of western Indian Ocean Migrations: Africa in India, c. 1300-c. 1900. The lecture will address how diaspora studies and historiography have portrayed the presence of Africans in India, who arrived in the sub-continent through diverse trajectories of migration.

The second lecture on Africans in contemporary India on 21st January will explore how debates and rituals in certain spaces, which the author calls 'networks of uncertainty' on account of their ever changing nature – such as Pentecostal-Charismatic churches – become crucial in shaping, reconfiguring, and showcasing the markers of a generic imagined Africanness.

The final lecture in the series on 28th January is designed as an interactive workshop, where students are encouraged to think about how information from different social media platforms can be used in the Humanities and Social Sciences.



Meera Venkatachalam is the CoHaB IDC Fellow for 2019-2020. She has a PhD in Social Anthropology with reference to West Africa from SOAS University of London in 2007. She has published widely in academic journals and edited volumes on slavery, post-slavery, and religion in West Africa. Her research interests include Indian Ocean connectivities, Africans in the Indian subcontinent and migration.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nilufer E. Bharucha'.

Professor Nilufer E. Bharucha
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