

Dr. Anne Murphy

Research Interests

Dr. Murphy is associated with the 'Religion and Urbanity: Reciprocal Formations' Kollegforschungsgruppe directed by Susanne Rau and Jörg Rüpke at the Max Weber Centre for Advanced Cultural and Social Studies. Her research project at the Kolleg seeks to understand the articulation of religious identities in secondary urban centres, between the rural and the imperial centre, in North India in the early modern period. With this, she initiates a new book project exploring eighteenth-century Punjabi religious formations and their literary traces in relation to the natural and settled landscape of their production, emplotting the literary on the human urban/rural landscape to understand in new terms the emergence of Punjabi language as a literary medium primarily in religious, non-courtly contexts and at complex intersection with Persian and emerging vernaculars in early modern South Asia.