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Rokeya Sakhawat Hossein's Allegory “Muktiphal”: Empire, Resistance and Gender

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In her talk Prof. Amin will analyse the pioneering Bengali feminist writer, social worker and educationist Rokeya Sakhawat Hossein's only full-length political text “Muktiphal”. The text is an allegory incorporating the turbulent anti-colonial phases of India's freedom struggle. Sakhawat studies the various strategies and philosophies of protest and resistance. She critiques the strategies advocated by the Congress, the mode of non-violence, as well as armed resistance. The author accomplishes this through a tale about Desh Matrika Kangalini and her sons and daughters. The women's question is woven into the narrative from the start in keeping with Rokeya's role of advocate for women's emancipation .



Prof. Dr. Sonia Nishat Amin is a historian of gender, culture and society in late colonial Bengal. This winter semester she is the Bangabandhu Professorial Chair/Bangladesh Chair at the South Asia Institute in Heidelberg. Prof. Amin taught at the Department of History, University of Dhaka, until 2019. Her main focus is the modernization of Bengali Muslim women of the middle class.



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