

Colonialism, Orientalism, and the German 19th Century:

A Workshop with Kamakshi P. Murti

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Kamakshi P. Murti is Professor and former Chair of the German Department of Middlebury College, Vermont, U.S.A. She received her M.A. in German Studies from Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi and her Ph.D. from the University of Illinois, Urbana Champagne. She has taught at the University of Pittsburgh, University of Arizona, Jawaharlal Nehru University, and Middlebury College. Murti has published extensively on German Orientalism, postcolonialism, minority discourse in Germany, as well as language teaching and pedagogy. Her publications include *Die Reinkarnation des Lesers als Autor: ein rezeptionsgeschichtlicher Versuch über den Einfluß der altindischen Literatur auf deutsche Schriftsteller um 1900* (Berlin: Walter de Gruyter & Co., 1990) and *India: The Seductive and Seduced 'Other' of German Orientalism* (Greenwood Press, Westport, Connecticut, 2000) as well as numerous articles and book chapters. Most recent awards include a Mellon Foundation grant to conduct research in Turkey and Germany for a project entitled: "To Veil or not to Veil: Turkish-/Germans, Islam, and the headscarf-debate". Professor Murti is also actively involved in pedagogical and professional aspects of North American German studies, including service as Chair of the AATG (American Association of Teachers of German) Committee on the Recruitment and Retention of Minorities. She has held workshops at NCORE (National Council on Race and Ethnicity in American Higher Education) to demonstrate 'Deliberative Dialogue' as an effective pedagogical tool.

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