The Garden of Bedil  

SEPT 22-24 2022

MULTI-DISCIPLINARY LITERARY FESTIVAL
POETRY WORKSHOP • CONFERENCE • CONCERT

PROGRAM IN SOUTH ASIAN STUDIES

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POETRY READING WORKSHOP OF BEDIL

SEPT 22-24, 2022

WITH MOAZZAM SIDDIQI AND OTHER SCHOLARS

Dinner reception to follow

ACADEMIC CONFERENCE

ON-SITE SESSION 1
SEPT 23, FRIDAY
9:00 AM-12:00 PM
A17 Julius Romo Rabinowitz

SHAH MAHMOUD HANIF
James Madison University
Bedil, Afghanistan, and the Persianate World

HAJNALKA KOVACS
Harvard University
Alternative Realities, Alternative Lives: Two Similar Stories of Different Origin in Bedil’s Masnavi ‘Irfaq

MOAZZAM SIDDIQI
University of California-Berkeley
The Mystical Philosophy of Mirza ’Abdul Qadir Bedil with Particular Reference to his Masnavi ‘Irfaq

DANIEL SHEFFIELD
Princeton University
Songs of the Eternal Spring Garden: Universal Peace (sulh-i kull) in Early Modern Persian Poetry

ON-SITE SESSION 2
SEPT 23, FRIDAY
1:00 PM-4:00 PM
A17 Julius Romo Rabinowitz

ELLEN AMBROSONE & DEBORAH SCHEIN
Princeton University
Poetry, Paintings, and Polyglossy: Indo-Persian at Princeton University Library

MEHR AFSHAN FARROOQI
University of Virginia
Creating and Recreating in Language: (Re) Examining the Poetic Interrelations between Bedil and Ghulib

RAVIKANT MISHRA
Nehru Memorial Library, India
Nationalism and Pan-Islamism: Political and Cultural Imaginings in the Poetry of Allama Iqbal

ONLINE SESSION 3
SEPT 24, SATURDAY
9:00 AM-12:00 PM
zoom Registration required

PRASHANT KESAVAMURTHY
McGill University
“To what song does the veil of poetry’s light break?” The Besium Poetics of Bedil’s Persian Ghazals in Sanskrit-Arabic Meters

JANE MIKKELSON
Yale University
Painting with Words: Bedil’s Literary Craft

AKHLAQ AHHAN
Jawaharlal Nehru University, India
Amir Khusrow and Mirza Bedil and the fundamental characteristics of Indo-Persian classical poetry

DR. SANJAY GARG
National Archives of India
Indo-Persian Archival Materials in the National Archives of India

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With support from Suresh S. Tata’72
The Garden of Bedil Music Concert

Featuring the Humayun Khan Ensemble

Saturday, September 24 at 7:00 PM

Maeder Hall Auditorium

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