

*Looking at it from India –
Hindu nationalism and History of Science*

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This presentation intends to set the «Europe versus Islam» debate in a wider context, by observing how Hindu nationalists have also made claims in history of science. The idea that ancient «aryan» Hindus have created modern science is not only contemporary assertion. It is also anchored in 19th century histories imbued both by positivism and the will to create a background for emerging nations. With an emphasis on the history of mathematics in India, we will observe networks linking hindu nationalists to the fascist blogosphere as they take up and reconfigure a two century long debate on science, religion and national identities.