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# Magic, Miracles, and Religion

Performance and Conversation with Dr. Shreyash Palshikar and Dr. Mugdha Yeolekar



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Dr. Shreyash Palshikar



Dr. Mugdha Yeolekar

This talk explores how magic and miracles have been understood in both Europe and Asia culturally and historically. The lecture will be a mix of conversation with a religious studies faculty, Dr. Mugdha Yeolekar on the topics of magic and miracles and performance of magic tricks by magician and religious studies scholar, Dr. Shreyash Palshikar. Dr. Palshikar will discuss how the Biblical injunction of Exodus 22:18 “Thou shalt not suffer a Witch to live,” formed the basis for centuries of violence against mystery workers in Europe in the form of witch trials leading magical performers to trivialize their art to save their lives. By contrast, in Asia, where the Hindu and Buddhist (and Jain) worldviews considered the entire world to be an illusion, magic and illusion were seen as powerful metaphors and magical performances were more closely linked with religious performances and courtly practices.

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