## "Francke's legacy:

## archaeological research in Ladakh, one hundred years after"

This workshop aims at celebrating the centennial of two events related to August Hermann Francke's archaeological activities in Ladakh.

It was in 1914 that the first volume of Francke's milestone publication *Antiquities of Indian Tibet*, a narrative of a tour undertaken in 1909-10 for the Archaeological Survey of India, was published. That same year that Francke visited Ladakh for the last time, after a long and perilous journey throughout what was then Turkestan. In September 1914, he reached Leh from Khotan where he collected objects for the State Museum of Ethnography in Munich, in the frame of the great Central Asian expeditions.

This workshop, organized by the Indo-French Archaeological Mission in Ladakh (MAFIL), aims at celebrating the legacy of August Hermann Francke to archaeological research in Ladakh and presenting the latest contributions to the field.



A.H. Francke photographed in the ruins of the temple of Gonpa (Leh), during his tour for the ASI in 1909.

## **PROGRAM**

Chair person: Q. Devers

**10 am** Laurianne Bruneau, EPHE, France

Introductory note on A.H. Francke's life as an archaeologist

**10.30 am John Bray**, president of International Association for Ladakh Studies

A.H. Francke's last visit to Ladakh in 1914: history, archaeology and geopolitics

**11 am Martin Vernier**, Switzerland

What is left of Francke's rock art?

**11.30 am** Tsering Phunchuk, ASI, Leh Mini Circle

Archaeological Remains from Village Mundik

**12 am Sonam Spalzin Bangkolok**, ASI, Srinagar Circle

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12.30 am -2 pm Lunch break

**Chair person: Sunder Paul** 

**2 pm Laurianne Bruneau**, EPHE, France

In the steps of the A.H. Francke: the Indo-French cooperation project

**2.30 pm Quentin Devers**, EPHE, Paris

The fortified settlement and religious complex of Staglung (Upper Indus

Valley), one of Ladakh's foremost deserted center

**3 pm** Nils Martin, EPHE, France

The Kankani chorten in Nyoma: an outstanding funerary monument for

king 'Bhag Dar-skyabs?

3.30 pm Tea break

**Chair person: Tsering Phunchok** 

4 pm Wajeeda Tabassum, Delhi Institute of Heritage Research & Management

Gya, Meru and Nyoma: precious sites in precarious state of preservation

**4.30 pm Sunder Paul**, ASI, Leh Mini Circle

Conservation and Challenges in Ladakh

**5 pm A.K. Khanna**, Director of the Institute of Archaeology, Delhi

Archaeological potential in tourism

