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**Bio**

Sayori Ghoshal is a PhD candidate in the Department of Middle Eastern, South Asian and African Studies (MESAAS) at Columbia University, New York. Her doctoral dissertation traces the production of ‘minority’ as an identity for Indian Muslims, during the late 19th century to the early postcolonial period. She examines how religious difference intertwined with biological categories and with the politics of enumeration to constitute non-Hindus as the ‘minority’ vis-à-vis a secular national ‘population’. Her work is therefore situated at the intersection of political history, history of science and critical religious studies.