

**CENTRE FOR STUDIES IN SOCIAL SCIENCES, CALCUTTA,
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GENERAL SEMINAR

S. Akbar Zaidi,

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will give two talks at the CSSSC,
the second of which is titled as follows:

**Second Talk: Is the Taj Mahal Pakistani? Teaching Pakistani History/Teaching
Pakistanis History**

Abstract

Pakistani History has been a highly contentious topic in Pakistan, for a host of reasons, ranging from the ideological nature of the beginnings of the Pakistani nation state, to a visible absence of Pakistani historians. Moreover, simple discussions about when Pakistan emerges as a possibility, have ranged from the absurd to the contentious. How does one begin to think about what Pakistani history is? Is it a territorial history or an ideological one? Or, both? What does this mean for the development of the History profession in Pakistan today? Does the teaching of History at university level in Pakistan have a future at all?

Date: Tuesday, 21 March, 2017
Time: 3 – 5 pm

Venue: JBMRC, 10 Lake Terrace, Kolkata

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(Convener, Seminar Committee)