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A new framework agreement on scholarly cooperation between the French Institute of Pondicherry and the EFEO was signed on 13th July in Paris by Jean-Pierre Muller and Franciscus Verellen. This reconfirms the commitment of both institutions to continue research together in Indology, in other words, into the culture of India. The French institutions of research in Pondicherry are well-known for their contributions to indological knowledge, notably because of the major pioneering publications about the Saiva religion and about South Indian architecture and iconography.

Drawn up as the IFP marks the first century of its existence, this agreement provides a framework for the formalisation of existing and future collaboration on various fronts (common research projects, digitization and cataloguing of manuscripts, co-publication...).

Scholars and students of Indian culture from Europe and India work together in these Pondicherry institutions, which thus provide a special forum, not only for the study of disciplines that have long been favoured in universities in India and abroad (notably the study of Sanskrit literature), but also for historically less favoured subjects, such as classical Tamil literature, anthropology et al.

The identity and activities of the EFEO in India have long been closely associated with those of the IFP but the EFEO is also spread widely across other parts of Asia. Further information about the EFEO's Indian branches and 16 other centres in Asia is to be found on its freshly updated bilingual (French/English) website (www.efeo.fr). A monthly newsletter L'Agenda de l'EFEO, which is also bilingual, was launched in May and can be downloaded from the website.

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FOCUS

Urban dynamics and governance

The *Urban Dynamics* programme of the CSH includes two major collective projects involving European and Indian researchers, and based on a multidisciplinary approach. Both projects have obtained funding within the framework of incentive programmes of the French Ministry of Research. In this connection, two international workshops were held in Delhi in August 2004 (see *Events*).

i) Peri-urban dynamics: population, habitat and environment on the peripheries of large Indian metropolises

Specific forms of urbanisation come up on the periphery of the large developing metropolises: formation of mixed land use settlements, halfway between urban and rural zones, transitory spaces undergoing rapid and multiple transformations (physical, morphological, social and demographic, cultural, economic, functional).

Our basic hypothesis, in order to apprehend these processes, is the non-neutrality of "location" within the metropolitan areas. The urban peripheries are not a mere analytical framework, but a specific space whose population and settlement dynamics, along with land-use, involve various and often conflicting interests at stake, which reflects a political and societal vision of the city and access to the city. Thus, housing needs, especially for the poor, green belt (agricultural farms and reserved forests/national parks), new industrial and commercial zones, all compete in the rural-urban fringes.

This project aims at a better understanding of the multiple facets of the peri-urban dynamics, in the context of large Indian metropolises. The objective of the workshop was to promote reflection on concepts and issues at stake, to confront various disciplinary approaches and to compare case studies of different metropolises.

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ii) Urban Actors, Policies and Governance. Decision-making Processes Governing the Demand and Supply of Public Goods and Services in Four Indian Metropolises

The main purpose of this research project in political economy is to characterise urban governance in Indian metropolises, its variants and key variables. The objective is to describe and analyse urban governance, as redefined by the economic liberalization and politico-administrative decentralisation policies initiated in the early 1990s by the Indian government, through the study of the decision-making processes associated with the supply and demand of public goods and services (health, education, food, water, housing) in four Indian metropolises: Delhi, Mumbai, Hyderabad and Kolkata. In order to evaluate the real status of the decentralisation process that is theoretically at the heart of this new configuration, sector-wise case studies are carried out in each city and shall be complemented by studies focusing on the relations between different levels of government.

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The construction of a collective identity in India: the case of Hinduvta in a theoretical perspective

This research project (PhD) emphasises the crucial importance of collective identity as a prism through which to examine social movements. In particular, the function of collective identity is analysed within the context of consolidation and stabilisation of social movements in the process of political mobilization in India. The work distinguishes between three types of collective identity: primordial, cultural, and civic identity. The purpose is to

reconstruct how the identity of the Hindu-nationalist movement has shifted from a primordial towards a cultural identity. The analytical focus will be on the concrete processes by which the Hindu-nationalist movement has defined collective identity and how this has been generated and made the basis for political mobilization. The project will use a case study method comprising the main theoreticians of the 'Hindu-nationalist movement' in India (in particular V.D. Savarkar), their constructions of collective identities and the related organizations created to implement their theoretical ideas.

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Role of Ground Water in Urban Development – Case Study Delhi & its Peri-Urban areas

The main focus of this research is to examine the role of groundwater in urban development in Delhi metropolis and its peri-urban region. The peri-urban areas of Delhi metropolis located on the tail end of the water supply network are largely dependent on ground water resulting in overall deterioration in urban environment.

The main focus of research is to study stages and patterns of urban evolution, interdependence of ground water and urbanization, urban hydro-geomorphological processes, past and present spatial planning efforts, norms, standards i.e. role of water vis-à-vis urban planning with special reference to peri-urban region to identify urban ground water management issues vis-à-vis land use planning.

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Suburban Development and Central City Decline: The Case of the United States

Metropolitan areas the world over are undergoing profound transformations. In the United States, suburban development accelerated at a remarkable pace since 1970. Given near total autonomy in zoning and development standards, newer suburbs have attempted to capture the highest segment of the income distribution to strengthen their own tax base, at the expense of existing jurisdictions. As a result, segregation between income classes and racial groups have increased, and the fiscal disparities between newer suburbs and the central cities and older suburbs have increased as well. While primarily focused on the U.S. experience, this research will benefit greatly from interdisciplinary and comparative perspectives obtained through interacting with colleagues at CSH.

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The Rule of Sanctuary: the Production and Transformation of "Sacred Groves" (Kavu) in Colonial and Postcolonial Kerala

Over the past 20 years, the sacred groves of India have become potent symbols of traditional environmentalism. These sacred groves are upheld by foresters, activists, and ecologists as atavistic emblems of indigenous knowledge of biodiversity and as evidence of traditional conservation practices, which ought to be integrated with the insights of modern science. On the other hand, anthropologists and historians have emphasized the discursive construction of the "sacred grove" that is defined in strictly biophysical, behaviorist, and/or materialist terms – terms which have eluded the particularities of history, politics, and cultural practice. The *kavu* of Kerala are a particular "type" of sacred grove, which has become pivotal in the formulation of innovative forest management policy for the protection

of the biodiversity hotspot of the Western Ghats. These *kavu* prefigure modern biodiversity sanctuaries and are fading relics to be rescued by those sanctuaries. For instance, studies have revealed 722 species of angiosperms within the 1.4 sq.km. area of the Iringole *kavu* (near Perumbavoor, Ernakulam district) in contrast to the 960 species of angiosperm in the 90 sq.km. Silent Valley National Park. While the rapid decline of *kavu* in light of development begs for the expansion of protected areas, that very expansion encroaches on the livelihood of agriculturalists and threatens traditional tribal culture with extinction. *Kavu* are a looking glass on the idea of sanctuary that underlies both the pleas of biodiversity conservation and the urgings of rural development. The overall objective of this project undertaken in collaboration with the French Institute of Pondicherry is an integrated assessment of *kavu* which brings biophysical data together with anthropological observations, in order to identify and develop cultural understandings of environment writ large.

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Landscape Analysis for Biodiversity Conservation in the Western Ghats: Memorandum of Understanding with Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam – Kerala

This project, jointly conducted by the Ecology Department and the Laboratory of Geomatics and Applied Informatics of the IFP, is to promote the conservation of biodiversity as also the sustainable usage of forest resources by forest dependent communities with the development of strategic landscape analysis and planning approaches. Kerala Forest Department, who is funding partly the project under the World Bank Aided Kerala Forestry Project, has requested the IFP to develop a management plan at the landscape level. The identification and mapping of the Landscape Units of Kerala have already been completed early 2004, and at present, two landscape units located in the Nelliyanpathi region have been selected for developing integrated management plans. An analysis of the socio-economic situation of the selected landscapes is essential when adopting an integrated conservation approach. More particularly, we are studying the dependency of the people on the forests, the pattern use, as well as the impact of the use of biodiversity on the forest regeneration. A team from School of Social Sciences (SSS, Mahatma Gandhi University) led by Prof. Rajan Gurukkal, is conducting that work in collaboration with the IFP, after a Memorandum of Understanding was signed in that respect between SSS and IFP on 1st June 2004.

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Research in Contemporary Tamil

Tamil with 2000 years of historical tradition in literature and grammar has evolved into a Modern contemporary language, maintaining a firm link with the traditional Classical Tamil as a strong undercurrent. It is an ever-evolving language currently functioning in at least seven countries spread over three continents facing the era of the Information Revolution and digitization by adapting itself very dynamically to the Internet and trying to seal its place in the process of digitization. Contemporary Tamil Language and Literature functions as a strong prism refracting the surrounding vibrant socio-cultural milieu and per se, this is one of the best examples of how a culture listens to itself. The sensitivity of the cultural milieu, precludes Indian and Tamil Academic Institutions from focusing on this dynamic field. The Contemporary Tamil Programme of the IFP tries to fill this void through its research on Contemporary Tamil Literature, language and culture functioning in two reinforcing axes – documentation and analyses. In the first axis, documentation aims to provide a rich and diverse documentary resource that echoes both the popular (mainstream) and alternate voices, through a collection of small literary journals and socio-political journals and books (with a small circulation of 500-2000) as well as a cross-sectional selection of popular

literature and journals/magazines (circulation is greater than 1 lakh) spanning a period from the late 19th century to the present. In the second axis, analyses focuses on highlighting the place of contemporary Tamil Literature in the world through studies, seminars, surveys, editions and translations using a multidisciplinary approach through national and international partnerships (eg. University of California, Berkeley – SSEAS).

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Biodiversity Informatics and Co-operation in Taxonomy for Interactive Shared Knowledge Base (BIOTIK)

The project aims to develop and sustain a long-term cooperation between Europe and South Asia in the area of taxonomy and information technology or broadly speaking, in the emerging discipline of Biodiversity Informatics. By sharing European know-how in the field of taxonomy - species identification system IDAO (Identification Assistée par Ordinateur) – with the partners in Asia, this project intends to build a knowledge base, to widely benefit the communities of South and South East Asia and also the larger scientific community of Europe. This extensive knowledge base on the tree species of two hotspots in the region (Western Ghats of India and the Annamite Mountain range of Lao PDR) will enhance environment-monitoring capabilities and therefore improve the designs for sustainable management strategies in the region. The long-term objectives are:

To sustain the long-term cooperation between European and South Asian institutions involved in taxonomy and IT and C initiatives;

To preserve and disseminate traditional knowledge in local languages and improve taxonomy knowledge-sharing through IT & C initiatives;

To promote the development of Open Source based IT & C tools in Biodiversity Informatics for southern countries through a transfer of know-how between Europe and Asia;

To promote cooperation between two southern countries in the area of biodiversity informatics, namely Lao PDR and India. Existing software for species identification (IDAO) will be developed for two CD-ROMS (one for each area) and will be adapted to run on a low-cost computing device (a Personal Digital Assistant (PDA), working with Linux – an Open Source Operating System) and to be available for online identification of the species.

A comprehensive list of the three species for both the regions will be drawn up on the existing data available in various repositories. A survey of these repositories will be done to collect all the required information available with respect to the species, e.g. specimens, illustrations, images et al. Based on this survey it will be possible to derive the specific requirements to define these species in the software with all the necessary information. Any further requirements in terms of collecting fresh specimens, photographic images and drawing illustrations will be carried out during the field trips and the subsequent herbarial work.

This project is being done in collaboration with the following partners: National Herbarium Nederland (NHN-Leiden), University of Leiden, The Netherlands; National University of Laos, Lao PDR; Centre de Coopération Internationale en Recherche Agronomique pour le Développement (CIRAD), France and is being funded by the IFP and the European Commission under the ASIA ITC programme.

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EVENTS

ORGANISATION OF SEMINARS / CONFERENCES / EXHIBITIONS / WORKSHOPS...

CSH

Round Table *India-Europe Dialogue*, co-organised by the CSH, Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik, and Centre for International Studies and Research (CERI)-Paris with the support of the European Commission, at CERI, Paris, 4th-5th May.

Seminar *Alternative Strategies for Decentralised Water Management: An Economic study of individual and community initiatives to ensure better water supply in Delhi*, by Augustin Maria, CSH Delhi & Cerna Ensm Paris and Jaouen Lévassieur, CSH Delhi & IIT Delhi, co-organised with the Water Sanitation Programme (WSP), at WSP, New Delhi, 18th May.

Conference *Modernity and National Identity*, by Prof. Anand Kumar, (Centre for the Study of Social Systems, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University), co-organised with the Economic Mission of the Embassy of France, at the Auditorium, Embassy of France, New Delhi, 25th May.

Ind DEMATEDEE Conference *Market development of water and waste technologies through environmental economics*, co-organised with Ecole des Mines CERNA, Meed SA at CERNA, Paris, 28th-29th May.

Workshop *Urban Actors, Policies and Governance. The decision-making processes governing the supply and demand of collective goods and services in four Indian states*, co-organised with India International Centre (IIC) at IIC, New Delhi, 19th-21st August.

Workshop *Peri-Urban Dynamics: Population, Habitat and Environment on the Peripheries of large Indian Metropolises*, co-organised with India International Centre (IIC), at IIC, New Delhi, 25th-27th August.

National Seminar *Health Sector Reforms: A Cross-State Comparison of the Public-Private Partnership and Community Initiatives*, co-organised with Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), at the ICSSR, New Delhi, 30th-31st August.

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International Workshop *Mirrored Views on Healing Practices in India, Merging Policies, Politics and Practices*, co-organised with the Foundation for Revitalization of Local Health Traditions (FRLHT), at IFP, Pondicherry, 19th-20th April.

International Seminar *Negotiations with the Past: Classical Tamil in Contemporary Tamil*, jointly organised by the Indology Dept, IFP and Tamil Chair, Dept of South and Southeast Asian Studies (SSEAS), University of California, Berkeley, 30th July.

PARTICIPATION IN SEMINARS / CONFERENCES / WORKSHOPS

CSH

J. CHAISSE: *The influence of the World Trade Organisation law on national legal orders*, paper presented at the conference "The WTO and Beyond: Global Governance and State Power in the Twenty-First Century" organised by the Centre for Global Political Economy, Simon Fraser University (SFU), Vancouver, 15th-16th July.

J. CHAISSE: *The Doha Development Agenda on Disputes Resolution: An Indian Perspective*, paper presented at the Forum discussion "The WTO After Cancun: Crisis or Teething Problems", co-organised by the Institute of European Studies of Macau and the Academy of International Trade Law, Macau Tower, Macau, 9th July.

J. CHAISSE: *Preserving the Rights and Obligations of WTO Members – Indian perspective in Dispute Settlement*, paper presented at the seminar "WTO and India: Issues and Negotiating Strategies", organised by Cotton College-Guwahati, Jawaharlal Nehru University and the Indian Council of Social Science Research, Guwahati University, Guwahati, 11th-12th August.

V. DUPONT: *Valorisation des travaux des centres de recherche en Inde (CSH & IFP)*, contribution to the Workshop "Valorisation des travaux des centres de recherche en sciences sociales et humaines du Ministère des Affaires Étrangères", Journées de la Coopération Internationales et du Développement (DGCID, MAE), Paris, 17th July.

V. DUPONT: *Peri-urban dynamics: Introduction of the research theme and objectives of the workshop*, paper presented at the International Workshop "Per-urban dynamics: population, habitat and environment on the peripheries of large Indian metropolises", co-organised with the India International Centre, at IIC, 25th-26th-27th August.

R. EGRETEAU: *India's Northeast and Myanmar:*

boundary or gateway?, talk given at the Centre for Northeast India, South Asia and Southeast Asian Studies (CENISEAS), Guwahati, 26th May.

R. EGRETEAU: *Burma, between India and China*, talk given at the Centre for International Research and Studies (CERI), at Paris, 17th June.

R. EGRETEAU: *China's Myanmar Policy: Implications for India*, talk given at the French Centre for Contemporary China Studies (CEFC), Hong Kong, 29th July.

S. GIRI: *Global Civil Society and Traditional Struggles: New Subjectivity in the light of the WSF in India*, paper presented at the Conference "Globalisation and New Subjectivities", organised by the International Sociological Association at Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales (EHESS), Paris, 11th-12th June.

S. GIRI gave a talk on the Anti-Globalisation Movement in India as part of the Altermondialist festival, *Charivari*, organised in Paris by Vive l'Action pour une Mondialisation des solidarités (VAMOS), Paris, 15th June.

S. GIRI: *Labour and Global Civil Society: The World Social Forum in India*, talk given at the European Conference on Modern South Studies, Lund University, Sweden, 6th-10th July.

P. JARGOWSKY: *Comparative Metropolitan Structures*, paper presented at the International Workshop "Peri-urban dynamics: population, habitat and environment on the peripheries of large Indian metropolises", co-organised with the India International Centre, at IIC, 25th-26th-27th August.

G. KUMAR: *Public Hospital Reforms in Madhya Pradesh (India)*, paper presented at the 18th European Conference on Modern South Asian Studies at Lund University, Sweden, 6th-9th July.

E. LECLERC: *Indian Diaspora: scientific concepts and common folks*, lecture given at the Center for Indian Ocean Studies, Osmania University, Hyderabad, 6th May, 6th May.

E. LECLERC: *Distance Management among Indian IT professionals: Issues for a global workforce*, paper presented at the Workshop "Cross border dynamics in India's IT sector: implications for performance and policy making" organised by Indian Institute of Management in Bangalore/London Business School at Bangalore, 2nd July.

E. LECLERC, C. BOURGUIGNON (University of Rouen): *Defining the urban fringe through population mobility: the case of Madhapur and its Information Technology Park (HITEC City – Hyderabad)*, paper presented at the International Workshop "Peri-urban dynamics: population, habitat and environment on the peripheries of large Indian metropolises", co-organised with India International Centre, at IIC, 25th-26th-27th August.

S. ROHILLA: *Urban Water Augmentation in Delhi (a Techno-Feasibility for rainwater harvesting in and around Delhi metropolis)*, paper presented at the IInd DEMATEDEE Conference "Market Development of water and waste technologies through environmental economics", at CERNA, Paris, 28th May.

J. RUET: *Water in urban India: the scenario, energy linkages and private participation*, paper presented at the IInd DEMATEDEE Conference "Market Development of water and waste technologies through environmental economics", at CERNA, Paris, 29th May.

J. RUET: *Information Technology and Biotechnology Sectors in India*, presentation at the Agence Nationale pour la Recherche et la Technologie (ANRT), Paris, 6th June.

J. RUET: *Tripartite agreement and water sharing in peri-urban Chennai, and The planning and metropolitan coordinating: New Kolkata*, papers presented at the International Workshop "Peri-urban dynamics: population, habitat and environment on the peripheries of large Indian metropolises", co-organised with the India International Centre, at IIC, 25th-26th-27th August.

D. SENGUPTA: *Trade Facilitation and India*, paper presented at the Mid-Term Meeting Review Meeting of "International Working Group on the Doha Agenda" and "Achieving Better Market Access", Jaipur, 28th-29th June.

D. SENGUPTA: *India and Economic Global Governance: The Quest for a Appropriate Coalition* (co-authored with Pritam Banerji of the Confederation of Indian Industry), paper presented at the Conference "The G3 and Global Governance", organised by EDGE Institute, Johannesburg, 5th-7th July.

D. SENGUPTA: *Post-Cancun: Options for South Asia*, attendance at the Conference under the South Asian Civil Network on International Trade Issues (SACSNIIT) project, Islamabad, 17th-19th August.

S. SINGH: *China as the Growing Power in Southeast Asia*, participation at the Panel Discussion, organised by Council on Security and Cooperation in Asia-Pacific (CSCAP-India) and Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA), Sapru House, New Delhi, 7th May.

S. SINGH: *Study of China*, lecture given to the Student Officers of the Defence Services Staff College, Wellington, Nilgiris, Tamil Nadu, 10th May.

S. SINGH chaired a session *Domestic Politics, Regional/Global Structures and Foreign Policy* in an International Conference "International Relations Theory and South Asia", organised by University of Pennsylvania Institute of Advanced Studies on India (UPIASI), India Habitat Center, New Delhi, 15th July.

S. SINGH: *China-India Relations: Reviving the Confidence Building Measures Approach*, paper presented at Beijing's Annual Conference on "The Harmony and Prosperity of Civilizations", Beijing, 24th August.

S. WOLF: *Collective Identity and Identity Politics in India: The case of Hindutva in a theoretical Perspective*, paper presented at the 18th European Conference on Modern South Asian Studies, Lund University, Sweden, 6th-9th July.

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K. ANUPAMA, M. S. ASLAM: *Indian Monsoon and Climate Variability during Holocene*, attendance at the International Workshop organised by the Geological Society of India at National Institute of Advanced Studies, Bangalore, 17th-18th May.

K. ANUPAMA: *DST-SSS project formulation workshop*, attendance at the Workshop organised by Institute of Ocean Management, Anna University, Chennai, 6th June.

L. DUFY: *GIS and conservation of biodiversity: example in South India*, presentation at Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, 1st June-4th June.

T. GANESAN: *Sivajnanabodha in the History of Saivism*, paper presented at the Annual Seminar at Dharmapuram, Mutt, Mysladuthurai, June.

HANCART PETITTE PASCALLE: *Traditional Birth Attendants In India: An Expression of Neo-traditionalism?*, lecture given at the Workshop on Therapeutic Neo-traditionalism, CRCCS/LEHA, University of Aix-Marseille, France, 28th-29th May.

M. KANNAN represented the IFP on the two-day workshop in connection with curriculum development of an Inter-University Postgraduate Education programme in *Social Water Management*, Kottayam, Kerala, 28th-29th April.

S. LAKSHMI NARSIMHAN: *Importance of Gurudakshina*, talk given and group discussion at Satya Sai Seva Samithi, Pondicherry, 1st August.

P.V. KARUNAKRAN: *Conservation and Management of Sacred Groves in Kerala*, paper presented at the National Workshop "Strategy for Conservation of Sacred Groves", at the Institute of Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding (An autonomous body of Ministry of Environment and Forests, Govt of India), Coimbatore, 27th-28th May.

L. PORDIE: *Intellectual Property in the construction of neo-traditionalism*, lecture given at the Workshop on Therapeutic Neo-traditionalism, CRCCS/LEHA, University of Aix-Marseille, 28th-29th May.

L. PORDIE: *A neo-traditional figure; the case of a Tibetan health centre in Ladakh*, lecture given at the Workshop on Therapeutic Neo-traditionalism, CRCCS/LEHA, University of Aix-Marseille, France, 28th-29th May.

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B.R. RAMESH: *Biodiversity and global change: dynamics of interactions*, attendance at the Seminar at the Deuxième Journée de l'Institut Français de la Biodiversité, Marseille, 25th-28th May.

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S.L.P. ANJANEYA SARMA: *Pramitadhikaranam from Bramhasutrasankarabhasya*, talk given at the Vidwatsadas conducted on the occasion of HH Jagadguru kanciparamacarya's 111th Jayanti celebrations, Secunderabad, Andhra Pradesh, 29th May-2nd June.

S.L.P. ANJANEYA SARMA: *Vyanjanavrtti*, lecture given at the Nyayasasra sadas, Kancheepuram, 5th July.

S.L.P. ANJANEYA SARMA: *Paninisutra: Bhuvadayo dhatavah (A. 1-3-1)*, lecture given at the sasra sadas conducted on the occasion of HH Jayendrasaraswati Swamiji's Jayanti celebration, Kancheepuram, 2nd August.

S.L.P. ANJANEYA SARMA: *Utkrantigayadhikaranam from Bramhasutrasankarabhasya*, lecture given at the Advaitasabha, Kumbakonam, 6th-8th August.

S.L.P. ANJANEYA SARMA: *Samkrantivada*, paper presented at the National Seminar on Agamas organised by the Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha, Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh, 20th-22nd August.

D. GOODALL: *La visualization des divinités indiennes et leurs représentations plastiques à époque médiévale*, lecture given at the Académie des inscriptions et belles lettres, Paris, 18th June.

D. GOODALL: *Gottesschau beim Beten*, lecture given at the University of Hamburg, Hamburg, Germany, 15th June.

D. GOODALL participated in the workshop for the 3rd volume of the *Tantrikabhidhanakosa* (Dictionary of tantric terminology) at the Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna, 7th-9th July.

D. GOODALL participated in the Third International Intensive Sanskrit Summer Retreat (the sequel to the event organised in Pondicherry by the Centre of Pondicherry of the EFEO in July 2003), organised by Monika Nowakowska from the University of Warsaw, near Zakopane, Poland, 12th-24th July.

D. GOODALL: *Remarks on the transmission of texts of the Saiva Siddhanta*, paper presented at the National Seminar on Agamas, organised by the Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha, Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh, 20th-22nd August.

T.V. GOPALA IYER: *Tirunurrantati and its new commentary*, lecture presented in the Kunda-Kunda Tapovanam near Vantavasi, 4th July.

T.V. GOPALA IYER: *Vanidasan – a good Tamil poet of the last century*, talk given at the Annual day celebration of Vanidasan organised by the Pondicherry Government, Pondicherry, 22nd July.

T.V. GOPALA IYER: *Nambi Aruram*, talk given on one of the Tevaram Trinity on the annual day of his salvation, Murugan Temple, Muthialpet, 25th July.

T.V. GOPALA IYER: *Ancient and Modern Tamil*, paper presented at the International Seminar "Negotiations with the Past: Classical Tamil in Contemporary Tamil", organised by the IFP & the Department of South and Southeast Asian Studies of the University of California (Berkeley), at IFP, 30th July.

T.V. GOPAL IYER: *Chapters 43, 44, and 45 of the Tiruvilaiyadal puranam*, talk given at Panruti, 8th August.

T.V. GOPALA IYER: *Jeevaka-Chintamani*, talk given at the Tamil Sangam, Madurai, 15th August.

D. NEGERS: *Social organisation in Peddapuram (East Godavari Dt., Andhra Pradesh, South India): An Introduction, Séminaire de formation méthodologique, doctorants et enseignants, Social organisation in Peddapuram: A Comprehensive descriptive approach*, papers presented at the University of Hyderabad, Centre of Folk Culture Studies, Andhra Pradesh, 26th-31st March.

D. NEGERS: *Andhra Samsritika Savaallu; From Peddapuram (EG Dt) to Paris – A few reflections on cultural distance: An Ethnographer's Field-experience and Comparative Aspects in Education and Social Organization*, lectures given at the Sri Venkateswara University and the Indian Institute of Public Administration, Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh, 29th March.

G. VIJAYAVENUGOPAL: *Vakkur Inscriptions*, paper presented in the 14th Annual Conference of Tamilnadu Archaeological Society, Chidambaram, 24th July.

G. VIJAYAVENUGOPAL: Special address and release of the journal AVANAM-15, at the 14th Annual Conference of the Tamilnadu Archeological Society, Chidambaram, 24th July.

G. VIJAYAVENUGOPAL: *Perunkatai – A Jaina Epic*, Endowment lecture, delivered at the Thiruvalluvar Kazhagam, 15th August.

PUBLICATIONS ...

BOOKS

CSH

S. GUENNIF: *AIDS in India: Public health related aspects of industrial and intellectual property rights policies in a developing country*, CSH Occasional Paper 8, 2004, 172p.

F. LANDY, B. CHAUDHURI (eds.): *Examining the Spatial Dimension: Globalization and Local Development in India*, CSH-Manohar, 2004, 250p.

D. SENGUPTA: *Exporting through E-commerce: How Indian Exporters have harnessed the IT Revolution*, CSH Occasional Paper 9, 2004, 93p.

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K. ANUPAMA, S. SUDHAKAR (NRSA), G. PUJAR (NRSA): *Modern Pollen Analysis and Ecological Adaptations in parts of Jagdalpur Forest Division, Chattisgarh – An approach through RS & GIS techniques*, Working Paper, August 2004.

M. KANNAN (eds.): *Curriyanai turattum mekam – Ciral Valkkai*, Tamil translation of *Prison Writings, My Life is my Sun Dance* by Leonard Peltier, Vitiyal, Coimbatore, June 2004, 280p.

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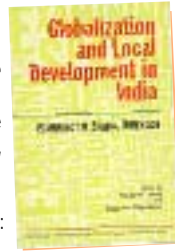
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WELCOME ...

...at the CSH

Siegfried O. WOLF, a Ph.D student in Political Science from South Asia Institute at the University of Heidelberg, is affiliated to the Centre from 19th July- 1st October.

S.K. ROHILLA, a Ph.D student in Urban Studies from Queen's University at Belfast (N. Ireland), is affiliated to the Centre from end-June till September. Prof. Paul A. JARGOWSKI from the University of Texas at Dallas is a visiting scholar at the Centre from August 2004 till mid-January 2005.

...at the IFP

Laboratory of Applied Informatics & Geomatics Thomas SEYLER from London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine joined the Dept to work on his project GIS and vector-borne diseases from 29th June-29th August.

Dept of Ecology

Pierre COUTERON will succeed Pierre Gard. He will head the Dept of Ecology and will commit to research in quantitative ecology on the forestry belt of the Ghats (South India).

Lucie DEJOUHANET will commit to a thesis on medicinal plants.

Goutam GAJULA joined the Dept on 1st May for a period of one year as a Ph.D candidate & Fullbright DDRA Fellow from Columbia University, New York. He will be working on his thesis *The rule of sanctuary: the construction & Kavu in colonial and postcolonial Kerala*.

Dept of Social Sciences

Laurent PORDIE will succeed Jean-Claude Bonnan. He will head the Dept of Social Sciences and will pursue research in *Anthropology of traditional medicines* which he undertook at the Institute.

Cecile BARTHEZ from Edhec Business School, France joined the Dept on 5th July for a month and a half to work on the Microfinance programme.

Fanny JAMET from University of Paris I-Sorbonne joined the Dept on 5th May for three months, pursuing her research *Identification of Public Spaces* in the Microfinance programme.

Emmanuel GEORGEAIS from Catholic Institute of Paris joined the Dept on 20th March for five months, pursuing his research *Socio-Political Anchorage of Organisations* in Microfinance in the Microfinance Programme.

Dept of Indology

Perrine ESTIENNE from EPHE, France joined the Dept for three months to pursue her research *Sanskrit inscriptions of Oriental Calukyas* from 27th June onwards.

Centre for Documentary Resources

Hema DORIA from IUT Ponsan-Rangeuil, Toulouse (France), joined the Dept for one and a half months for training in *Documentation and Communication* from 1st July onwards.

...at the EFEO

Christian COSTOPOULOS, General Secretary of the EFEO in Paris, came for an official visit to the EFEO Centres of Pondicherry and Pune from 9th-26th July. Cristina CRAMEROTTI, Head Librarian of the EFEO, visited the Centre of Pondicherry from 17th-24th August to organize the cataloguing of the library resources.

Martine GESTIN, post-doctoral scholar of the EFEO, arrived in Pondicherry in August for her studies of the oral literary tradition of the Mudugar.

Virginie GAZON, doctoral scholar of the EFEO, arrived in Pondicherry in July to pursue her study of South Indian iconography.

Charlotte SCHMID, member of the EFEO, visited the Pondicherry Centre from 28th June to 29th July to continue work on two of her projects: the narrative cycles of South-Indian temples, and the Pallava temples of Kancheepuram.

GOODBYE...

...at the CSH

Julien CHAISSE, Ph.D student in law & Scientific Secretary, left at the end of August to join the Institut d'Etudes Politiques d'Aix-en-Provence as Assistant Teacher in European and International Law.

Joel RUET, Head of the Economics Dept, left in early September to join the London School of Economics (LSE).

...at the EFEO

Valérie GILLET, Uthaya VELUPPILLAI, and Jean-Baptiste COTREUIL, scholars of the EFEO and doctoral students respectively of Paris III, Paris III and Paris X, have returned to France.

MILESTONES ...

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Laurent PORDIE has been nominated the 2004-2005 Tenured Professor at the Baron Satsuma's Chair, Orientalist Institute, University of Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium.

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