

EDITORIAL

Changes at the Pondicherry Centre of the EFEO

There have been a number of changes in the staff at the EFEO Centre in Pondicherry in the last few months. François Grimal, who has been in Pondicherry for several decades, retired on 1st September 2015; Valérie Gillet, head of the Centre from April 2011 until January 31st 2016, will now be able to enjoy a well-earned rest from administrative work, for she has been replaced as head by Dominic Goodall on 1st February 2016; and Hugo David, member of the EFEO since 1st October 2015, joined the Pondicherry Centre at the beginning of January 2016.

A specialist of Indian classical philosophical systems and linguistic traditions, Hugo David will be conducting research in the traditional disciplines of Sanskrit grammar (Vyākaraṇa), exegesis/hermeneutics (Mīmāṃsā) and non-dualist theology (Advaita Vedānta). His current research projects include a first English translation of the second book of Bhartṛhari's *Vākyapadīya* with the auto-commentary (*svavṛtti*), one of the major works of the Pāṇinian tradition of Sanskrit grammar in the first millennium, in collaboration with S.L.P. Anjaneya Sarma (EFEO, Pondicherry) and Vincenzo Vergiani (University of Cambridge). This research principally aims at studying Bhartṛhari's conceptions in the field of hermeneutics (i.e. the discipline fixing the rules of interpretation of texts, especially religious texts), and at better understanding the relations between exegesis and grammar in the early first millennium. He is also working at a first critical edition of Śaṅkara's commentary on the *Aitareyāranyaka*, a long forgotten work by the famous Advaita master, of which several manuscripts have recently been discovered. Other ongoing projects include a first English translation of the *Vidhiviveka* ("An enquiry into human action") by Maṇḍana Miśra 7th c.), the seminal treatise on Brahmanical theories of human action.

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Organized by Prof. Surinder Jodhka, Dr. Jules Naudet and Dr. Gilles Verniers, with the support of the CSH, the Institut Français en Inde, the Sociology department of JNU and the ICSSR, this first international conference of this kind won a frank success as each session was largely attended by researchers, experts and students. The conference managed to bring together scholars working on various privileged sections of the Indian society and covered issues as varied as the strategies behind the success of the Reliance group, caste discrimination in IITs, venture capitalists, the Hindu undivided family, the secret lives of business-family housewives, rural landed elites, etc. This event was followed by the creation of the "Indian Elites Research Network".



Prof. Surinder S. JODHKA and Dr. Jules Naudet during the conference hosted at JNU Delhi

For more information: <http://www.csh-delhi.com/eventdetail/79/programme-of-the-conference-sociology-of-elites-in-contemporary-india>
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GIFTA: Free Trade Agreements in a Changing Landscape of Global Governance: An Asian Way?

The CSH (Prof. Choukroune) and Bournemouth University (Prof. Khorana) organized a Delhi based conference at the Indian International Center, which took place in the context of a series of international seminars funded by the UK Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) on Foreign Trade Agreements. With leading scholars and professionals addressing regulatory, economic and social aspects of regional integration through free trade

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International Conference on "Sociology of Elites in Contemporary India"

An international conference on « the Sociology of Indian elites » was held in JNU on January 4th and 5th 2016.



The team of scholars and experts attending the first day of the GIFTA conference in Delhi

agreements (FTAs) and the effects of these FTAs on the EU, USA and Asia, this conference participated to the CSH Trade Investment and Development Initiative (TIDI). In January 2015, the CSH participated to the launching of the GIFTA ("Government and Economic Integration through Free Trade Agreements") at the University of Keele (GB), a project that then set the first stone of this conference, and following the one held in London on European FTAs.

For more information on the GIFTA Project: <http://giftaproject.org/>

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CSH/IFP

Water Regimes Questioned from the "Global South": agents, practices and Knowledge International Workshop, Delhi

A 3-day international workshop on water was held at the Centre for Policy Research (CPR), Delhi, from 14th to 16th January 2016. This event was co-organized by the CPR, Center for Social Sciences and Humanities (CSH), French

Institute of Pondicherry (IFP), UMI i-GLOBES (CNRS/University of Arizona), ANR ENGIND, ANR BLUEGRASS, and was financially supported by the Indo French Water Network (French Embassy) and French Institute for Research and Development (IRD).

The workshop gathered 25 participants from 5 different countries and specialized in different disciplines

(geography, sociology, history, political sciences, etc.) with the aim of developing a comparative perspective on water policies. The main hypothesis was that it is impossible to understand water policies without looking at the key players who implement these policies. The talks addressed the socio-historical transformations of water administrations and the roles of engineers within this setup, as well as the blurred borders between public and private sectors and the implementation of the "socio-technical" model of centralized network. Communications were based on fieldworks carried out in USA, Mexico, South Africa, Kenya, France, India and Morocco. The discussions shed light on transversal topics such as the international production and circulation of knowledge and expertise in a post-colonial context. Participants also discussed theoretical approaches, for example the use of Pierre Bourdieu's concept of field. The workshop highlighted how fruitful can be the dialogue with the sociology of professions for questioning water management through the dynamics of professional groups.

This workshop paved the way for new research perspectives. It consolidated



A presentation of the academic papers on the subject of Networks during the conference

an international network that would carry out collective research projects. In the short term, the symposium's proceedings will be published and this will be followed up by a collective book or a special issue in a journal. Meanwhile, the partners will pursue the strengthening of the network in order to apply for funding.

For more information: <http://www.csh-delhi.com/eventdetail/74/water-regimes-questioned-from-the-global-south-agents-practices-and-knowledge>

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EFEO

MOU between the EFEO and the University of Tamil Nadu, Tiruvarur, Tamilnadu

On 20 November 2015, the EFEO signed an agreement (MOU) with the Central University of Tamil Nadu, Tiruvarur, Tamilnadu, to encourage and support collaborative projects promoting new research ideas and methodologies, especially in the field of Tamil studies and in Indology (covering Tamil, Sanskrit, history, art history, anthropology, and other related disciplines). With the signing of this agreement, the EFEO is offering two doctoral scholarships to doctoral candidates in Tamil as part of the NETamil project, financed by an ERC Advanced Grant (N° 339470), under the title *Going from Hand to Hand: Networks of Intellectual Exchange in the Tamil Learned Traditions*, directed by Eva Wilden.

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The photo-archive of the EFEO goes online

The EFEO's collection of photographs constitutes an exceptional documentary resource in the domains of archaeology, statuary, architecture, epigraphy and ethnography, covering many Asian



Signing of the MOU between the EFEO and the University of Tamil Nadu, Tiruvarur, Tamilnadu

countries, such as India, Cambodia, Laos, Burma, etc. This collection originally started with photographs taken during archaeological excavations and expeditions carried out by EFEO members since 1901, has gradually been expanding since then, thanks to a number of donations.

On July 2015, 45,000 photographs were made available online on WebMuseum at this address: www.collection.efeo.fr. This virtual library will be regularly updated as and when the approximately 180,000 photographs which constitute the EFEO's collection are digitized and included in the database.

Also relevant in this connection is the recent signature by the directors of the EFEO and the IFP in September 2015 of a convention agreeing to put online the common collection of photos of the IFP and the EFEO in a separate portal of WebMuseum.

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IFP

Release of the book 'Shadows of Gods: an archive and its images'

The book '*Shadows of Gods: an archive and its images*' jointly published by the

French Institute of Pondicherry and the Ecole française d'Extrême-Orient (EFEO) and authored by Mr. Gopinath Sricandane, was jointly released on 25 January 2016 by Shri Narendra Modi, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India and H.E. Mr François Hollande, President of the French Republic on the occasion of his visit to India as the Chief Guest for the country's 67th Republic Day.

Shadows of Gods: an archive and its images or how a French collection of photographs for scientific purposes became a cooperation tool with India, to trace stolen idols and art, and catch international traffickers who pillage Indian heritage. This book retraces how photographic evidence from this archive led to the arrest of Subhash Chandra Kapoor, a New York-based art dealer and one of the most high-profile smugglers of antiquities. At his behest, idol thefts at the Brihadeeswarar temple, Sripuranthan and the Sri Varadaraja Perumal temple in the village of Suthamalli were orchestrated. It narrates how the statues eventually made their way to the foremost art galleries around the world, through the vast and elaborate smuggling channels set up by Kapoor. The last illustration of this is the bronze statue of Nataraja from the



Launching by French President François Hollande and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi of the book “Shadows of Gods: an archive and its images” in New Delhi on 25 January 2016

Sripuranthan temple, which found its way to Australia and was returned to India by the Australian Government last year, based on evidence provided by the IFP/EFO Photo Archive.

The Photo Archive of the French Institute of Pondicherry (IFP) and the Ecole française d’Extrême-Orient (EFO) was started in 1956. It is a unique resource for visual information about South India in the second half of the twentieth century, focusing on temple art. As of today it has over 135 000 images covering South Indian iconography, temple architecture and rituals. It is a precious testimony to the rich culture of South India, and serves as a way to keep our memory of such invaluable heritage alive.

In addition to being a useful resource for researchers, this unparalleled collection is now becoming a high-value source of evidence in cases involving art theft. The IFP/EFO Archive is often the only comprehensive visual record of many of the antique idols that were found in ancient temples across Tamil Nadu.

Shadows of Gods: an archive and its images is a reflection of the strong ties that exist between France and India in the area, among others, of heritage preservation.

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The IFP celebrates its 60th anniversary

The French Institute of Pondicherry (IFP) celebrated its sixtieth anniversary in the month of November 2015. The celebrations took place in both New Delhi and Pondicherry.

On 6 November in New Delhi, to mark the event, a seminar was organized

entitled “*The French Institute of Pondicherry: 60 years of joint research and collaboration on past, present and future India*”, which was held at the India Habitat Centre in the presence of His Excellency Mr. François RICHIER, Ambassador of France to India and Mr. Tarun VIJAY, Honorable Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha. Two panels were held, one on the topic of “*IFP collections & contemporary studies*” and the other on “*Monitoring biodiversity & forests to better understand and tackle climate change*”. During the first panel, the activities of the Indology and Social Sciences departments were highlighted. In the first session of this panel, special mention was made by Prof. Y. Subbarayalu, Head of the Indology Department, of the archaeological photo collection of the IFP and the activities undertaken in the framework of the current studio photo project. In the second session, Mr. K. Ramesh Kumar, photographer at the IFP, emphasised on the studies conducted on rural Tamil Nadu as the origin and backbone of social sciences. The talks regarding social sciences at large were presented by Dr. Aurélie Varrel, where she focused on the recent



60th anniversary celebrations of the IFP. From left to right: Dr. Jean-Pierre Pascal, Prof. Velayudom Marimoutou, Dr. Denis Depommier (all former IFP directors) and Dr. Pierre Gard (current director)

development in urban studies (CSH-IFP collaboration), with a concluding point on water studies as an initiative to strengthen interdisciplinarity and collaboration across disciplines and departments. The first panel was chaired by Dr. Kapila Vatsyayan, Chairperson, IIC, Asia Project, India International Centre, New Delhi.

During the second panel, which was chaired by Professor Emeritus Vedharaman Rajamani, School of Environmental Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, Dr. B.R. Ramesh presented the Ecology Department of the IFP with a focus on the characterization of forest ecosystems, species distribution patterns and socio-economic situations of forest dwelling communities to assess the impact of disturbance and climate change on biodiversity as well as to draw conservation plans. Dr. Anupama Krishnamurthy then presented the works undertaken by the IFP in the field of Palynology, providing details on the Institute's pollen reference collection and its applications in reconstructing Past Vegetation and Climate histories to validate Climate Models and inform Forest Conservation and Ecorestoration measures. Dr Pierre Grard, Director of the IFP, went on to present the Laboratory of Applied Informatics and Geomatics (LIAG) with a special emphasis on the development of new approaches to monitoring forest carbon in the tropics.

During this day, the IFP took the opportunity of showcasing through the form of posters several of its research projects as well as some of its publications.

The celebrations in Pondicherry were held on 18 November 2015, in the premises of the IFP. The celebrations, initially intended to span over 2 days, were shortened as a mark of respect for the victims of the Paris terror attacks that took place on 13 November 2015.

The event was nevertheless a true success with eminent personalities from both India and abroad attending the three roundtables that were organized on that day, as well as the launching in the evening of Prof. Georges Hart's book entitled "*The Four Hundred Songs Of Love: An Anthology of Poems from Classical Tamil: The Akanāṇūru*" by the Consul General of France in Pondicherry, Mr. Philippe Janvier-Kamiyama. A dinner was hosted on the terrace of the IFP in the evening in the presence of all these illustrious guests and concluded the day's events.

In the first roundtable on the topic of "Indian studies at the cross roads", historian and professor Rajan Gurukkal spoke about the French scholarly and intellectual tradition and Indology as a discipline. He pointed out the missing links and ruptures. Dr. Dominic Goodall from the French School of Asian Studies (EFEO) introduced the discipline of Indology as practiced by Philologists. He spoke of the importance of manuscripts in understanding history. He suggested as an example to focus on the history of Yoga while highlighting the popularity and globalization of yoga in the world today. Also an invited speaker at this roundtable, historian and writer V. Geetha underlined that history should be understood in the socio political and cultural context of the time. Besides understanding the original scripts, it was also vital to place a particular event in history, in its context. She underscored the need to link the Indology and Social Sciences Departments at the IFP and to develop a department of humane sciences in the future. Professor Srilata Raman from Toronto University, Canada, spoke of the enriching experience the French Institute of Pondicherry provides. The availability of old and original texts enables international scholars to conduct their research using the IFP library. Prof. Y. Subbarayalu, Head of the Indology

Department of the IFP concluded the session with warm thanks to all the speakers and participants.

The second roundtable that was held was on the topic of "Past, present and future of natural resources". Starting with a brief introduction to the structure of the round table by the Head of Department, Dr. Francois Munoz, the first talk by Dr. Jean-Pierre Pascal introduced the history of the Department of Ecology and underlined two important lines of long-term research to be continued at the IFP. First, the generation of primary data through monitoring of the basal area of trees in a permanent undisturbed forest plot in Karnataka over a period of 25 years and its application to the assessment of the limits of potential carbon storage by tropical forests. In the background of the COP21 meet in Paris and the heightened general awareness of the present scenario of exponential increase of CO₂ in the atmosphere, this is an important contribution from the IFP. Second to assess – at the scale of India the actual forest/vegetation loss since the 1960s using the 1:1000000 scale maps of vegetation that were published by the IFP (in collaboration with the ICAR). Francois Munoz elaborated on some key aspects and strengths of the IFP in biodiversity dynamics and conservation, specifically in the Western Ghats, using proxies such as pollen and phytoliths to reconstruct past vegetation and climate dynamics and tools such as LiDAR technology to estimate carbon stocks. He stressed on the need to reorient the IFP's present research programme towards functional ecology and ecosystem services and facing future challenges, including the financial means to fund such long-term research, through collaborations with high level Indian teams. The invited speakers, Dr. Uma Ramakrishnan (NCBS, Bangalore) and Dr Praveen Karanth (IISc, Bangalore) spoke of their respective works on evolution in the sky islands

of the Western Ghats and the historical biogeography of India, using genetics. These approaches, complementary to the field and observation based approaches of the IFP research, served to highlight the value of such potential future collaborations.

The third roundtable's theme was "The IFP in the research world today". This roundtable focused on the role of the Institute today but also in the coming years in the context of a changing research landscape. Dr. Audrey Richard-Ferroudji, Head of the Social Sciences Department, presented some of the challenges faced by the IFP. Prof. Balveer Arora (Chairman, Centre for Multilevel Federalism, Institute of Social Sciences, New Delhi), Dr. Jacques Lançon (Regional Director of the CIRAD in East Africa and Southern Africa) and Dr. Jean-Luc Racine (Vice President, Asia Centre, France) discussed these issues and pathways for the future. Pr. Arora invited the IFP to "build the future on the past". For him, the IFP has "a glorious past in studying and conserving India's cultural heritage, now laying the basis for a progressive future through its research agenda." Indeed, the IFP has created, maintained, digitized and shared its collections. Also, Dr Racine encouraged researchers to develop interdisciplinarity and raised the issue of articulating global research and area studies. The IFP's role in promoting and sharing knowledge was also discussed. According to Dr. Racine, the IFP has to contribute to debates on contemporary issues that have an international impact such as climate change, the use of the concept of anthropocene, the definition of poverty or the sustainability of cities. Regarding collaborations, the IFP has been an "open window towards France", (as wanted by Pandit Nehru), and has been a major player in Indo-French cooperation. It is now a "window to the world", as Prof. Arora put

it, i.e. a node in a connected and globalized research world. IFP is a "house of Science" that provides an infrastructure and several services (that include a publication and edition division), not only for the IFP members, but also for visiting researchers, students and partners. In this context, Dr Jacques Lançon made suggestions on opportunities for collaborations within the Indian Ocean Region. Finally, the issue of **funding** was discussed. Like many other research institutions today, the IFP is facing the challenges of raising funds and adapting to competitive project-based research funding.

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Demise of Dr. Jean-Pierre MULLER, former director of the IFP

In remembrance of Dr. Jean-Pierre MULLER, director of the French Institute of Pondicherry (IFP) from 2003 to 2008 who passed away on August 25, 2015 at the age of 69, homage was paid to him on October 26 in the gardens of the IFP, in the presence of his wife, Sita MULLER and many of his close friends.



Dr. Jean-Pierre Muller

An agronomist by training, a soil scientist and a specialist of lateritic soils and their mapping, Jean-Pierre Muller worked in many tropical countries in Africa, Asia and South America, in close collaboration with scientists and officials of these countries. At the French Institute of Scientific and Technical Research for Development and Cooperation (ORSTOM), he created the Laboratory of Physical Soil Analysis in Bondy (1982-1985) and led the research unit "Geosciences of the environment" (1993-1997). He also strongly associated himself with universities and students.

He played a key role in the transformation of ORSTOM into the French Research Institute for Development (IRD). Director General of the IRD from 1998 to 2003, he set up its new operational structures and evaluation methods. He led the reorganisation of services at the institution's headquarters and signed a four-year development contract with the State. Passionate about the development of South and South-east Asia and more specifically India, he assumed with much dynamism, from 2003 to 2008 the position of director of the French Institute of Pondicherry (IFP), one of the main research and training institutions under the supervision of the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Development. He resolutely implemented a policy of project-based research and initiated mechanisms to enable researchers to look for finances and raise external funds.

Jean-Pierre Muller devoted his entire career to North-South scientific cooperation. Besides being a well-established scientist, he was also a man of culture, in love with India and its culture, a man of great sensitivity and an exceptionally talented photographer.

RESEARCH

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Project GOSAMO

The “*Governing food security through models*” Project, an Inra-Cirad meta-program GloFoodS “Transitions to global food security”, coordinated by Dr. Allison Loconto (Inra, Umr Liris, Paris) is partnering with **Dr. Bruno Dorin** at the CSH for a 2-years project aiming at exploring how land-use models (local or global) are means for governing food security.

Project INDIAMILK

The 2-year project tackles the problematic of the “Indian dairy systems facing local and global challenges”, through three work packages : (1) “Evolution of feeding resources used in Indian dairy farming over the last decades”, (2) “Differentiation of dairy farms in socio-economic and environmental terms”, (3) “Producers’ access to market, value creation and sharing between stakeholders”. This Inra-Cirad meta-program GloFoodS “Transitions to global food security”, Coordinated by Prof. Claire Aubron (SupAgro, Umr Selmet, Montpellier), partners with **Dr. Bruno Dorin** at the CSH.

Karine Peschard has been awarded the grant “Bringing the seed wars to the courtroom: Legal activism and the governance of plant genetic resources in Brazil and India”, 2015–2018, from the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNF).

Olivier Telle has received the Dengue Task Force 2 project from the Institut Pasteur (Paris) for Avril 2015 to Avril 2016, after having worked already on the Dengue Task Force 1.

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EFEO

Sanskrit Grammar and Poetics in the 17th-18th centuries

The tradition of Sanskrit grammar and linguistic analysis known as Vyākaraṇa (“derivation [of words]”) has a long and rich history going back at least to the 4th/5th c. B.C., the probable date of composition of Pāṇini’s *Aṣṭādhyāyī* (“[Grammar] in eight books”). A researcher at the Pondicherry centre of the EFEO since 1987, and himself a scholar in that tradition, S.L.P. Anjaneya Sarma recently undertook several research projects on the developments of Vyākaraṇa in the 17th-18th centuries. Still relatively neglected by modern scholarship, that period saw important transformations in the discipline of Sanskrit grammar, in the wake of the great Maharashtrian scholar Bhaṭṭoji Dīkṣita. These projects include a first critical edition of the *Tripathagā* of Rāghavendrācārya, who lived in Satara (Maharashtra) in the first half of the 19th century. This little-known work is a commentary on the *Paribhāṣenduśekhara* of Nāgeśa (18th century), a grammatical treatise dealing with the metarules (*paribhāṣā*) of Pāṇini’s grammar. Nāgeśa’s work also forms the topic of an interactive teaching (e-Post-Graduate Pāṭhaśālā) available online, given in collaboration with the Samskrita Vidyapeetha of Tirupati. Besides, Mr. Anjaneya Sarma is completing, in collaboration with Prof. François Grimal (EFEO), an annotated translation of another major work of the same period, Rāja-cūḍāmaṇi Dīkṣita’s *Kāvyaadarpaṇa* (“The mirror of Poetry”), a learned re-writing of Maṃmaṭa’s famous work on Sanskrit poetics, the *Kāvyaaprakāśa* (“Light on Poetry”). These works are part of Mr. Anjaneya Sarma’s investigation into “New Grammar” (Navya-Vyākaraṇa), best exemplified in his long-running research on the commentarial tradition of Pāṇini’s “Aphorism of the

Elephant” (*Gajasūtra* – *Aṣṭādhyāyī* 1.3.67), which has already occasioned several publications.

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EVENTS

SEMINARS / WORKSHOPS / ROUND TABLES / LECTURES

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CSH Visual Evenings Series

Mother India Screening – 21st July 2015

On 21st July 2015, the CSH carried its seminar series on Feminism with the screening of the 1957 Mehboob Khan epic melodrama, *Mother India*, starring Nargis, Sunil Dutt, Rajendra Kumar and Raaj Kumar. Released in post-independent India and responding to Katherine Mayo’s 1927 highly controversial *Mother India* book written against India’s demand for auto-determination and violently attacking Indian culture and society, Khan’s *Mother India* sets a goddess-like moral example of an ideal Indian women fighting hardship with dignity and courage. Please see: <http://www.csh-delhi.com/eventdetail/65/mother-india-screening>

Khamosh Pani (Silent Waters) Screening – 29th September 2015

Following on the footsteps of the evening series on Feminism at the CSH, Prof. Sukrita Paul Kumar and Anandana Kapur moderated a discussion on the movie “Khamosh Pani” along with a screening of some key moments from the film starring Kirron Kher and Aamir Malik. With many women of all communities drowned in violence in its most brutal forms during the India-Pakistan Partition, Khamosh Pani explores the trauma that rendered many silent and voiceless. Please see: <http://www.csh-delhi.com/eventdetail/72/khamosh-pani-silent-waters>



Dr. Alexandre Gefen, Prof. Alok Rai, Prof. Supriya Chaudhuri,
Prof. Leila Choukroune

CSH Lecture Series

Special Issue of the Journal of South Asian Development: Revisiting Urban Property in India - 21st December 2015

The *Journal of South Asian Development* presented its Special Issue at the CSH Library with an Introduction by Prof. Vegard Iversen (editor), followed by presentation by Dr. Henrike Donner (Goldsmiths College, University of London) on her article "*Daughters are just like sons now: Negotiating Kin-work and property regimes in Kolkata middle-class families*" and by Prof. Bhuvaneswari Raman (O.P. Jindal Global University, India) on her article on "*The Politics of Property in Land: New Planning Instruments, Law and Popular Groups in Delhi*".

For more information: <http://www.csh-delhi.com/eventdetail/86/journal-launch-special-issue-journal-of-south-asian-development-revisiting-urban-property-in-india>

"Catholic Orientalism. Portuguese Empire, Indian Knowledge (16th-18th Centuries)" by Ines G. Zupanov and Angela Barreto Xavier – 14th December 2015

At the CSH library again, Dr. Ines G. Zupanov, Director at the CEIAS (Centre for South Asian Studies in Paris) presented her book written with Dr. Angela Barreto Xavier, on the chronicles of the rise and decline of Catholic Orientalism. From Portuguese officials to Goan Brahman clerics and literati, from botanists and physicians of Jewish origin to Italian Jesuits and their Tamil catechists, the actors present in this research were all engaged in creating an ever more cosmopolitan world of early modern South Asia.

For more information: www.csh-delhi.com/eventdetail/82/book-launch-catholic-orientalism-portuguese-empire-indian-knowledge-16th-18th-centuries

CSH Seminars & CSH Workshops

The Right to Education: Contemporary Issues and Challenges for Emerging and Developing countries, by Dr Kishore Singh – 09th April 2015

As the UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Education since August 2010, Dr Kishore Singh offered a public lecture at the CSH Library on

Equality of opportunity in Education and on the responsibility of the State in regulating the access to education, following the publication of his UN report in 2014. These issues have been debated within developing countries national legal framework, with a discussion moderated by CSH Director Prof. Leila Choukroune.

For more Information: <http://www.csh-delhi.com/eventdetail/67/public-lecture-the-right-to-education-contemporary-issues-and-challenges-for-emerging-and-developing-countries-by-dr-kishore-singh>

Electricity Subsidies, Rationing and Manufacturing Growth in Rural India – 09th September 2015

With rural India continuing to suffer from severely limited electricity supply and frequent power outages, the question of electricity rationing and subsidies remain crucial for the Agricultural sector in the country. Dr. Anant Sudarshan explored this problematic with a presentation aiming at exposing the different aspects hiding behind these shortages and how states' accountability is being expressed.

For more information: <http://www.csh-delhi.com/eventdetail/68/electricity-subsidies-rationing-and-manufacturing-growth-in-rural-india>

Photography exhibition by Jerome Gence on the Himalayas – 22th September 2015

D'HIMALAYA, a photography exhibition hosted by the CSH at the occasion of it welcoming a new research team on Nepal, exposed to all the work of Jerome Gence, a young French photographer, who spent time with different unknown communities from Himalayan villages, the kind of villages with a limited access to the outside world. D'Himalaya is the vision of the photographer in a printing memory of those fascinating and hidden micro-cultures of Nepal.



Jerome Gence with one of his photographs

For more information: <http://www.csh-delhi.com/eventdetail/69/photography-exhibition-by-jerome-gence-on-the-himalayas>

India in the Modern: Visions, Imaginings, Practices - 10th December 2015 Through this one-day workshop held at the Alliance Française, the CSH teamed up researchers, practitioners and artists on the subject of “Modern India” on 10th December 2015. “Modern India” weaves together multiple histories of thought, affect, and art, articulated through practices of consciousness of the political, the law and the social, gender and performances of the body and mind. These dense conceptualizations of the ‘modern’ are crucial to answer the questions of what constitutes ‘modern’ and what is the future envisioning of the ‘modern’?

For more information: <http://www.csh-delhi.com/eventdetail/75/india-in-the-modern-visions-imaginings-practices>

Roland Barthes: Today, Here, Living in Language: Roland Barthes and the Adventure of Modernity - 11th December 2015

In the continuation of our discussions on modernity and as the conclusion of a workshop organised by the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) and the Institut Français in India, and, in the context of a year of global celebrations, the CSH held a vibrant event in its Library on Roland Barthes’ legacy on 11th December 2015.

For more information: www.csh-delhi.com/eventdetail/88/panel-discussion-roland-barthes-today-here

ANR ENGIND Workshop (2014-2017): Engineers and Society in Colonial and Post Colonial India - 11th and 12th December 2015

On 11th and 12th January 2016, the CSH hosted the ENGIND Workshop, allowing researchers and engineers to discuss on topics such as Engineers and State policies, Engineers and industrialization process in India or Social and economic dimensions of engineering education.

For more information: <http://www.csh-delhi.com/eventdetail/89/engind-mid-term-workshop>

CSH Partners Events

11th ISI Annual Conference on Economic Growth and Development - 17th-19th December 2015

The Indian Statistical Institute (ISI), New Delhi, organized its 11th Annual Conference on Economic Growth and Development, with a 3-days conference series hosted by the ISI and a dinner reception hosted by the CSH. The conferences gathered economists around issues such as macroeconomic development or the evolution of the labour market in the country. The dinner, organized by the CSH, allowed participants and panellists to network.

For more information: <http://www.csh-delhi.com/eventdetail/90/11th-isi-annual-conference-on-economic-growth-and-development>

Seminars & Workshops

CSH-CPR Urban Workshop Series [CSH-CPR] Urban workshop on “The Radical Ambiguities of Diversity Politics in a Global City”: Lesson from London by Mike Raco, Bartlett School of Planning, University College London, 28th July 2015

[CSH-CPR] Urban Workshop on “Welfare and Poverty: Trends Over a Quarter Century on Delhi’s Margins” by Devesh Vijay, Associate Professor in the Department of History at Zakir Husain Delhi College, University of Delhi, 29th September 2015

[CSH-CPR] Urban Workshop on “Urban Planning and the Production of Violence on the Urban Periphery: The Case of Bombay Hotel, Ahmedabad” by Renu Desai, urban researcher and Coordinator at the Centre for Urban Equity, CEPT University, 27th October 2015

[CSH-CPR] Urban Workshop on “Decentralized urban governance in Gujarat and West Bengal”? by Natasha Cornea, Anna Zimmer, 24th November 2015

[CSH-CPR] Urban Workshop on “The Effect of Metro Expansions on Air Pollution in Delhi” by Deepti Goel, 29th December 2015

CSH Research Seminar Series

Xavier Houdoy, PhD Candidate: “The making of a periphery: logics and contemporary dynamics of the State in North-East India” 24th September 2015

Please see: <http://www.csh-delhi.com/eventdetail/70/the-making-of-a-periphery-logics-and-contemporary-dynamics-of-the-state-in-north-east-india>

Vandana Vasudevan, PhD Candidate: “Spatial Inequalities of Urban Women in Accessing the City” 20th October 2015

Please see: <http://www.csh-delhi.com/eventdetail/76/spatial-inequalities-of-urban-women-in-accessing-the-city>



A reading-session during the 13th Classical Tamil Summer Seminar

Marine Al Dahdah, PhD Candidate: “Mobile phone in Bihar: a “smart” solution to reduce maternal mortality?” 13th January 2016

Please see: <http://www.csh-delhi.com/eventdetail/92/mobile-phone-in-bihar-a-smart-solution-to-reduce-maternal-mortality>

Eco-CSH workshop

Sudarshan Anant, “Electricity Subsidies, Rationing and Manufacturing Growth in Rural India”, Eco-CSH Workshop, CSH, New Delhi, 10th September 2015

Karine Peschard, “Seed wars and farmers’ rights: Comparative perspectives from Brazil and India” Eco-CSH Workshop, New Delhi, 13th October 2015



Participants of the workshop “The Archaeology of Bhakti III” during a fieldtrip in Taccur

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The Archaeology of Bhakti III – The Bhakti of Minor Dynasties

The third workshop in the series *Archéologie de la Bhakti*, organized by Emmanuel Francis (CNRS/CEIAS), Charlotte Schmid (EFEO Paris), and Valérie Gillet (EFEO Pondicherry), took place from 3rd to 14th August 2015 at the Pondicherry Center. This year’s topic was *La Bhakti des dynasties mineures* [The Bhakti of “minor” dynasties]. The working group travelled to several sites in the Pudukkottai area. Professors Leslie Orr (Concordia University) and Yuko Yokochi (Kyoto university) were guests of honour at the workshop,

in which Indian, American, and European students took part. This event was financed by the EFEO, the CEIAS, and héSam Université.

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The 13th Classical Tamil Summer Seminar

From 10th to 28th August 2015 the 13th *Classical Tamil Summer Seminar* took place (with two reading sessions per day). Mornings during the first two weeks were dedicated to a text from the oldest Tamil poetry (*Cankam*), the *Kurīncippāṭṭu* (261 lines, one of the six long songs of the *Pattuppāṭṭu*). T. Rajeswari led the reading sessions. The third week was dedicated to a fundamental text of the Śaiva devotional body of texts, the *Tiruvācakam* of Māṇikkavācakar (9th century). It was presented by Jean-Luc Chevillard (CNRS). The following texts were also studied: *Maṇimēkalai* (G. Vijayavenugopal), *Muttollāyiram* (Giovanni Ciotti), *Tolkāppiyam Collatikāram* (Victor D'Avella), *Tolkāppiyam Poruḷatikāram*, *Meyppāṭṭiyal* (Indra Manuel) and *Viracōḷiyam* (K. Nachimuthu).

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➤ International Seminars

Finurbasie Workshop on “Land and Real Estate Dynamics: Multidisciplinary Perspectives on China and India's Urbanization” held at the IFP on 17-18 July 2015: http://www.ifpindia.org/ifpsitedata/pdf/1st_Page_Land_And_Real_Estate_Dynamics.pdf

The Finurbasie research project is funded by the ANR (French National Agency for Research) and coordinated by Dr. Natacha Aveline



Discussions during the Finurbasie workshop held at the IFP

(CNRS-GéographieCités) and Dr. Ludovic Halbert (CNRS-Latts). It engages with the financial circuits that underpin land and real estate dynamics in India and China, with a team comprising of geographers and economists. As the project is in its third year, this two-day workshop took place at the IFP in July 2015, and was organized by Dr. Aurélie Varrel at IFP and Ms. Hortense Rouanet at Paris-East University. This meeting aimed at discussing the preliminary results with the contribution of India-based colleagues. Some of the varied topics addressed were: land markets in rural and peripheral areas; geographies of investment and capital flows; multi-scalar dynamics of the real estate sector; the changing dynamics and actors of Indian and Chinese cityscapes. A one-day field visit in Chennai area was also organized. This workshop hosted vibrant debates which testify to the vitality and relevance of urban studies as a domain of research in Asia.

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➤ National Seminars

National seminar on “Veda & Agama: Meeting grounds and developments”

held at the IFP on 14-16 December 2015: <http://www.ifpindia.org/content/three-day-national-seminar-veda-agama-meeting-grounds-and-developments-14-16-december-2015>

It is well known that the Veda-s and the Agama-s are the two most important fundamental textual traditions of India and they are the foundations for the entire Indian culture. While much research and study have been devoted to research on the Veda-s in the preceding centuries, not much has been done in the field of Āgama studies. The French Institute of Pondicherry since its very foundation has taken up the task of delving deep into the domain of the Saiva Agama-s and it is a pioneer in the Saiva Agama studies and research. The French



Dr. T. Ganesan at the “Veda & Agama: Meeting grounds and developments” seminar

Institute of Pondicherry had collected an enormous amount of palm-leaf manuscripts which has been acclaimed by the UNESCO in its Register Memory of the World. In the course of six decades of its existence it has so far critically edited and published a dozen of original Saiva Āgama-s of the Saivasiddhānta system on the basis of its manuscript collection. At the juncture of its completion of 60 years, the French Institute reviews its research programme and the national seminar Veda & Agama: Meeting grounds and developments from 14-16, December, 2015 organised by the Department of Indology of the French Institute in collaboration with the Maharshi Sandipani Rashtriya Vedavidya Pratishthan, Ujjain is aimed at bringing scholars in the field of Veda-s as well as Saiva Agama-s to discuss mutual influences and individual specialities of these two great textual traditions of India.

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National seminar on “Biodiversity Awareness Workshop using Open Source Geospatial Software (FOSS4G) Tools” held at the IFP on 19 August 2015: <http://www.ifpindia.org/content/biodiversity-awareness-workshop-using-open-source-geospatial-software-foss4g-tools>

The Western Ghats, a global biodiversity hotspot, is facing a huge crisis due to developmental demands. While this poses a biodiversity management challenge, localised studies and disparate datasets limit the ability to upscale studies/results to a level that can provide actionable inputs to decision makers and planners. New and innovative methods using geospatial technology can help bridge this gap if stakeholders have access not only to the data but also to the appropriate tools for informed decision making. This activity will train participants to equip policy makers and other stakeholders converting



Participants at the National seminar on “Biodiversity Awareness Workshop using Open Source Geospatial Software Tools”

science-questions to an appropriate geospatial query that can provide the right insights/answers drawing upon the data base. As a part of the proposed activity, OSGeo-India along with the French Institute, Pondicherry would like to begin an initiative to equip stakeholders of Biodiversity of Western Ghats of Tamil Nadu state to harness the state of art open source geospatial technology tools at multiple levels, viz., mobile, desktop and web platforms. Toward this goal, a one day stakeholder workshop was planned for a cross section of stakeholders such as researchers, students, State Biodiversity boards, Forest department officials, line agencies and NGOs impacting on biodiversity.

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➤ Lectures

Conference by Dr. Claude Edelin of the Ecology Department at the IFP on the topic “**2nd Botany lesson: Discovering plant parts**” at the auditorium of the Alliance française on 18 December 2015.

Talk by Priya Ange, Ph.D candidate at École des hautes études en sciences

sociales (EHES), France, on the topic « **Ethnography of jewellery practices : production of an active Tamil kinship**” at the IFP on 17 December 2015.

Talk by Dr. Priscilla Claeys, post-doctorate from the University of Louvain (UCL), Belgium, on “**Towards new human rights for peasants. Progresses made, challenges forward**” at the IFP on 26 November 2015.

Talk by Dr. Isabelle Guérin, Research Fellow at IRD-Cessma (Paris), on “**Debt Bondage and the Tricks of Capital**” at the Center for Policy Research, New Delhi, on 28 September 2015.

Screening of the documentary “**Scorpions**”, directed by Simo Hakalisto at the IFP on 18 September 2015.

Talk by Dr. Isabelle Guérin (IRD-Cessma) and Dr. G. Venkatasubramanian (IFP) on “**Chains of Debt. Unfree Labour and Financial Exploitation in rural India**” at the IFP on 16 September 2015.

Conference by Dr. Claude Edelin of the Ecology Department at the IFP

on the topic “**Botanical lessons (1): plant diversity**” at the auditorium of the Alliance française on 11 September 2015.

Talk by Dr. Alexandra de Heering, associated researcher to the IFP, on “**Face-to-face with a mirror in between. Memories of emancipation: Dalits and non-Dalits.**”, at the IFP on 10 September 2015.

Screening of the documentary “**Muzaffarnagar Baqqi Hai (Muzzafarnagar Eventually)**”, directed by Nakul Singh Sawhney at the IFP on 25 August 2015.

Screening of the documentary film “**The Red Data Book—an appendix**” directed by Deepu Sreemith, at the IFP on 21 August 2015.

Talk by Antoine Jacquet, third year student at the Ecole polytechnique, Paris, France, and trainee at the Social Sciences Department of the IFP, on “**Characterizing the “Franco-Pondicherry population” and its dynamics**”, at the IFP on 17 August 2015.

Talk by Dr. Isabelle Guérin, Research Fellow at IRD-Cessma (Paris), on “**Debt Bondage and the Tricks of Capital**” at the Madras Institute of Development Studies (MIDS) on 10 August 2015.

The India Biodiversity Portal organized an invasive species campaign through the month of August 2015: **Spotting Alien Invasive Species** or “SPAIS”. India Biodiversity Portal (IBP) is an online, open-access repository of information on India’s biodiversity.

Talk by Dr. Anthony Goreau-Ponceaud of the University of Bordeaux on “**The Sri Lankan Tamil refugees in Tamil Nadu: Between the local and diasporic field**” at the IFP on 28 July 2015.

Screening of a documentary film on Tamil Islam entitled ‘**Yaadhum**’(All) at the IFP on 10 July 2015.

➤ Reading groups

16 October: Reading group proposed by Dr. Frederic Vandenberghe on ‘Convivialist Manifesto. A declaration of interdependence’.

24 September: Reading group proposed by Priya Ange on Chapter 1 of ‘The memory of the Senses, Part I: Marks of the Transitory’, by C. Nadia Seremetakis.

27 August: Reading group proposed by Dr. Priscilla Claeys on ‘The State of Globalization. Legal Plurality, Overlapping Sovereignities and Ambiguous Alliances between Civil Society and the Cunning State in India’ by Shalini Randeria.

31 July: Reading group proposed by Dr. Alexandra de Heering and Dr. Brendan Donegan on Chapter 1 of ‘Playing with fire: feminist thought and activism through seven lives in India’ by Sangtin Writers.

➤ Miscellaneous

The Library and Publications Division of the IFP organized a **book exhibition** (display-cum-sale) on **Monday 26 October 2015**. Several book distributors from Chennai participated in this event.

WELCOME

...at the CSH

Prof. Hilary SILVER is Professor of Sociology and Urban Studies and Professor of Public Policy at Brown University, in Providence, RI USA. She is also an Affiliate of the Center for European Studies at Harvard and a Fellow of the Comparative Research Programme on Poverty. Prof. Silver

joined the CSH for four months in December 2015 on a fellowship from the American Institute of Indian Studies to study the inequality of Muslims in India, a companion to a parallel study of Muslims in Europe.

Arthur CESSOU joined the CSH for 4 months in December 2015. Arthur Cessou is a student of Comparative study of development at the EHESS (School of Advanced Studies in Social Sciences) and will be working on his research at the CSH, with a project on Bangladeshi migration to West Bengal, under the supervision of affiliated CSH researcher L. Kennedy.

Damien GAROYAN joined the CSH in November 2015 for an internship as an economist working with Bruno Dorin. With a specialty in environmental economist, Damien Garoyan will be working on the GloFoods-IndiaMilk project.

Marine AL DAHDAH joined the CSH in July 2015. A PhD candidate, Marine Al Dahdah is working upon Information and Communication Technologies applied to health in India and in Ghana. Her research mixes sociology of science and technology with sociology of health. A PhD student at Paris Descartes University (CEPED), supervised by Annabel Desgrées du Loû (IRD, CEPED) and Cécile Méadel (CSI, Ecole des Mines), she has been teaching upon issues of communication and technology in health at Paris Descartes University. Her thesis is on mHealth programs (health programs that use mobile phones as a key tool) deployed in developing countries.

Kaustubh KAPOOR joined the CSH for one month in January 2016 as an intern in the Globalisation and Regulation Area. A law student at Jindal Global Law School, Kaustubh Kapoor will work as a research assistant to the Director at CSH for a period of four weeks for a winter internship.

Noelle COUNORD joined the CSH in November 2015 as a visiting researcher. Noëlle Counord is a PhD candidate in anthropology at the School for Advanced Studies in the Social Sciences (Paris), attached to the Laboratoire d'Anthropologie Sociale and with a co-supervisor at Université Laval (Québec, Canada). Her doctoral research among the Gujjars of the Western Himalayas analyses the link among their relationship to the territory, 'ontology of dwelling' and oral literature.

Christine ITHURBIDE joined the CSH in September 2015 as a Post-Doctoral Fellow, her researches focusing on art spaces and art industries in India, their urban, socio-economical and political dimensions. Christine Ithurbide holds a doctorate in geography of development from CESSMA (Center for Study in Social Sciences on Africa, America and Asia) at Paris Diderot University France. She was associated to the 4 years research program "Cultural Industries in India" at the Center for Study of India and South Asia (CEIAS, EHESS).

Aurelien CAS joined the CSH in July 2015 as the Information System Administrator. Aurélien Cas is an IT engineer with a specialization in project management. Analyst and programmer, he's also an expert in cross-cultural management.

Celine BIGNON joined the CSH in November 2015. Celine Bignon is a PhD candidate from the Bordeaux University's LAREFI (Laboratory for Analysis and Research in Economy and International Finance) who doubles as scientific secretary of the CSH. Her area of research covers FDI (Foreign Direct Investment) in South Asia and particularly the financial and structural factors that enhances or hinders FDI in the region, under the supervision of Stephane Dees (Larefi, ECB).

Sneha KAPOOR joined the CSH in October 2015 as the Director's secretary, handling Communication at the CSH's administration, while pursuing a graduation from DU in commerce.

Karine PESCHARD joined the CSH on October 2015 as an associate researcher, and is part of a team who has been attributed a three-year project grant from the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNF). The research project aims to document ongoing legal challenges in Brazil and India involving access to and ownership of plant genetic resources; and to develop a critical analysis of how contemporary forms of legal activism are influencing definitions of the public good and of the commons.

...at the EFEO

Andrey KLEBANOV (doctoral candidate in the Department of Indian and Tibetan Studies at Hamburg University, Germany) received a four-month scholarship from the EFEO and one of three months from the NETamil project for a stay at the Pondicherry Centre to work on his project "The Commentaries on Kāvya: Texts Composed while Copying. A Critical Study of the Manuscripts of Selected Commentaries on the *Kirātārjunīya*, an Epic Poem in Sanskrit". He is reading commentaries on the *Kirātārjunīya* with Dominic Goodall, the *Paribhāṣenduśekhara* and its commentaries with S.L.P. Anjaneya Sarma, and the *Alaṅkāratnākara* by Śobhakaramitra, along with other poetological texts, with R. Sathyanarayanan.

Ilona KĘDZIA (doctoral candidate at the Jagellonian University, Cracow, Poland, and holder of an EFEO scholarship) is spending 4 months at the Pondicherry Centre to work on her project "Littérature de la tradition médicinale de Siddhas tamouls"

[Literature from the medical tradition of the Tamil Siddhas].

Mekhola GOMES (doctoral candidate at the Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi) will spend three months at the Pondicherry Centre beginning December 1, carrying out research for a thesis dealing with "Expressions of Power: Representation and Practices of Kingship beyond the Vindhya, c. 300 CE - c. 800 CE".

Divya KUMAR-DUMAS (doctoral candidate at the University of Pennsylvania, U.S.A.) will conduct research for two months at the Pondicherry Centre on Mamallapuram for her dissertation, entitled "A la recherche de l'architecture paysagiste en Asie du Sud à l'époque médiévale (entre le VIIème et le Xème siècle) [Seeking landscape architecture in South Asia during the medieval period (the 7th to 10th centuries)]".

...at the IFP

Dr. Geneviève TEIL, researcher at the French National Institute for Agricultural Research (INRA) joined the Social Sciences Department of the IFP from 18 October 2015 to 30 October 2017 to work on «A reassessment of pasteurisation» in the framework of the IFP project on Urban and Rural Dynamics.

Didier LEMOINE took up his post as the new Secretary General of the IFP on 1 September 2015.

He was previously working as head of the financial services and secondary accounting officer at the Paris 12 delegation of the French National Institute of Health and Medical Research (Inserm), France. He replaced Eve HERMANN, who left after 4 years spent at the Institute and who has now been appointed as the new Secretary General at the French Institute of Cambodia.

N. BALACHANDRAN, Botanist, joined the Ecology Department of the IFP on 2 August 2015 to work on projects involving the herbarium collection of the IFP.

V. Senthil SELVAN, PhD candidate at the Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai, joined the Indology Department of the IFP from 1 August 2015 to 31 July 2016, as an affiliated student, to work on “Paintings found in the temples of the southern region (Pandi Nadu)” under the supervision of Mr. M. KANNAN.

Gaïa LASSAUBE, PhD candidate at the Centre Emile Durkheim, France, joined the Social Sciences Department from 24 July 2015 to August 2017, to work on “Sociology of groundwater management institutions, France/India”, under the supervision of Dr. Denis Salles (IRSTEA) and under the co-supervision at the IFP of Dr. Audrey RICHARD-FERROUDJI, in the framework of the “Water and Territories” research programme.

Priya ANGE, PhD candidate at the Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales (EHESS), France, joined the Social Sciences Department of the IFP on 2 July 2015 to work on the topic of « Circulation of female jewellery in Tamil kinship » under the axis “Law, Customs and Social Structures”.

SENTHALIR S., PhD candidate, joined the Indology Department of the IFP from 1 July 2015 to 1 July 2016, to work on « Emergence of Dalit magazines in Tamil Nadu » under the supervision of M. KANNAN and in the framework of the “Contemporary Tamil Culture” programme.

GOODBYE

...at the CSH

Aditi BANERJEE, research assistant, left the CSH on 30th October. With

a MSc in Economics and finance from the University of Edinburgh (2013) and Bachelors in Economics from Delhi University (2012), she was working as a Research Assistant for the Palanpur project under the supervision of Dr. Himanshu since April 2015.

Xavier HOUDOY left CSH on October 2015, after two years as the CSH’s Scientific Secretary. A PhD candidate at the French Institute of Geopolitics, University of Paris 8, Xavier Houdoy deals with contemporary state logics and dynamics in India’s North-East. His research focuses on the State-building process still ongoing in the region, alternatively embodied by security policies and development initiatives, and its multiple impacts on a territory that figures as a “space of resistance”. Affiliated to the Centre for Social Sciences and Humanities (CSH) in New Delhi from September 2013 to September 2015, he has conducted extensive fieldwork in New Delhi and throughout several North-East states.

Arthur IMBERT left the CSH in September 2015, after a summer internship in the economics department, under the supervision of Bruno Dorin, dealing with Surplus value Accounting Method applied to Indian agricultural sector.

Bhavna JOSHI left the CSH in December 2015, where she has been a research assistant since July 2014, after her Masters in Economics from Delhi School of Economics. She was working on the project in Palanpur under the supervision of Dr Himanshu.

Chloe LECLERE left the CSH in January 2016, where she was a visiting researcher since September 2015. A PhD applicant from the ENS Lyon (Ecole Normale Supérieure), Chloe Leclere is an economist working on Sanitation and Social Capital, her thesis research focusing on the

efficiency of sanitation policies in India.

Disha MENDIRATTA left the CSH in July 2015, after an internship with Bruno Dorin. Disha Mendiratta holds a MSc(Economics) from TERI University, after completing graduation in Economics from Delhi University.

Floriane BOLAZZI left the CSH in December 2015 after 3 months as a visiting researcher, working on her PhD “Palanpur: India’s Economic “Revolution”: A Perspective from Six Decades of Economic Development in a North Indian Village” under the supervision of Dr. Himanshu.

Gajanand AHIRWAL left the CSH in December 2015, after having joined in April 2015 as a research assistant in Anthropology and Primary data collection.

Gaurav MEENA left the CSH in July 2015 after being a researcher for the project, “A Changing Country and a Changing Village: Growth and Development in India and in Palanpur over Six Decades” since April 2014. He has a Masters degree in Public Policy from Tata Institute of Social Science Mumbai, and B.Tech. in Computer Science from Indian Institute of Technology Bombay.

Japneet KAUR left in December 2015, after being a research assistant in economics since December 2013, holding a Master’s Degree in Economics from the Delhi School of Economics.

Priyanka PANDE left the CSH in December 2015. With a Masters in Economics from Centre for Economic Studies and Planning, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi and a graduation from Hans Raj College, Delhi University, she was working as a research intern under Dr. Himanshu on the Palanpur project since June 2015.

Sarthak GAURAV left the CSH on September 2015. Dr. Gaurav joined the CSH in September 2014 as a Research Associate, working on the Palanpur Study along with Dr. Himanshu. Prior to joining CSH, he was a Post-doctoral Researcher at the Asia Research Centre, London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) from March 2013. He completed his PhD in Economics from IGDR, Mumbai and was a visiting Doctoral Scholar at the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania in 2011. His PhD Thesis is on 'Risk and Vulnerability of Agricultural Households in India'. He did his M.Sc in Economics from IGDR, Mumbai in 2007.

Sourya OUATTARA was a visiting student at the CSH from September to November 2015. During her stay, she conducted field work for her Master in Economics' end of year thesis, under the subject "L'entreprenariat social pour répondre aux besoins économiques et sociaux en Inde".

Alexandre CEBEILLAC left the CSH in November 2015. Alexandre Cebellac was a PhD affiliate in geography working with Eric Daudé in the Risks & Territorial Dynamics department since February 2013.

Vandana SOLANKI left the CSH in October 2015. Vandana Solanki is a Regional Planner with post graduate degrees in Urban & Regional Planning and another in Geography. At CSH since June 2013, she has been working on the diffusion of dengue in Delhi and evacuation planning in India, reviewing and analyzing healthcare with special focus on dengue.

Corentin GILBERT left the CSH in July 2015. A student « Law, Economics and Management » at the École normale supérieure (ENS), Rennes, France, he started an internship under the supervision of Dr. Leila Choukroune and Dr. Sangeeta Khorana on the topic concerning Health and Trade in the developing countries, with a focus on India in June 2015.

Rémi DE BERCEGOL left the CSH in July 2015, after being a regular visiting PhD applicant since 2008 and a post-doctoral researcher at the CSH since 2012, working on projects such as SUBURBIN ANR programme, SYRACUSE (an ANR project), or ORVA2D (« Organisation de la Valorisation des Déchets dans les villes en Développement », funded by AFD) on waste management in Delhi. Rémi de Bercegol holds a doctorate in urban planning from LATTS (research group on technology, territories and societies) at ENPC/UMLV, Paris Est, France, and his research with CSH has been focusing on socio-technical transition of basic urban services.

Ashima SOOD left the CSH in December 2015, after a month at the CSH as a visiting research fellow for the Project- Chance to sustain. Ashima Sood is Adjunct Professor in Economics at the Woxsen School of Business. She earned her MA from the Delhi School of Economics and PhD Economics from Cornell University.

...at the EFEO

Alexis AVDEEF, LISST (Social Anthropology Center - UMR 5193) received a grant from the Fyssen Foundation, to work for three months at the EFEO's Pondicherry Centre on the topic: "Management of misfortune and ritual action in rural Tamil Nadu".

Jason BIRCH, a collaborator in the Haṭha Yoga Project, a five-year project recently launched by SOAS (School of Oriental and African Studies, London) and funded by the ERC (European Research Council) visited the Pondicherry Centre in November and December. During his stay, reading sessions of the hitherto unpublished *Haṭhābhyāsapaddhati*, a Sanskrit manual of yogic postures, were held.

Andrea GUTIÉRREZ (doctoral candidate at the University of Texas at Austin), whose research dealt with food prescriptions in South India,

worked at the Centre on Tamil texts during July 2015.

Jooyoung LIM (doctoral candidate in "Culture and History of India and Tibet," at the Asia-Africa Institut of Hamburg University) left the EFEO's Pondicherry Centre after having spent three weeks reading the *Jayamaṅgalā*, a commentary on the *Samkhyakārikā*, with Dominic Goodall and S.L.P. Anjaneya Sarma.

Marcus SCHMUCKER (Centre for the Study of Manuscript Cultures, CSMC, Hamburg University) left the Pondicherry Centre on September 17 after having spent three weeks working on Tamil *Vaiṣṇava* poetry as part of the NETamil project.

From 31 August to 18 September, **Victor D'AVELLA** (Centre for the Study of Manuscript Cultures, CSMC, Hamburg University, NETamil project) studied passages from the *Paribhāṣenduśekhara* by Nageśa with S.L.P. Anjaneya Sarma, and the *Cēṇāvaraiyam* with Jean-Luc Chevillard. During August he made a visit to Sri Lanka to consult manuscripts in the library of Jaffna University and took part in the *13th Classical Tamil Summer Seminar*.

Christopher FLEMING (doctoral student, University of Oxford) left after spending two months in the summer at the Pondicherry Centre reading chapters on the partition of inheritance (*Dāyabhāga*) from different Dharmaśāstra texts with Dr. R. Sathynarayanan.

Melinda FODOR, doctoral student at the EPHE in Paris, returned to the Pondicherry Centre, after an earlier sojourn over the summer months, this time on an EFEO scholarship, at the end of 2015. During her second stay, further well-attended readings were held, this time of another Prakrit drama that she is examining in her thesis. Two visiting undergraduates from Oxford, **Phoebe HUNG** and **Olivia PORTER**, joined in many of the summer readings.

Virginia Nieto-Sandoval MILLAN (doctoral candidate at Malaga University, Spain, and lecturer on contemporary Indian art at the Antonio de Nebrija University) spent two weeks at the Centre to continue research on her dissertation on “Water Symbolism in Mahabalipuram”.

...at the IFP

S. ARAVAJI, Botanist at the Ecology Department of the IFP who had joined the Institute in 1978, retired in December 2015 after 37 years of loyal and outstanding services. His special skills in field botany and phytogeography which have been invaluable to the completion of several important research programs at the IFP, were appreciated by all including collaborators. A farewell cocktail was organised for him on November 27, which most of the IFP staff members attended.

Varun PANICKAR, Student in Master of Public Policy (M.P.P) at the National law school of India University, Bangalore who joined the Social Department of the IFP on 24 November 2015, as a trainee, to work on “Application of ACF to Water User Associations (W.U.A)” under the supervision of Dr. Audrey RICHARD-FERROUDJI and in the framework of the “Water and Territories” research programme, left on 8 January 2016.

Festus ODINGO and **Kamil Oussen** **ALI**, two 2nd year post-graduate students at the University Montesquieu Bordeaux 4, France, who had joined the Social Sciences Department on 20 June 2015, as trainees, to work on “statistical and econometrical analysis of labour and financial practices of rural households” under the local supervision of Dr. Audrey RICHARD-FERROUDJI, left on 8 September 2015.

Lucie TAUPIN TRUELLE, student at Télécom SudParis, France who had joined the Geomatics Laboratory on 26 June 2015, as a trainee, to work on the

Indian Biodiversity Portal under the supervision of Dr. Maxime REJOU-MECHAIN, left on 30 August 2015.

Paola PAJANY, student in Master 1 Ecology Biogeosciences at the Université Paris Diderot (Paris 7), France, who had joined the Ecology Department of the IFP on 20 July 2015, as a trainee, to work on « Quantitative reconstruction of landcover using pollen data » under the supervision of Dr. K. ANUPAMA, left on 20 August 2015.

Zoe PALENIK, student at the University of Chicago, USA, who had joined the Ecology Department of the IFP on 13 July 2015, as a trainee, to work on palynology under the supervision of Dr. K. ANUPAMA, left on 13 August 2015.

Antoine JACQUET, Masters student in Economics at the École polytechnique, Paris, France, who had joined the Social Sciences Department of the IFP on 21 March 2015, as a trainee, to work on « French community in Pondicherry: historical perspective », under the dual supervision of Dr. Aurélie VARREL and Dr. Audrey RICHARD-FERROUDJI, left on 28 August 2015.

Dr. Nicolas PREVOT, Senior Lecturer in Anthropology at the LESC-CREM CNRS/ University Paris Ouest Nanterre, France, who had joined the Social Sciences Department of the IFP on December 15, 2014 to work on “Music and Possession Trance in Middle India”, left on 20 July 2015.

IN MEMORIAM

EFEQ

It is with deep sorrow that we report the death on 25th December 2015 of G. Ravindran, employed at the EFEQ Centre of Pondicherry since 1979. A photographer, he was associated with numerous research projects, collaborating admirably with researchers as well as with

visiting students. He was responsible, especially, in recent years, for the digitisation of many thousands of folios of palm-leaf manuscripts. The entire staff of the EFEQ conveys their deepest condolences to his bereaved family.

IFP

It is with immense sadness that we inform you of the demise of Mr. V. Krishnasami on 11th October 2015. Mr. Krishnasami had been working with the IFP since 2010. Prior to this, his curiosity and knowledge of Tamil social life and history contributed significantly to the (euro-american) anthropological productions on Tamil Nadu over the last two decades. His deep sociological intuition, gift for story telling and generous humour will be painfully missed. The thoughts and prayers of the entire staff of the IFP are with his daughter and his two grandchildren.

MILESTONES

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Olivier TELLE has been recruited as a permanent CNRS Researcher in October 2015, at the Géographie-Cité Laboratory of Paris-1 University.

EFEQ

Nirajan Kafle defends his doctoral thesis

Nirajan Kafle, who worked in the Franco-German ANR-DFG-funded “Early Tantra” Project in the Pondicherry Centre between 2007 and 2011, and who has returned in 2015 to help with the project to edit the *Somaśambhupaddhatiṭkā*, a project led by S.A.S. Sarma, has defended his doctoral thesis, a critical edition and annotated translation of the *Niśvāsamukhatattvasaṃhitā*, at the University of Leiden on 15th October 2015. The thesis, entitled “The *Niśvāsamukha*, the Introductory Book of the *Niśvāsatattvasaṃhitā*”, gives the text, based on the testimony of a ninth-

century Nepalese manuscript, of a fascinating treatise on seventh-century lay Śaiva religiosity that was composed to introduce and contextualize what appears to be the earliest surviving Śaiva tantra, the *Niśvāsātattvasaṃhitā*, the first volume of which was published earlier in the year by the EFEO and IFP as No. 28 in the “Collection Indologie” and as the first number of the newly created “Early Tantra Series”.

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Prof. N.S.R. TATACHARYA awarded the 2016 “Padma Bhushan” by the Indian Government

Prof. N.S. Ramanuja TATACHARYA, first Vice-Chancellor of Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha, Tirupati, and Honorary Professor at the French Institute of Pondicherry (IFP) was selected for the ‘Padma Bhushan’ award for the year 2016 by the Indian government for his outstanding contribution to Sanskrit language and literature.

The Padma Bhushan is the third highest civilian award in the Republic of India, after the Bharat Ratna and



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the Padma Vibhushan, but comes before the Padma Shri. It is announced on the occasion of Republic Day of India every year. It is conferred by the President of India at a function held at Rashtrapati Bhavan sometime around March/ April. The award was established on 2 January 1954 by the president of India. It is awarded to recognize distinguished service of a high order to the nation, in any field. As of December 2015, 1230 people have thus far received the award.

Prof. Tatacharya has been the recipient of several awards including the highest Civilian Award of France, Chevalier de la Legion d’Honneur, Certificate of Honour by the President of India, Srivani Alankaran by Dalmia Trust given by Late Prime Minister Sh. P. V. Narasimha Rao, the Vacaspati Puraskar of the K. K. Birla Foundation, Lifetime Achievement Award of the Indian Council of Philosophical Research New Delhi, Viswabharati Puraskar – the highest award for lifetime achievement in Sanskrit by Uttar Pradesh Government, and innumerable titles awarded by various heads of establishments in South India for his contributions to the spread of Indian philosophies, Sanskrit language, and the rich cultural heritage hidden in terse texts which were made available to common man in the form of simple Sanskrit commentaries and original texts.

Prof. Tatacharya’s original works include Vivriti, a commentary on Jnapaka Sangraha; Balabodhini, a commentary on the Panchalakshani Gadadhari (Nyaya); and Balapriya, a commentary on the Tarkasangraha Dipika Prakasika (Nyaya). Prof. N.S.R. Tatacharya is also renowned for his scholarly work in 4 volumes titled “Sabdabodhamimamsa”, published by the French Institute of Pondicherry and the Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan, New Delhi. He also published, through the French Institute of Pondicherry and the RSVP, Tirupati, the Vyutpattivada in 2 volumes, in which he made a commentary on the Vidvanmanorama. In 2015, he published the Bhattatantrarahasyam in which he

made a commentary on the Saraprakasa.

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Dr. Deviprasad MISHRA selected as a recipient of the Maharshi Badrayan Vyas Samman Award for the year 2015

Dr. Deviprasad MISHRA, researcher in the Indology Department of the IFP, has been selected as a recipient of the **Maharshi Badrayan Vyas Samman Award** for the year 2015 for his outstanding works as a young scholar in Sanskrit. This Award will be handed over to him by the Hon’ble President of India, Shri Pranab Mukherjee, during the year 2016. The Maharshi Badrayan Vyas Samman distinction is conferred once a year on the Independence Day of India in recognition of substantial contribution in the field of Sanskrit, Persian, Arabic and Pali/Prakrit. This distinction, which was introduced in the year 2002, is awarded to selected young scholars in the age group of 30 to 45 years.

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Prof. Y. SUBBARAYALU awarded the Hem Chandra Raychaudhuri Birth Centenary Gold Medal

Prof. Y. SUBBARAYALU, head of the Indology Department at the IFP, was awarded on 4 May 2015, in Kolkata, the Hem Chandra Raychaudhuri Birth Centenary Gold Medal for the year 2014 by The Asiatic Society for his outstanding contribution in early Indian History with special emphasis on epigraphy.

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Roxane de FLORE, successfully defends her PhD thesis

Ms. Roxane de FLORE, PhD candidate who was associated with the Social

Sciences Department of the IFP from 2012 to 2014, successfully defended on 8 December 2015 her PhD thesis entitled “*A la (con)quete des sols. Micro-logiques et stratégies foncières dans la production des Corridors industriels de Chennai, Inde.* » in the framework of the « VTT - Ville, Transports et Territoires » doctoral school and under the guidance of Dr. Alain BOURDIN, Professor at the Université Marne-la-Vallée Paris Est, France.

This thesis examines the interactions of transactions entailed in the process of setting up residential and industrial Mega-Projects. In Chennai (capital of Tamil Nadu, India), the regional government has been promoting Economic Development Corridors, which, for over two decades, have been transforming hectares of private agricultural lands, public lands and even entire villages. Although research on public policies, foreign private investment or land conflicts is well documented, little attention has been paid to the upstream mechanisms, the multiplicity of negotiations and the historical context in which those projects develop. By studying the interaction between villages and projects and the social and spatial local transformation taking place, this work presents a new perspective : how do local actors appropriate those vectors of growth to strengthen and defend their social position? Using ethnographic methodology, we describe and examine the meaning of land and land acquisition practices in order to bring to light the “micro-logics”: fragile and uncertain processes in which actors implement non-linear and flexible strategies. This approach allows highlighting the paradoxes inherent in the process of project concretisation and which result from power relationships and compromises. In addition, it allows to unpack “land innovations processes” which emerge from legal norms, the interplay of political forces, beliefs and social roles.

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Mr. P. BALAMURUGAN appointed to the post of Assistant Epigraphist by the Archaeological Survey of India

Mr. P. BALAMURUGAN, doctoral fellow, who had joined the Indology Department of the IFP in November 2012 to work under the supervision of Prof. Y. Subarayalu, has been selected and appointed to the post of Assistant Epigraphist by the Archaeological Survey of India.

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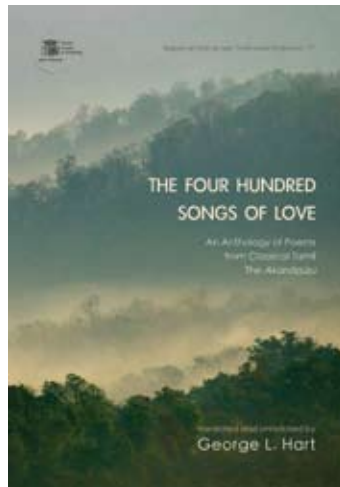
PUBLICATIONS

IFP PUBLICATIONS

The Four Hundred Songs of Love. An Anthology of Poems from Classical Tamil. The Akanāñū u.

Translated and annotated by George L. Hart, *Regards sur l'Asie du Sud / South Asian Perspectives* n° 7, Institut Français de Pondichéry, 2015, xx, 485 p.

Language: English. **1000 Rs (43 €).**
ISBN : 978-81-8470-213-2.



The *Akanāñūru* is the longest collection in the Tamil Sangam

anthologies. It is one of the seminal works of classical India and contains poems that are among the finest ever written in India or anywhere else. The aim of this translation is to make the *Akanāñūru* accessible to readers who know English. It strives for scrupulous accuracy while keeping the felicity and poetic quality of the original.

The *Akanāñūru* provides an account of the daily life of people of its times, one more detailed than any others that are available to us. Its poets were able to imbue virtually every poem with life by their striking use of images, their use of suggestion, their often uncanny sense of the feelings of the characters they portray, their intricate descriptions of flora and fauna, and their evocation of places, personages and events. Their use of imagery can be striking and sublime, but even more, their evocation of life 2000 years ago in all its aspects rings true. They left behind a world that lives and breathes, one that, through their poems, we can enter and experience as if it were our own.

Keywords: Tamil classical literature, Sangam anthology, English translation

Vaiyākaraṇasiddhāntabhūṣaṇam. The Vaiyākaraṇasiddhāntabhūṣaṇa of Kauṇḍabhaṭṭa with the Nirañjanī commentary by Ramyatna Shukla and Prakāśa explanatory notes by K.V. Ramakrishnamacharyulu. Part I.

Critically edited by **K.V. Ramakrishnamacharyulu**, *Regards sur l'Asie du Sud / South Asian Perspectives* n° 6 & Shree Somnath Sanskrit University Shastragrantha series n° 2, Institut Français de Pondichéry & Shree Somnath Sanskrit University, Veraval, 2015, xl, 592 p.

Language: Sanskrit. **1200 Rs (52 €).**
ISBN : 978-81-8470-208-8.

Vaiyākaraṇasiddhāntabhūṣaṇa, also

known as *Vaiyākaraṇabhūṣaṇa*, is an authentic text in Pāṇinian semantics. It is a commentary on the *Vaiyākaraṇamatonmajjana* compiled by the great grammarian Bhaṭṭoji Dīkṣita (17 th c.), and is written by Kauṇḍabhaṭṭa, the nephew of Bhaṭṭoji. The main intention is to refute the objections raised by Naiyāyikas and Mīmāṃsakas on various aspects of Pāṇinian semantics and to establish the grammarians' views on the subject. *Vaiyākaraṇasiddhāntabhūṣaṇasāra*, an abridged version of the *Vaiyākaraṇabhūṣaṇa*, also written by Kauṇḍabhaṭṭa, is the more famous text with more than ten commentaries written on it. But nobody has so far attempted to write a commentary on the *Vaiyākaraṇabhūṣaṇa* and though the text has been published four times from different places, none of them can be treated as a critical edition.



The *Vaiyākaraṇabhūṣaṇa* is being published here with the *Nirañjani* commentary by Pandit Ramyatna Shukla, and critical notes (*Prakāśa*) by the editor. The edition itself is prepared taking a 17th c. manuscript as base, and comparing it with 40 other manuscripts from different parts of India, and with printed versions. The present volume contains the first part of the work and is devoted to the meaning of roots and verbal suffixes which is at its heart.

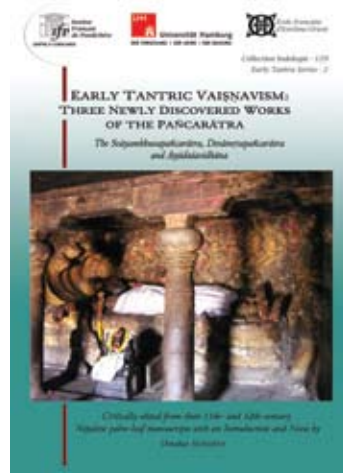
Keywords: Grammar, Sanskrit, Paninian semantics, commentary

IFP/EFO CO-PUBLICATIONS

Early Tantric Vaiṣṇavism: Three Newly Discovered Works of the Pañcarātra. The Svāyambhuva-pañcarātra, Devāmṛtapañcarātra and Aṣṭadaśavidhāna

Critically edited from their 11th- and 12th-century Nepalese palm-leaf manuscripts with an Introduction and Notes by Diwakar Acharya. Collection Indologie n° 129; Early Tantra Series n° 2, Institut Français de Pondichéry / Ecole française d'Extrême-Orient / Asien-Afrika-Institut, Universität Hamburg, lxxxvi, 229 p.

Language: Sanskrit, English. **700 Rs (30 €).** ISBN: 978-81-8470-206-4 (IFP) / 978-2-85539-152-6 (EFO).



The three works presented in this volume are hitherto unpublished texts of great significance for the early history of tantric Vaiṣṇavism, and we have grounds for supposing that they are older than any hitherto published Vaiṣṇava Tantras. They preserve archaic elements not found in other Pañcarātra works, such as Vaiṣṇava *brahma-mantras* styled after the Pāśupata ones, and the veneration of eight heroes of the Vṛṣṇi clan, as well as of the pentad of Varāha, Narasiṃha, Trivikrama, Vāmana, and Vasudeva. Their ritual makes profuse use of Vedic mantras, one of them even requiring the installation of Vedic hymns (rather than tantric mantras!) chosen from

each of the ten *maṇḍalas* of the *R̥gveda* in every image of Viṣṇu. In a spirit rare in the Vaiṣṇava traditions of the second millennium, these scriptures call on devotees to identify Brahmā, Viṣṇu and Śiva. They thus present a picture of Tantric Vaiṣṇavism in the first millennium AD as imbricated with Śaivism and Brahmanism and tell us much about the early history of tantrism and of Hinduism in general.

The first and third of these texts are transmitted to us in a single palm-leaf manuscript dated to Nepal Samvat 147 (1027 AD), and the second in a slightly newer and undated one, both from the treasure trove of the National Archives, Kathmandu. This volume contains a first edition of these texts with a detailed introduction, including an English synopsis, along with text-critical notes and indices, as well as facsimiles of the manuscript leaves.

Keywords: Mantramārga, Vaiṣṇavism, Pañcarātra, Early Tantra, Ritual

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HIMANSHU, Invited Panelist at Panel discussion on “Dialogues on Democracy: Understanding the Socio-Economic Caste Census (SECC)” Organised by School of Democracy and Delhi School of Social Work, 14th September 2015

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Suganya ANANDAKICHENIN attended the Classical Tamil Summer Seminar organised by the EFEO in Pondicherry, from 10 to 28 August 2015.

Suganya ANANDAKICHENIN attended a workshop on “Pāṇini’s Aṣṭādhyāyī” conducted by Dr. Rama Nath Sharma (Professor Emeritus University of Hawaii) in Auroville, from 12 to 15 November 2015.

The Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha at Tirupati has invited **S.L.P. ANJANEYA SARMA** to take part as a “Team Leader” for the workshop *Electronic Post-Graduate Pathashala of University Grants Commission and Ministry for Human Resources and Development Project for Creation of E-Content for Post-Graduate Courses* from 15 to 17 July 2015.

The Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha at Tirupati invited **S.L.P. ANJANEYA SARMA** Sarma to the *Workshop of E-PG [Electronic Post-Graduate] Pathashala of the UGC [University Grants Commission] and MHRD [Ministry for Human Resources and Development] Project for Creation of E-Content for PG [Post-Graduate] Courses*, 2 to 7 September 2015.

From 21 to 29 September 2015, **S.L.P. ANJANEYA SARMA** was in Sringeri (Karnataka) to take part in the *Ganapathi Vakyaṛtha Sadas* organized

by the Sringeri Sankara Mutt. He discussed the topic “*Ēkādinavāntānām saṁkhyāvācinām d vandvasamāsaḥ bhavati? na vā?*”.

S.L.P. ANJANEYA SARMA is taking part in a traditional conference (Sastra Sadas) entitled *Śrījñānānandanātha Vākyārtha Vidvatasabhā*, at Chennai from 21 to 23 November 2015, where he is discussing the topic “*karturīpīṣitātamaṁ karma (Pa. Su.04.01.49) iti sūtrārthavichāraḥ*”.

S.L.P. ANJANEYA SARMA was invited to the Kañcīkāmakoḷi Pīḷha Śāstra Samvardhīnī Sabhā in Tenali as an examiner in vyākaraṇaśāstra for 4 days from 9 to 12 December 2015.

On the occasion of the sixtieth anniversary of the founding of the Pondicherry Institut Français (IFP), **Dominic GOODALL** took part in a round table on the subject of “Indian studies at the crossroads” on 18 November 2015 at the IFP.

S.A.S. SARMA participated in a seminar on “Ayurveda, Ganita and Vastu Vidya - Indian Traditions” organised by the Department of Sanskrit, Government Arts and Science College, Calicut from 18 to 20 November 2016 where he presented a paper on “Medical treatments described in the Tantra Manuals of Kerala”.

S.A.S. SARMA participated in a conference on “Rituals on Srividya” organised by the Sree Vidya Pratisthanam, Kodunagallur, Kerala, where presented a paper on “Southern Yāmala Texts and Rurujit” on 13 December 2015.

S.A.S. SARMA participated in a workshop organised for the visiting students of Gothenburg University, Sweden, by the Namaste Educational Academy in Pondicherry. During this workshop presented two lectures on temple rituals and ritual manuals on 24 December 2015.

S.A.S. SARMA presented a paper on “Medieval Śaiva Paddhati literature: with special reference to the paddhatis of Rāmanātha and Somaśambhu” in the conference “Veda and the Āgama: Meeting grounds and developments” jointly organised by the French Institute of Pondicherry and Maharshi Sandipani Rashtriya Veda Vidya Pratishthan, Ujjain, from 14 to 16 December 2015.

R. SATHYANARAYANAN presented a paper on “Prāyaścitta: The concept and its importance in the Śaivasiddhānta system (with reference to some medieval texts)” in the conference “Veda and the Āgama: Meeting grounds and developments” jointly organised by the French Institute of Pondicherry and Maharshi Sandipani Rashtriya Veda Vidya Pratishthan, Ujjain, from 14 to 16 December 2015.

International

Suganya ANANDAKICHENIN presented a paper entitled “On Collating the *Nālāyira Tivviya Pirapantam*,” and conducted a reading session on “*Tirumaḷicai Ālvār’s Nāṇmukan Tiruvantāti pācurams*” at the Vaiṣṇava workshop held at the Austrian Academy of Sciences in Vienna, from 15 to 17 October 2015.

On October 10, **Valérie GILLET** was invited by the South Asia Research and Information Institute and the Asian Studies Department at Southern Methodist University (Dallas) to make a presentation on “Unveiling Changes of Faith in the medieval Tamil-Speaking South: the cases of Tirupparaṅkunram and Tiruccentūr” as part of the conference on *Transformations in the Temples of South India: People, Rituals and Deities*.

Dominic GOODALL gave two talks at the 16th World Sanskrit Conference, organized in Bangkok by the Sanskrit Studies Centre at

Silpakorn University from June 28 to July 2: “Further thoughts on the transmission of the Raghuvamśa” and “Reinterpreting the invocation stanzas that allude, punningly, to tantric notions in some tenth-century Cambodian inscriptions”.

From October 2 to 6 **Dominic GOODALL** took part in the working meeting for the preparation of the 4th volume of the dictionary of Hindu Tantric terminology (*Tāntrikābhidhānaśāstra*) at the Austrian Academy of Sciences in Vienna.

S. A. S. SARMA participated in the 16th World Sanskrit Conference organised by the Sanskrit Studies Centre, Silpakorn University, Bangkok, Thailand and the International Association of Sanskrit Studies (IASS), which was held in Bangkok from 28 June–2 July 2015. S.A.S. Sarma presented two papers: ‘Mātṛtantra texts of South India with special reference to the Mātṛsadbhāvatāntra’ (in the Agama and Tantra Section) and ‘Particular rites described in the Āgṇiveśyagṛhyasūtra, and customs followed by Āgṇiveśyagṛhyasūtra brahmins’ (in the Vedic Section).

As part of the NETamil project, from October 15 to 17 **S.A.S. SARMA** took part in the conference on *Ways to Approach the Divyaprabandham* that was held at the Institute for the Intellectual and Cultural History of Asia of the Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna, where S.A.S. Sarma gave a lecture on “Divyadeśams in Kerala with special reference to Anantapuram (Trivandrum)”.

R. SATHYANARAYAN participated in the 16th World Sanskrit Conference organised by the Sanskrit Studies Centre, Silpakorn University, Bangkok, Thailand and the International Association of Sanskrit Studies (IASS), which was held in Bangkok from 28 June–2 July 2015 where he presented a paper entitled ‘Shaiva Manipravalam? Commentaries

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