

EDITORIAL

The Centre de Sciences Humaines, the Ecole française d'Extrême-Orient and the French Institute of Pondicherry wish you a Very Happy New Year 2014.

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This first event will soon be followed by a number of lectures or research seminars, which will aim at covering the fast changing landscape of trade, investment and development related issues in India and South Asia in a global and comparative perspective.

➤ CSH Lecture Series

On 3 January 2014, the CSH launched its Lecture Series with **Dr Surya Deva's** presentation: "**Controlling Crime by (Not) Executing People: Does India Need Capital Punishment?**". He examined whether the current practice of administering capital punishment in India serves any deterrent purpose in controlling crime.

Dr Surya Deva is an Associate Professor at the School of Law of City University of Hong Kong. His primary research interests lie in Business and Human Rights, Corporate Social Responsibility, Indo-Chinese Constitutional Law, International Human Rights, Globalisation, and

Sustainable Development. Surya's recent books include Human Rights Obligations of Business: Beyond the Corporate Responsibility to Respect? (co-edited with David Bilchitz) (Cambridge University Press, 2013); Confronting Capital Punishment in Asia: Human Rights, Politics, Public Opinion and Practices (co-edited with Roger Hood) (Oxford University Press, 2013); and Regulating Corporate Human Rights Violations: Humanizing Business (Routledge, 2012).

EFEQ

➤ The Archaeology of Bhakti II: Royal Bhakti, Local Bhakti

Organised by Emmanuel Francis (CNRS, CEIAS-UMR 8564, Paris), Valérie Gillet (EFEQ, Pondicherry) and Charlotte Schmid (EFEQ, Paris), the second International workshop-cum-conference devoted to the "Archaeology of Bhakti" was held in the Pondicherry Centre of the EFEQ from 31 July to 13 August 2013.

"Royal Bhakti, Local Bhakti" was the focus of this year's edition. Our aim was to describe the role and circumscribe the impact





Pictures from the field-work during the Bhakti workshop

of various agencies in the development of Bhakti: ruling kings, royal courts, local elites and devotional communities. In contradistinction to commonly held views, temples commissioned by ruling kings were not the majority and several groups or individuals fostered or patronised Bhakti sites. Queens, princes, elite circles, local Brahmin corporate assemblies, local individuals and merchants communities, etc. were rather dynamic patrons and agents of Bhakti.

Our contention was that the role of these diverse agents—regarding the building and gifting of temples, patronage of rituals, composition and commissioning of texts such as devotional hymns or inscriptions—has been generally understated and should now be emphasised.

Far from downplaying the importance of kings as patrons, we wanted to

explore the connection between the different forms of Bhakti agencies. Do these represent independent streams of Bhakti? Is there a continuum from grand-scale royal temples to locally designed ones? What is the royal share in the development of Bhakti? How did royal Bhakti respond to local Bhakti, and vice-versa? Is the patronage by members of royal courts, especially women, equivalent to that of ruling kings?

Vasudha Narayanan (Distinguished Professor of Religion, Director of Centre for the Study of Hindu Traditions, University of Florida) and Richard H. Davis (Professor of Religion, Director of Religion Program and Director of Asian Studies Program, Bard College) were our two guests of honour. The other participants were Padma Kaimal (Colgate University), Leslie C. Orr (Concordia University), Alf

Hiltebeitel (The George Washington University), Akira Shimada (New Paltz University), Liza Owen (University of North Texas), Greg Bailey (La Trobe University), Nicolas Dejenne (Paris III), Tiziana Leuci (Musée du Quai Branly), Dominic Goodall (EFEO), Ute Huesken (University of Oslo), Palaniappa (U.S.A.), T. Mahadevan (Howard University), Aloka Parasher Sen (University of Hyderabad), Uthaya Velupillai (Paris III) and scholars and students from France, India, U.S.A.

The workshop was funded by the EFEO as well as by the PresHésam, and the proceedings, edited by E. Francis and C. Schmid, will be published by the end of 2015.

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➤ **Tamil Project to be Launched in the EFEO**

In March 2014 a new project in the domain of Classical Tamil will be launched in the Pondicherry centre of the EFEO under the acronym of NETamil, the full title being “Going from Hand to Hand: Networks of Intellectual Exchange in the Tamil Learned Traditions”. The undertaking will be financed with 2.5 million Euro over five years by the European Research Council, via an ERC Advanced Grant won by Eva Wilden for her research project in that area. This project will finalise the digitisation of classical Tamil manuscripts begun over ten years back by the project Caṅkam. Besides detailed documentation of the remaining witnesses and the continuation of critically re-editing the classical corpus, the aim will be an in-depth study of transmissional history and intellectual tradition, that is, the communities who handed over the various texts from generation to generation and thus ensured their survival.

The international team of scholars will consist of twenty-five members from eight countries spanning the three continents of India, Europe and America. About half of them are to be financed by the project and will be distributed between Pondicherry, as the basis for further field trips, and the Centre for the Study of Manuscript Cultures at the University of Hamburg (Germany), currently one of the world's leading institutions in the field, endowed with a state-of-the-art manuscript laboratory which will help enhancing the quality of images and restore readability for example to manuscripts where the ink has practically vanished. A first field trip to India with the Mobile Manuscript Lab is already planned for January 2015 under the direction of Professor Christian Brockmann, a Hellenist and specialist in palimpsest research. The most important Indian partner institution will be the Central University of Tamil Nadu, Tiruvārūr, where Professor K. Nachimuthu is currently working on the installation of the first Indian academic programme for a degree in Classical Tamil. The sadly shrunk EFEO team of Tamil researchers, currently consisting of T. Rajeswari, G. Vijayavenugopal and Eva Wilden, will be re-extended to the number of six full-time scholars with Suganya Anandakichenin, R. Prabhakaran and T. Rajarethinam. It will be complemented by guests from outside, by part-time assistance and by a number of temporary positions for young scholars and doctoral students.

Research will focus on four major areas, namely Caṅkam literature, as already established, with current work going on for *Akanāṇūru*, *Aiṅkurunūru*, *Puṇāṇūru* and a number of *Pattuppāṭṭu* songs. The focus will be extended into the *Paṇṇēṅkīlkaṇakku*, the Eighteen Minor Classics, for the moment concentrated on those anthologies that

continue the older Akam and Puṇam tradition. A huge group, coordinated by Jean-Luc Chevillard (CNRS), will be working towards a critical edition of the founding text of the grammatical tradition, the *Tolkāppiyam* with its seven-odd commentaries. In addition another group will work on the EFEO collection of Vaiṣṇava manuscripts, and they will be in the privileged position of having access not only to more or less readable photos, but to the objects themselves which are stored in situ. One of the guiding research questions governing the collaboration between the four groups is the quest for nuances in the interaction of the two major languages of Indian literary and intellectual exchange, Tamil and Sanskrit, and their common child, Maṇipravāḷam, on the level of local knowledge systems and their formation. This will allow meaningful collaboration not only with members from the EFEO's Sanskrit scholars (Dominic Goodall, Anjaneya Sarma, S.A.S. Sarma, R. Sathyanarayanan), but also with a number of international specialists in both domains. The material-cultures aspect of the project will be moreover accentuated by the inclusion of art history (Valérie Gillet, Charlotte Schmid) into the team.

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IFP

➤ Multidisciplinary approach of water and land management issues

The links between water security, land use, food production and environment protection are major issues today. These issues are addressed at CSH and IFP through Ecology, Geomatics and Social Sciences. For example, the “social management of water” project analysed the impact of development policies on local water management and examines the difference of perception between farmers and

developers about water issues. It led to a recent publication edited by Aubriot, O. (2013). This book contributes to the multidisciplinary approach, welcomed by IFP and essential to address water issues. Present works are centred around/raise issues about integrated water management with several perspectives: water and urban development (Project ChanceToSustain, EU FP7), eco-system services, participatory management or water and agriculture nexus, Dr Pierre Grard, Director of IFP, and Audrey Richard-Ferrouddji new head of the Social Sciences Department, participated in a roundtable on Water and agriculture at the Indo French Technology summit. IFP organises, jointly with Pondicherry University, an Indo-French Workshop on “Water and land management: Is an integrated management of surface and ground water possible?” – 25-28 February 2014. The Seminar is funded by the Indo-French water Network under the aegis of Indo-French Centre for the Promotion of Advanced Research. It aims to bring together various French and Indian initiatives that contribute investigating and managing the interactions and interfaces between water management and land development across jurisdictional and sectorial boundaries. This will be about sharing results, learning from each others' work, and motivating further collaborative research and initiatives.

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RESEARCH

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➤ Research Grants and Projects

A WUN (Worldwide Universities Network - <http://www.wun.ac.uk/>) Research Development Fund has been attributed to **Dr. Leïla Choukroune**, (Director of the CSH) as lead collaborator, for a research project on “Managing the globalization of water services in a world affected by climate change: regulatory and economic challenges”.

Lead by Dr Julien Chaisse (Chinese University of Hong Kong), this multidisciplinary international project will be conducted in association with the University of Sydney and the University of Leeds. It is envisaged as a basis for further research and publications on the economics, policy a regulatory framework of water services with a special focus on North-South synergies and challenges.

Several outreach events are planned for 2014 and an international workshop will take place at Maastricht Law Faculty in the spring period.

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➤ Monitoring species, diversity and biomass estimation in tropical evergreen forests

In the framework of “Forest Diversity and Dynamics” research activities, IFP initiated a long term monitoring program in the wet evergreen forest of the Western Ghats of India. In 1990, sampling area of 4 ha has been set up as permanent plot in Uppangala with the objective to quantify diversity and forest dynamics. Sampling area was increased to 5.07 ha during 1992-93, and inventoried periodically for girth increments, mortality and recruitment. Research activities have

also been made to understand natural forest dynamics with disturbed ones due to logging activities.

With the development of carbon related policies, and the need to monitor both species and biomass dynamics of natural and disturbed forests, additionally five, 1 ha permanent plots (4 in logged and 1 in unlogged forest compartments) have been inventoried as a complementary study to the existing one in the framework of the Ph.D. thesis of Mr. S. Jeyakumar. This study involves in developing models to estimate biomass at local scale by integrating features such as girth, height and wood density. Tree girths and heights, species regeneration status and plant functional traits were explored in these five plots, and also in one existing plot in the unlogged compartment. A total of 3,738 trees representing 125 species, in 41 families was enumerated. A total of 19 species occurs in all the six plots and contributing about 50% of the tree density, whereas species specific to plots were represented by a fewer individuals. Dipterocarpaceae was ranked first in terms of density and biomass. Species diversity was higher in logged plots while tree density and biomass was higher in unlogged plots. Detrended correspondence analysis and partial Mantel test revealed that the variation in floristic composition between the plots was discontinuous, and disturbance have explained higher amount of variation, followed by elevation and spatial distance.

Currently we are extending the sampling area of the existing plot- 5.07 ha to 10 ha contiguous rectangular plot (with the team of Messrs. S. Aravajy, N. Barathan, S. Jeyakumar, Jules Morel and G. Saravanan), in line with other large-scale tree diversity inventories in the tropical forests. This will enhance our capacities to study the forest dynamics and carbon fluxes with

the sufficient sample size. It will also allow us to contribute to research efforts on combining field and remote sensing data for upscaling local measurements to regional scale, as requested in the Framework of the REDD program of the UNCC. This research focus will be addressed in collaboration with the National Remote Sensing Centre (Hyderabad) and the UMR AMAP (Montpellier, France), as part of a project founded by CEFIPRA (2012-2015).

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➤ EAP 191: Strategies for Archiving the Endangered Publications of French India (1823-1954)

This project was funded by the British Library and carried out in cooperation with the University of California, Los Angeles. It was aimed at digitally preserving the serials published in French India that are held by the library of the French Institute of Pondicherry. They include 5 rare series and a few miscellaneous volumes of 4 other periodicals published in Pondicherry, under the French colonial administration, between 1823 and 1954. Among the 5 main series, 2 are the gazette of the French colonial government and contain administrative and judicial records, including important laws, government ordinances, administrative appointments, circulars and announcements. They serve as an archive of colonial memory that informs us about different colonial practices. A third series is the subject index of the gazette. A fourth series relates to historical studies while a fifth is a popular magazine for the young. Among the miscellaneous volumes are: a monthly containing pedagogical material, a religious monthly, the government's official yearbook and proceedings of meetings of the General Council of French India.

The project successfully digitised 179 volumes, comprising 131,656 images and created a finding aid for them.

For more information about the project and its catalogue see: http://eap.bl.uk/database/overview_project.a4d?projID=EAP191;r=41

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➤ Completion of the Major Project “Constituting a Digital Archive of Tamil Agrarian History (1650-1950)”

The major project “Constituting a Digital Archive of Tamil Agrarian History (1650-1950)”, hosted by the Department of Social Sciences (IFP) and funded by the British Library (Arcadia-Endangered Archives Programme 458) has now completed its second phase (2011-2013).

The aim of this project is to create an archive of documents of socio-historical relevance to historians, anthropologists, sociologists and linguists. Most of the documents digitized are destined to disappear in the near future given both the very humid climate of southern India and neglected condition in which they are stored. These documents, recorded on paper, palm-leaves and copper plates provide a rare and unique opportunity to glimpse a variety of aspects of social history of village life in the more remote parts of the Tamil region at a time when new power structures and social identities were being forged both with and against local traditional feudal systems and British colonial legislations. Though unaware of the scholarly value, the document holders are not prepared to part with their forefathers’ documents, such as depositing them in the local archives—as demonstrated by the failure of the Madurai District Archives and Historical Records office to collect such documents despite repeated appeals to the public.

This major project is born out of the pilot project “Rescuing Tamil Customary Law” (EAP/IFP, 2009–2010). During this 12 month pilot project, the research team has carried out intensive fieldwork in small villages, in south-central Tamil Nadu, searching for documents relating to village judicial assemblies (panchayat). Numerous private collections of varying volume (from a handful up to a thousand documents) dating from the mid seventeenth century to mid twentieth century were located. Though we were searching primarily for documents relating to conflict management and dispute resolution at the local level, villagers started showing the research team all types of documents handed down by their forefathers. The documents include: various types of land transactions, revenue collection, religious tax collection, loans agreements, honor struggles, temple records, genealogical charts, marriage announcements, astrological charts, various contracts of now defunct professions (such as kaval), etc..

With the completion of phase II, this digital archive now comprises endangered documents from 40

different locations in Tamil Nadu, with over 80,000 images consisting 10,000 documents. Funding to pursue this project for another two years has been received from British Library and ARCADIA to continue our research and will begin in January 2014.

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➤ Launch of the WIKWIO Project

The WIKWIO (Weed Identification and Knowledge in the Western Indian Ocean) Project was launched on November 21, 2013. This project, which is headed by the French Agricultural Research Centre for International Development (CIRAD), is funded in the framework of the ACP S&T II programme of the European Union for a three-year duration and a budget of nearly one million Euros. It is coordinated by the UMR AMAP, in partnership with the French Institute of Pondicherry (IFP) in India, the UPR AIDA of the CIRAD, the MCIA/MSIRI in Mauritius Island, the FOFIFA in Madagascar, and the



Field demonstration of the IDAO tool to identify weed species on an iPad, Mauritius, Jan 2013

CNDRS in the Comoros. Additionally, the ASARECA for east Africa and the CCARDESA for southern Africa are associated to this project.

The proposed action aims to contribute in enhancing the productivity of food and cash cropping systems and help improve food security in Island States of the Western Indian Ocean and South East African region. The selected cropping systems suffer from significant production losses due to weed infestations. The action hence aims at creating a science and technology network serving the farming, extension and research community to foster appropriate weed management practices. The project will strengthen the interdisciplinary approach of existing scientific knowledge on the management of weed infestations by creating a knowledge base of STI data on crop weeds of the area.

The specific objective of the WIKWIO project is to build and use a network of STI knowledge and weed management methods of weed infestations, which will consolidate existing information and facilitate the sharing of scientific and technological acquisitions. This work is to create a database as complete as possible, on weeds in the geographical area concerned. Furthermore, it will develop a collaborative platform for exchange of information on weeds in between stakeholders: researchers, agronomists, extensionists and farmers.

A project website has been launched to disseminate project description and scientific information on the crop weeds in Island States of the Western Indian Ocean and South East Africa. It will provide space for collaborative work between project partners through several tools such as forum, mailing list, document repository and access to the knowledge database on weed species. Existing knowledge on weed identification and control for the

selected weed species is gathered in the WIKWIO knowledge base. All the documents and information related to the weed species (descriptions, photos, drawings and scans) will be prepared and integrated into the WIKWIO website. Workshops and local training sessions in the participating countries, students and extensionists will be organized.

The French Institute of Pondicherry will be a key contributor to this project through its expertise in new information technologies.

For more information on the WIKWIO Project: <http://www.wikwio.org>

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EVENTS

SEMINARS/WORKSHOPS/ROUND TABLES /LECTURES

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➤ Papers Presented at Conferences

Prof. Dr. Leïla Choukroune, (Director of the CSH): “Fresh Water in International Trade and Investment Law and Arbitration”, Indian Law Institute, 12 November 2013 in the context of Prof. Dr. Laurence Boisson de Chazournes book launch.

Prof. Dr. Leïla Choukroune, (Director of the CSH) : “The Institutional Design of FDI in India – Problems and Issues”, *Centre for Public Policy and Governance, Ramjas College, University of Delhi – International Political Science Association* (RC-28), International Conference On Re-thinking Politics, Policy and Governance in Federal Systems: India and the World, Ramjas College, Conference Hall, University of Delhi, New Delhi, 13 November 2013.

Dr. Jules Naudet, (Senior Research Fellow at CSH) : « Minorités et cultures de la mobilité en France, aux Etats-Unis et en Inde », Séminaire « Parcours de vie et inégalités/ Life course and inequality », Centre de recherches sur les parcours de vie et les inégalités, University of Lausanne, Switzerland, 23 October 2013.

Dr. Tarangini Sriraman (Post-doctoral Fellow at CSH): “The Fault-lines of Informality: Documented Claims to Entitlement in Delhi’s Urban Poor Spaces”, Conference on “Contemporary Urban Issues” in Istanbul, Turkey, 4-6 November 2013. <http://www.cuiconference.org/>

Dr. Tarangini Sriraman (Post-doctoral Fellow at CSH): “One hearth, one home, one family’: Affect and Materiality in Urban Poor Enumeration”, Conference on The Social and Cultural Life of Information, Centre for the Study of Developing Societies, New Delhi 14-16 November 2013. <http://infra.sarai.net/site/workshops/social-and-cultural-life-of-information-nov-2013/>

Gilles Verniers (Affiliated PhD candidate, CSH): “Hue and Cry Over the Colorless Campaign: Subverting and Adapting to the Election Commission’s Visual Code of Conduct”, Conference on the visibility of Democracy, at Columbia University, organised by the Alliance Program. 14-15 November 2013.

Gilles Verniers (Affiliated PhD candidate, CSH): “Minority Politics in Uttar Pradesh: Do Voters Discriminate on Grounds of Religious Belonging?” workshop on elections in South Asia at Yale University, New Haven. 16 November

Ruchi Bhattacharya, (Research Assistant at CSH): “Effect of Non Market Sources of Consumption on Levels of Nutritional Intake Among Rural Labours in India”, 55th ISLE Conference, JNU University, New

Delhi on 16–18 December 2013. Her paper was awarded the Ruddar Datt Memorial Award Paper. http://www.isleijle.org/NormalView.asp?m_id=135

Somsakun Maneerat (Research Fellow at CSH): “How geosimulation can provide new insights for dengue surveillance and control?” (poster) 3rd International Conference on Dengue and Dengue Haemorrhagic Fever, 21–23 October 2013, Bangkok, Thailand.

➤ Seminars & Workshops

CSH-CPR Urban Workshop Series

CSH-CPR Urban Workshop Series, *Changing End-Markets and the Transformation of India's Organized Retail Networks: Evidence from the Garment Industry*, by Meenu Tewari, 30 July 2013.

CSH-CPR Urban Workshop Series, *Remaking the mohalla: Muslims in the politics of urban transformation in Mumbai*, by Qudsiya Contractor, 27 August 2013.

CSH-CPR Urban Workshop Series, *Urban Sanitation: Assessing Priorities and Options*, by Meera Mehta, 24 September 2013.

CSH-CPR Urban Workshop Series, *More Access or Clean Energy: How did Private Participation affect Delhi's Energy Transition?*, by Marie-Hélène Zerah, with Laure Criqui and Gautier Kohler, 29 October 2013.

CSH-CPR Urban Workshop Series, *Investor Irrationality in Property Markets: An analysis of Bengaluru*, by Piyush Tewari, 26 November 2013.

CSH-CPR Urban Workshop Series, *Public Space, Territorial Breaches and Emotions: Passengers in the Metro*, by Martin Aranguren, 17 December 2013.

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CSH Research Seminar Series

Education for Sustainable Development in Indian Geography Teaching: The Example of Water in Pune, by **Stephanie Leder**, PhD student from the Institute of Geography at the University of Cologne, Germany and Visiting Fellow at CSH from October to December 2013.

The evolution of India's diplomatic structures and practices since 1991, by Melissa Levallant, PhD student, Science Po Paris/CERI, and Visiting Fellow at CSH from October to December 2013.

Water archaeology in central India: case study and research perspective, by Dr. Anne Casille, Research fellow at the French Institute of Research for Development (IRD) and Visiting Fellow at CSH from Mid-November to end of December 2013.

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EFE0

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11th Classical Tamil Summer Seminar organised at the EFE0 from 19 to 30 August 2013.

<http://www.efeo.fr/base.php?code=726>

IFP

For more details on these events, please consult our website, at the following address: <http://www.ifpindia.org/-Seminars-.html>

➤ International Seminars

Second workshop of the French National Agency for Research (ANR) program “Pāṇini and the Pāṇinīyas in the 16th and 17th centuries”, held at the IFP on 21–25 October 2013: <http://www.ifpindia.org/article1239,1239.html> / www.pp16-17.org

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Workshop on “Indian Literature as Comparative Literature: Regional Modernisms and the Idea of Indian Literature”, held at the Rutgers University, USA, on 27–28 September 2013: <http://www.ifpindia.org/Workshop-on-Indian-Literature-as-Comparative-Literature-Regional-Modernisms-and-the-Idea-of-Indian-Literature.html>

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➤ National Seminars

Workshop on “Buddhism in Tamil Nadu with special reference to Classical Tamil Literature”, held at the IFP on 24 August 2013: <http://www.ifpindia.org/Buddhism-in-Tamil-Nadu-with-special-reference-to-Classical-Tamil-Literature.html>

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Workshop on “Understanding Labour: Region, Caste and Gender Through Tamil history and literature”, held at the IFP on 21-23 August 2013: <http://www.ifpindia.org/Workshop-on-Understanding-Labor-Region-Caste-and-Gender-Through-Tamil-history-and-literature.html>

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Workshop on “Biodiversity Informatics and Ecological Sciences in India”, held at the IFP on 6 August 2013: <http://www.ifpindia.org/ecrre/upload/meetings/WGP-Biodiv-WK06-08-2013.pdf>

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➤ Lectures

“Meat Matters: Qureshi Butchers in a Transforming Megacity” by Dr. Zarin Ahmad, held at the IFP on 19 December 2013.

“Meat supply and distribution in Chennai” by Michael Bruckert (CEIAS-EHESS), held at the IFP on 19 December 2013.

“The aspects of religion, philosophy and spirituality” by Dr. T. Ganesan (IFP), held at the IFP on 18 November 2013.

“Spatial Planning In Uttarameru-Caturvedimangalam, An Early

Medieval Settlement”, by Y. Subbarayalu at the National Seminar 2013 On Text And Archaeology: Sites And Settlements. Centre For Archaeological Studies And Training, Eastern India, Kolkata. 15-17 November 2013.

“Linking Labour Markets and Social Network Analysis: Evidence from Vietnam” by Dr. Christophe-Jalil Nordman (IRD, DIAL and IZA), held at the IFP on 5 November 2013.

“Reading the archaeological landscape along water: case study in a micro-region of Central India, and research perspective” by Dr. Anne Casile (IRD), held at the IFP on 5 November 2013.

“Wood Cargo Ships of South India - A preliminary survey” by Dr. Denis Vidal (IRD) and Mr. D. Balasubramanian (IFP), held at the IFP on 29 October 2013.

“War and Gender: The Impact of Sri Lankan Civil War on Sri Lankan Tamil Women” by Dr. Zuzana Hrdlickova, held at the IFP on 15 October 2013: <http://www.ifpindia.org/War-and-Gender-The-Impact-of-Sri-Lankan-Civil-War-on-Sri-Lankan-Tamil-Women.html>

“Unknown Stories: Pollen Case Studies from Tropical South India” by Anupama K (IFP) as an Invited talk at the University of Chicago, Centre for International Studies, and the South Asia Language and Area Centre, on 7 October 2013.

“The challenges of quantitative land cover reconstruction using pollen in the Indian sub continent”, by Anupama K (IFP) at the International Workshop on Landscape Scale Paleoecology at the University of Hull, UK, 7 August 2013.

“Quantitative pollen morphological information from tropical south India: a basis for pollen-vegetation relationships in a landscape mosaic

poster” presented by S. Prasad and K. Anupama (IFP) at the International Workshop on Landscape Scale Paleoecology at the University of Hull, UK, 5-9 August 2013.

“Forced Labour (Corvee) And Peasantry In South India, Third To Thirteenth Centuries CE”, by Y. Subbarayalu at the Seminar On History And Theory in Memory Of Professor R.S. Sharma, University Of Delhi, 2-3 September 2013.

“Birth in the Age of AIDS: Women, Reproduction, and HIV/AIDS in India” by Dr. Cecilia Van Hollen, held at the IFP on 23 July 2013: <http://www.ifpindia.org/Birth-in-the-Age-of-AIDS-Women-Reproduction-and-HIV-AIDS-in-India.html>

➤ Exhibition

The IFP, in collaboration with the Alliance Française de Pondichéry, Ecole Française d'Extrême Orient (EFEO) and the Department of Art and Culture of the Government of Pondicherry, organised an exhibition titled “Old Mahe - 1721-1817” at the Maison Colombani of the Alliance Française de Pondichéry, from 15 November to 6 December 2013. The exhibition, curated by resident historian Dr. Jean Deloche, showcases old maps and plans of the city of Mahe, one of the small territories in Kerala which is a part of the Union Territory of Pondicherry, collected from the French archives.

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WELCOME

...at the CSH

Prof. Dr. Leïla CHOUKROUNE joined the CSH as its new Director in September 2013.

Leïla CHOUKROUNE holds a Doctorate in International Law from

Paris Sorbonne Law School and is a qualified Lawyer at the Paris Bar. She is Associate Professor (Senior Lecturer) in international economic law at Maastricht University Law Faculty. She was Deputy Director of the Institute for Globalization and Economic Regulation (IGIR), Director of the advanced Master in International and European Economic Law and closely associated with the China and India activities of the Faculty. Leïla Choukroune coordinated courses for lawyers and non-lawyers on international investment, trade and development law.

Invited Professor by the World Trade Institute (Berne, Switzerland), the University Paris II Panthéon-Assas, the Trade Policy Training Centre in Africa (Arusha, Tanzania), and the China EU School of Law (Beijing, China), she has taught and lectured in a large number of leading institutions (Beijing People's University Law School, Hong Kong Chinese University, Hong Kong University, Indian Society of International Law, West Bengal University of Juridical Sciences Bangalore Law School, Tokyo Maison Franco-Japonaise, Cornell University, etc).

Her research deals with the interactions between trade, investment and human rights with a special interest for the emerging world and Asia, China and India in particular, where she has lived and visits very frequently. Her publications appear in international academic journals and books as well as in the global media.

In addition, she has performed consultancy work for a variety of international organisations and donors on a global basis and is an independent adviser to the International Federation of Human Rights (FIDH) and several multinational companies.

Prior to joining the CSH and Maastricht University, Dr. Choukroune was assistant Professor at HEC Paris Law Department, Consultant for the OECD, Lecturer at Paris Sorbonne Law School and Researcher at the

French Centre for Contemporary China Studies (CEFC) in Hong Kong.

Rishav Kumar THAKUR is a recent graduate in Economics from the Shri Ram College of Commerce, University of Delhi. He has joined CSH in August 2013 for a period of four months as a research assistant to Dr. Himanshu in a project named Palampur: India's Economic Revolution, A perspective from six decades of economic development in a north Indian Village. His interests are geared towards poverty alleviation and development economics.

Tarangini SRIRAMAN is a Postdoctoral Fellow in the Urban Dynamics program who works on themes of the historical relationship between identification documents, law, citizenship, marginality and welfare processes in India, and in particular, the urban spaces of Delhi. She is engaged in archival and fieldwork to study the materiality and social relations of identity documents in Delhi's slum residences. She joined in January 2013 and got her contract extended until December 2014.

Xavier HOUDOY holds a MRes in Geopolitics from the French Institute of Geopolitics (IFG) University of Paris 8. He has joined CSH as Scientific secretary last September for one year. His Ph.D deals with the making of India's foreign policy towards China, focusing on the actors, institutions and processes that participate to its elaboration. The main highlight is on the mechanisms federated states, and more specifically the few bordering China, are using and expanding (Track-I and Track-II initiatives) to complete, or sometimes complement, New Delhi's central and prominent role in dealing with China.

Mélissa LEVAILLANT holds a MRes in International Relations from Sciences Po Paris and wrote her dissertation on Indian foreign policy

towards Iran. She completed last year a MA at the Department of War Studies at King's College London, where she focused on insurgencies in South Asia and especially on Sri Lanka. She is currently doing a Phd on the modernisation of India's diplomacy since the end of the Cold War at Science Po, funded by the Ministry of Defence (DGA). She also obtained a research support grant from the Ministry of External Affairs to spend three months at the Centre de Science Humaines in Delhi (October-December 2013). During her stay at the CSH, she conducted about 40 interviews with Indian foreign service officers.

Stephanie LEDER, a PhD candidate from the Institute of Geography at the University of Cologne, Germany, joined CSH in October 2013 for a two-months research stay. Her thesis on "Education for Sustainable Development in Indian Geography Teaching: The Example of Water Conflicts in Pune" investigates Geography teaching methods and water-related content in English Medium Schools in Pune, India, and identifies sociocultural, institutional and (infra-)structural barriers and opportunities for the implementation of Education for Sustainable Development in classroom teaching through thinking in networks and student-oriented, communicative teaching methods.

Anne CASILE is a research fellow at the French Institute of Research for Development (IRD), affiliated to the Research Unit called PaLoc ("Patrimoines Locaux", IRD/National Museum of Natural History). Her research in Madhya Pradesh focuses on the archaeology of settlements dynamics, land uses, water management in medieval time. Her visit at the CSH extended between Mid-November to end of December 2013, and aimed at developing a scientific program of "water archaeology

Christophe Jalil NORDMAN is research fellow at the French Institute of Research for Development (IRD), currently in post at DIAL, an IRD – University Paris-Dauphine research centre in the field of development economics in Paris. He visited the CSH between Mid-November to end of December 2013 to interact with the researchers and, in particular, with CSH team working on the Nopoor project. His research focuses on the functioning of labour markets in developing countries, including the formation of earnings, human capital and social networks, gender inequalities, the informal sector and household vulnerability.

... at the EFEO

Andrey KLEBANOV, doctoral student of the University of Hamburg, received a postgraduate scholarship granted by the Centre for the Study of Manuscript Cultures at the University of Hamburg to spend 9 months from October 2013 at the Pondicherry Centre to study with Dr. S.L.P. Anjaneya Sarma and continue his research on « 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 ».

Iona MACGREGOR (Hamburg University) received a grant from the Alfred Toepfer Stiftung F.V.S. to spend a year from October 2013 at the Pondicherry Centre of the EFEO to study with Dr. S.L.P. Anjaneya Sarma and continue her research on Bhairavi's *Kirātārjunīya*.

Anaïs DE FONSECA, a doctoral student of the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), London and EFEO scholar will spend 10 months, from November 2013 to August 2014, at the Centre to pursue her project work entitled « Contemporary Lives of Cherial Paintings from Andhra Pradesh ».

Katarzyna SKIBA, doctoral student of the Jagiellonian University in Krakow, Poland and scholar of the EFEO arrived on 5 November 2013 to spend 4 months at the Pondicherry Centre of the EFEO to pursue her research on “The role of Sanskrit literature in shaping the classical dance traditions in India”.

...at the IFP

Dr. PRAKASH V., Ph.D from the University of Madras, joined the Indology Department on 1 November 2013, for a two-year period and as a post-doctorate, to conduct research on *Purananuru*. A critical edition with a list of variations under the supervision of Prof. SUBBARAYALU and KANNAN M.

Dr. Claude EDELIN, researcher from the French National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS), joined the Ecology Department on 1 December 2013 to 31 August 2015, to work on his research project on “Plant architecture”.

Dr. Audrey RICHARD-FERROUDJI, Engineer and PhD in Sociology, officially took up her post as Head of the Social Sciences Department of the IFP on 9 October 2013, for a two-year period. She succeeds Dr. Eric Denis in that position. Mrs. RICHARD-FERROUDJI's research area is in the field of Water Governance.

Dr. Rémy DELAGE, research scholar from the Centre d'Etude de l'Inde et de l'Asie du Sud (CEIAS) and the French National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS), joined the Social Sciences Department on 1 August 2013, for a two-year period, to work on Migrations and Transnational Islam in the framework of the “Parangipettai” research project.

Dr. Zoe E. HEADLEY, anthropologist from the French

National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS), joined the Social Sciences Department on 1 August 2013, for a two-year period, to work on the topic of Courts, Cast and Cursing in the framework of the Caste, Land and Custom research project.

Michael COLLINS, PhD candidate from the University of Pennsylvania, USA, joined the Indology Department from June 2013 to March 2014, to work on From Boycotts to Ballots: Public Culture and Popular Politics, under the supervision of M. KANNAN.

Samuel OSTROFF, PhD candidate from the University of Pennsylvania, USA, joined the Indology Department from June 2013 to February 2014, to work on Mercantile Cultures in 18th Century south India, as part of a dissertation research, under the joint supervision of Prof. Y. SUBBARAYALU and Dr. Guy ATTEWELL.

GOODBYE

...at the CSH

Roland LARDINOIS, Sociologist, Director of Research at the CNRS, joined the Centre de Sciences Humaines at Delhi in November 2009. For four years (2009-2013) he was the Head of the Political Science section where he initiated a joint research program on the history and sociology of Indian engineers. This project, which has been funded by the Agence National of Research for three years (2014-2016), is now headed by the Historian Vanessa Caru, junior scholar at the CNRS. Roland Lardinois has been elected Director of Research emeritus at the Centre d'Etudes de l'Inde et de l'Asie du Sud at the Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris, where he will carry on his research on the sociology of Indian software engineers.

Marie-Hélène ZÉRAH, Senior Research Fellow in Urban Studies at the IRD, joined the Centre de Sciences Humaines in May 2009. For four years (2009–2013) she was the Head of the Urban Dynamics division. She coordinated a joint research program on Subaltern Urbanization in India funded by the French National Agency for Research (ANR) ending in June 2014 and participated in another ANR funded program on Energy Transition in the Metropolitan Region of the South (TERMOS). She co-edited (with Véronique Dupont and Stéphanie Tawa Lama-Rewal) a joint CSH-UNESCO publication on the Right to the City. She also managed other funded research projects on water supply in Nagpur and on urban local bodies in which post-doctoral research fellows were involved. Finally, since February 2010, a monthly seminar on urban studies, the CSH-CPR Urban Workshop series, was jointly organized by Marie – Hélène Zérah and Partha Mukhopadhyay of the Centre for Policy Research (CPR).

Vasundhra SRIVASTAVA holds an M.Phil in Sociology from the University of Pondicherry. She has been working at CSH from August 2011 till November 2013 as a research assistant on “The making of Indian engineers” project led by Roland Lardinois.

... at the EFEO

Dr Andrew DAVIES, Lecturer in Human Geography, Department of Geography and Planning, University of Liverpool was awarded a fellowship award to visit the EFEO Pondicherry this summer by the British Association of South Asian Studies and the European Consortium for Asian Field Study. He visited the Centre from mid-July to Mid-August. His research focussed on political/activist networks, usually ones that cross national boundaries in some way. Whilst in

Pondicherry, he will be looking at ideas of territory and political exile, in this case by looking at the lives of people like Subramania Bharatiyar and VVS Aiyar and how they acted politically whilst being simultaneously ‘in’ and ‘out’ of their homeland.

Judith UNTERDÖRFLER (South Asia Institute, University of Heidelberg, ECAF member), who already spent two months at the EFEO Pondicherry in March/April 2013, received a scholarship from the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) to come back in October to finish her MA-thesis entitled “Govindavilāsamahākāvya – edition, translation and annotation of the first chapter”.

...at the IFP

Aïcha SEIFELISLAM, B.Sc student in Applied Geosciences at the RWTH Aachen University in Germany, who had joined the Social Sciences Department on 9 August 2013, as a trainee, to work on Water management in Chennai in the framework of the “chance2sustain” research project and under the supervision of Dr. Eric DENIS, left on 14 December 2013.

Dr. Mohan SEETHARAM, Ph.D. in Geography, who had joined the Ecology Department on 15 May 2013 to conduct research and to work on Land Use Change and Ecosystem Services in the Western Ghats along with Dr. B.R. RAMESH, left on 15 November 2013.

Nithya JOSEPH, who had joined the Social Sciences Department in November 2012 to do library research on The Politics of Production and Reproduction in the Karnataka Silk Economy in the framework of the IOW Bonded Labour Project, and under the supervision of Dr. Isabelle GUERIN, left in September 2013.

Neha PANDEY, Masters in Environment Management from

GGSIIP University, Delhi, who had joined the Ecology Department on 8 October 2012, as a trainee, to work on Characterization of Haitian Watersheds under the supervision of Dr. Cédric GAUCHEREL, left on 31 August 2013.

Ashwin Shreshta MARELLA, studying Master of Automotive Engineering at RWTH Aachen University, Germany, who had joined the Ecology Department on 1 November 2012, to work on Catastrophic Shifts in Ecosystems / Chaos, Mathematical Theory Modelling under the supervision of Dr. Cédric GAUCHEREL, left on 31 July 2013.

Paul YOUNSI, 2nd year post graduate student at the University Montesquieu, Bordeaux 4, France, who had joined the Social Sciences Department on 28 May 2013, as a trainee, to work on the topic Explaining the multiple access conditions of the south Indian households to the different financial services under the joint supervision of Dr. Eric DENIS and Dr. Isabelle GUERIN, left on 1 September 2013.

Dr. Eric DENIS, who had joined the Institute on 19 May 2009, as a Researcher and head of the Social Sciences Department, left on 31 August 2013, at the end of his tenure.

Robin MARCHAL, 2nd year post graduate student at the University Montesquieu, Bordeaux 4, France, who had joined the Social Sciences Department on 1 June 2013, as a trainee, to work on Rural Indian households saving practices under the joint supervision of Dr. Eric DENIS and Dr. Isabelle GUERIN, left on 31 August 2013.

Rémi VEZI, 2nd year Master’s degree student in Tropical Ecology, who had joined the Ecology Department on 12 February 2013, as trainee, to work on Conservation recommendations based on a comparison of endemism

and biodiversity in the Western Ghats under the supervision of Dr. Cédric GAUCHEREL, left on 15 August 2013.

Amar DJAOUTI, student at the École nationale des sciences géographiques, France, who had joined the Laboratory of Applied Informatics and Geomatics (LIAG) on 8 May 2013, as a trainee, to work on the development of a GIS for the Uppaganla project under the supervision of Dr. Cédric VEGA, left on 15 August 2013.

Jérôme TRAVERS and **Maxime LOPEZ**, two Master 2 level students in Urban Planning at the Institute for Development, Planning and Tourism, Bordeaux, France, who had joined the Social Sciences Department of the Institute on 27 March 2013, as trainees, to work on Physical, social and cultural impacts of projects implemented for slums as per their integration into the urban (slum treatment) and the fate of the inhabitants (treatment of poverty) under the supervision of Dr. Kamala MARIUS and Dr. Eric DENIS, left on 31 July 2013.

Rafal KLECZEK, M.A student in Sanskrit at the University of Madras, had joined the Indology Department from 6 to 30 2013, to work on the cataloguing of some of the Grantha Manuscripts belonging to the IFP's Collection, under the supervision of Dr. T. GANESAN.

MILESTONES

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➤ 9th Annual Conference on Economic Growth and Development

CSH has been organizing, in association with the Indian Statistical Institute, the 9th Annual Conference on Economic Growth and Development, 19-22 December 2013, held at Indian Statistical Institute Auditorium, Delhi. The conference was about "The

Politics of Economics: the Upcoming General Elections", chaired by Indira Rajaraman, Member, Board of Governors, Reserve Bank of India, with panelists Eswaran Sridharan, Institute for the Advanced Study of India, University of Pennsylvania, Bhaskar Dutta, University of Warwick & Indian Statistical Institute, Maitreesh Ghatak, London School of Economics, Parikshit Ghosh, Delhi School of Economics.

On this occasion, CSH hosted the CSH-ISI dinner on 19 December 2013.

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➤ Lucie Dejouhanet awarded the 3rd Prize for best PhD by the French National Committee for Geography

Ms. Lucie Dejouhanet, who had conducted part of her PhD thesis at the French Institute of Pondicherry (IFP) from 2004 to 2007, has won the 3rd Prix de thèse 2013 (3rd Prize for best PhD), awarded by the French National Committee for Geography, for her dissertation entitled " 'Unclear Occupation'. The Channel of Ayurvedic Plants: Paradoxes and Limits in State Management of Forest Resources in Kerala (India)" (University of Paris X - Nanterre, 2012).

This prize rewards the three best theses in Geography selected in the year by the French National Council of Universities. She was awarded the prize on 6 October 2013, on the occasion of the International Festival of Geography.

A copy of Ms. Lucie Dejouhanet's thesis can be found at the library of the IFP.

Ms. Dejouhanet is now posted as Lecturer in Geography at the University of the Antilles and Guyana.

More information about her dissertation: <http://pharmasia.vjf.cnrs.fr/index.php/11-news/55>

➤ Prof. N.S.R. Tatacharya, awarded the prestigious Viswabharati Award for the year 2013

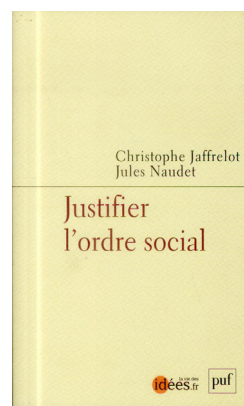
The Government of Uttar Pradesh, India, has awarded the prestigious Viswabharati Award for the year 2013, to Prof. N.S.R. Tatacharya for his scholarly work in 4 volumes titled "Sadbodhamimamsa", published by the French Institute of Pondicherry and the Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan, New Delhi.

The award was given to him by the Honourable Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, Shri Akhilesh Yadav, on 14 September 2013, in Lucknow.

For more information on Prof. N.S.R. Tatacharya: <http://www.ifpindia.org/Prof-N-S-Ramanuja-Tatacharya.html>

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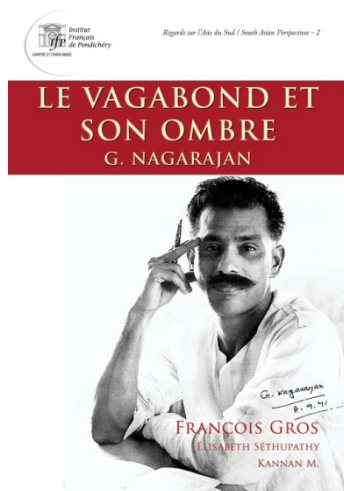
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Présentés et traduits par François Gros avec le concours d'Élisabeth Séthupathy ; English Introduction by Kannan M., Regards sur l'Asie du Sud

/ South Asian Perspectives n° 2, Institut Français de Pondichéry, 2013, 267 p.

Language: French. Includes an English introduction. 650 Rs (28 €). ISBN: 978-81-8470-197-5

In G. Nagarajan's stories, for the first time in Indian literature, and extraordinarily in Tamil literature, we encounter a world of marginal hopeless human beings crawling like "ants on a Mobius strip", devoid of any of the typical traditional "Indian" elements of transcendence or salvation. Here we are in a Tamil world which is totally devoid of metaphysics, not particularly "Indian", where there is only the sky above everyone, secular to the core, in which we find human beings immersed in their quotidian happiness and miseries, floating around like the Meidosems of Henri Michaux, with their narrator observer swimming above them.



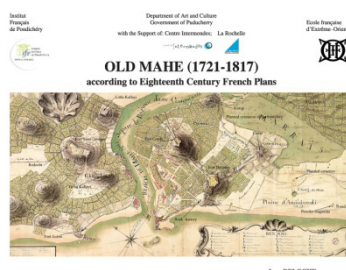
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Language: English. 300 Rs (14 €).



Few people know the tragic fate of Old Mahé which was destroyed three times by the British. Though nothing remains of the ancient settlement, it should be known that, until the middle of the 18th century, it was an urban centre of considerable importance, a Franco-Indian creation which should not be forgotten. Fortunately, this heritage is preserved in the magnificent eighteenth-century plans kept in the French Archives which bring back to life the old town and give priceless details on its ancient structures. This book is therefore an introduction to the history of Mahé and an inventory of its lost monuments.

Keywords: Heritage, Fortification, Urbanism

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