

## EDITORIAL

The French Institute of Pondicherry (IFP), the largest of the research institutes dependent on the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Development, founded in 1955 subsequent to the “de facto transfer agreement” of the French establishments in India, will be celebrating its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2015. The celebrations will take place on 18 and 19 November 2015. A series of roundtables are planned to mark the first day of the celebrations with eminent experts engaging in discussions relating to all three fields of research at the Institute, namely Indology, Ecology and Social Sciences. An open day on the second day will allow the general public to discover its unique collections and to interact with the researchers. This anniversary will bear witness to 60 years of high level scientific cooperation between France and India.

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## FOCUS

### CSH

#### AJEI Young Researchers' 17th Workshop on “Gender: Politics, Labour, Law, Development”

The *Association des Jeunes Études Indiennes* (AJEI) together with the CSH and the French Institute in India (IFI) and in collaboration with Banaras Hindu University (BHU) organized the 17<sup>th</sup> Young Researchers' Workshop entitled “Gender: Politics, Labour, Law, Development” in Varanasi from 9–12 March, 2015.

Designed as a platform for young researchers, specialized as well as non-specialized in gender issues, the workshop aimed at presenting how gender issues can shed a complementary light on their object of research and/or to illustrate what contribution their own work can bring to current gender topics. Detailed accounts of social reality i.e. able to render its diversity and its complexity and privileging intersectionality were favored. Instead of fragmenting the analysis of society, approaching gender

in terms of intersectionality enables the study of the construction of heterogeneous identities, shaped by multiple social relationships.

For more information: <http://f.hypotheses.org/wp-content/blogs.dir/729/files/2015/01/AJEI-2015-Programme-provisoire.pdf>

#### Book launch and discussion on “The Globalization of Inequality”

On Thursday 23 April 2015, Prof. François Bourguignon presented his latest book entitled “The Globalization of Inequality”. In *The Globalisation of Inequality*, distinguished economist and policymaker François Bourguignon examines the complex and paradoxical links between a vibrant world economy that has raised the living standard of over half a billion people in merging nations such as China, India, and Brazil, and the exponentially increasing inequality within countries. Exploring globalisation's role in the evolution of inequality, Bourguignon takes an original and truly international approach to the decrease in inequality *between* nations, the increase in inequality *within* nations, and the policies that might moderate inequality's negative effects. The book launch was followed by a discussion with Prof. Leïla Choukroune, Prof. Surinder S. Jodhka, Dr. Bruno Dorin and Prof. Himanshu.

Further details are available here: <http://csh-delhi.com/eventdetail/59/book-launch-the-globalization-of-inequality-by-prof-francois-bourguignon>



Prof. Surinder S. Jodhka and Prof. François Bourguignon during the book presentation at CSH

## EFEQ

### THE NEW “EARLY TANTRA SERIES”

Three books have just appeared that launch a new mini-series within the *Collection Indologie* called the *Early Tantra Series*. The mini-series has been created, in collaboration with the Sanskrit department of the University of Hamburg, to release some of the fruits of a Franco-German project funded from 2008 to 2011 by the French and German research-funding agencies (Agence Nationale pour la Recherche and the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft). The series takes its name from that project's title: “Early Tantra: Discovering the interrelationships and common ritual syntax of the Shaiva, Buddhist, Vaishnava and Saura traditions”. Our aim was to study the interrelationships between the tantric traditions on the basis of fundamental source-material, which we would edit and publish for the first time. For this we made use of some of the exceptionally rich manuscript resources gathered in the twentieth century and studied by German and French research institutes at opposite poles of the sub-continent. For the project has of course benefitted from access to the largest specialised manuscript collection of texts relating to the Shaiva-siddhanta amassed in the IFP and recognised in 2005 by UNESCO as a “Memory of the World” collection.

At the other end of the subcontinent, the cool climate of Nepal has preserved ancient manuscripts of texts of virtually every branch of Indian learning. Much of the early history of tantrism is thus preserved in the vast archive of Nepalese manuscripts microfilmed over more than three decades by the *Nepal-German Manuscript Preservation Project* (NGMPP), then partly catalogued by the *Nepalese German Manuscript Cataloguing Project* (NGMCP), run from Hamburg and from the NGMCP's base in Kathmandu, the Nepal Research Centre (NRC).

Tantric scriptures form the basis of almost all the various theistic schools of theology and ritual in post-Vedic India, as well as of a major strand of Buddhism (Vajrayāna). Among these schools, those centred on the Hindu deities Śiva and Viṣṇu spread well beyond the Indian subcontinent to Kambuja (Cambodia/Laos/Thailand), Champa (Vietnam) and Indonesia, while Buddhist tantrism quickly became pan-Asian.

One Nepalese treasure, also included, in 2013, in UNESCO's register, formed the corner-stone of our project: the ninth-century manuscript of the *Niśvāsa-tattva-saṃhitā*. The first volume of our new series is devoted to that extraordinarily rich text, the other two to hitherto unpublished Vaishnava works that appear to be among the oldest sources of the Pañcarātra, and to the *Brahmayāmala*, an early work of antinomian religion that has had a surprisingly broad influence, not only on Śaivism, but also on tantric Buddhism.

The *Early Tantra Series* is not a closed collection: as well as the editions and translations promised as part of the “Early Tantra” project, studies of numerous related works were inspired or further advanced during the project's workshops.

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### The Archaeology of Bhakti III – The Bhakti of Minor Dynasties

The third workshop in the series *The Archaeology of Bhakti*, organised by Emmanuel Francis (CNRS/CEIAS), Charlotte Schmid (EFEQ Paris) and Valérie Gillet (EFEQ Pondicherry), will take place at the Centre of the EFEQ in Pondicherry from 3 to 14 August 2015. We are glad to announce that Yuko Yokochi (Kyoto University) and Leslie Orr (Concordia University) have graciously accepted to be our guests of honour for this year's scholarly gathering, which, unlike the previous two, will consist

in a workshop only, since we plan to spend most of our time in the field. The next workshop-cum-conference will take place in 2017.

This year's theme is “The Bhakti of Minor Dynasties”. In our working definition, this refers to all sorts of smaller dynasties that never rose to an “imperial” status, but mainly remained subordinated to more powerful kings. In the pre-medieval and medieval Tamil country, such were the Muttaraiyars, the Irukuvēls, the Paluvēṭṭaraiyars or the Bāṇas, who for most of their history acknowledged the authority of the Pallavas, the Cōlas or the Pāṇḍyas. Our objective is to work on theoretical issues, such as the definition of “Minor Dynasties”, by exploring *in situ* the architectural, iconographical and epigraphical remains that are associated with minor dynasties of Tamil Nadu and by comparing these with the corpora of the major dynasties. We will visit the sites of Taccūr, Lālkuṭi, Kiraṇūr, Maliyaṭipatti, Kaliyapatti, Vicalūr, Tiruppūr, Kaṇṇanūr, Tirukkattalai, Panaṅkuṭi, Tirumeyyam, Narttamalai, Malaikōyil, Putukkōṭṭai, Gokarṇēśvara, Koṭumpālūr, Virālūr, Kilaiyūr/Melappaluvūr, Gaṅgaikoṇṭacōlapuram. The following participants are confirmed: Padma Kaimal (Colgate University), Vidya Dehejia (Columbia University), Dominic Goodall (EFEQ Pondicherry), John Guy (Metropolitan Museum of Art, NY), Richard Mann (Carleton University), Caleb Simmons (University of Arizona), Richard Davis (Bard College), Elizabeth Cecil (Brown University), Emma Stein (Yale University), Nicolas Cane (EPHE), Eventhia Moreau, Nicolas Dejenne (Paris III Sorbonne-Nouvelle), Maishy Charan (Delhi University), Innamburan Raja (retired), Divya Kumar-Dumas (Pennsylvania University), Shubha Shanthamurthy (Oxford University), Anil Kumar (ASI Chennai).

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## The 13th Classical Tamil Summer Seminar

In 2015, the CTSS will take place from 10-28 August, shortened, in other words, to three weeks instead of the customary four so as not to overlap completely with the third workshop on the Archeology of Bhakti. The day will be split into two morning reading-sessions for the principal text and a choice of afternoon reading sessions devoted to selected texts from different genres of Tamil literature. The first and second weeks will be devoted to a literary text from the oldest surviving body of Tamil poetry, the *Caṅkam* corpus, namely the *Kuṛiṇcippāṭṭu* (261 lines). The work is one the ten long songs of the *Pattuppāṭṭu* and is currently being critically re-edited by T. Rajeswari, who will take over the guidance of the reading sessions. The third week will concentrate on one of the fundamental texts in the Śaiva devotional corpus, namely the *Tiruvācakam*, of Māṇikkavācakar (9<sup>th</sup> c.), reputed to make the heart melt of everyone who has a heart. This will be presented by Jean-Luc Chevillard. In the afternoon there will be various slots for *Maṇimēkalai* (G. Vijayavenugopal), *Muttollāyiram*. (Giovanni Ciotti), *Tolkāppiyam Collatikāram* (Victor D'Avella), *Tolkāppiyam Poruḷatikāram*, *Meyppāṭṭiyal* (Indra Manuel) and *Viracōḷiyam* (K. Nachimuthu).

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## Mobile Manuscript Lab in Pondicherry

Within the framework of the NETamil project, the mobile manuscript lab from the Centre for the Study of Manuscript Cultures, University of Hamburg, visited the Pondicherry Centre during the third and fourth weeks of January 2015 in order to conduct experiments of multispectral imaging on palm-leaf manuscripts. The purpose was to restore and enhance legibility in cases of faded or damaged script. Different imaging

techniques and different sorts of light have to be employed in order deal with various kinds of problems such as vanished ink, water or insect damage or simply the wearing out of the fragile old palm-leaves. The material processed came in part from the manuscript collection of the EFEO and in part from the ancient holdings of Tiruvāṇṭūṟai mutt. The French Consulate kindly assisted in the transport of the heavy and sensitive lab equipment from Germany to India. For a couple of important texts the readability of the poor remaining witnesses could be significantly enhanced, such as for the Tiruvāṇṭūṟai manuscript of the *Caṅkam* anthology *Paripāṭal* and for a part of Aṭiyārkkunallār's commentary on the epic *Cilappatikāram*. A further trip is planned for next year with the purpose of working on manuscripts from some of the important Chennai libraries and of studying the special problems that concern paper manuscripts, such as lamination.

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## IFP

## Prof. Gilles Boeuf, invitee of the IFP in the framework of the Cycle of Conferences of the Collège de France in India

Professor Gilles Boeuf, a specialist in environmental physiology and biodiversity, President of the *National Museum of Natural History (MNHN)* in Paris, France (since 2009), Professor at the University Pierre et Marie Curie, Paris and Invited Professor at the Collège de France on the Chair of Sustainable Development – Energy, Environment and Society, visited the IFP on March 6, 2015, on the occasion of his visit to south India from 23<sup>rd</sup> February to 9<sup>th</sup> March in the framework of Cycle of Conferences of the Collège de France in India organized in collaboration with the Scientific Department of the Embassy of France in India and the Centre for Social Sciences and Humanities (CSH) in New Delhi.

The Cycle of Conferences of the Collège de France in India aims at promoting the excellence of French research and its teaching, and thereby, to encourage the emergence of new collaborations. This programme, which is planned over a three-year





span, will see several professors of the Collège de France visit high ranking universities and research institutes in India. Prof. Boeuf is the second professor to be welcomed in the framework of this cycle.

The programme schedule in Pondicherry of Prof. Boeuf started with a visit to the IFP where he was presented the works conducted in the Ecology and Social sciences Departments notably. Then followed two conferences by Prof. Boeuf on the themes of biodiversity and climate change: the first one, in the afternoon of March 6 in front of the students of the Department of Ecology and Environmental Sciences of the Pondicherry University, and the second at the Alliance Française of Pondicherry in front of a very large audience.

Thanks to the fruitful exchanges with Prof. Boeuf, a number of important research axes to be developed between the IFP, the MNHN, the CNRS and the CIRAD were rapidly identified, notably at the interface of human sciences and ecology. Prof. Boeuf also proposed to promote the works of the IFP in the field of carbon storage to Mrs. Ségolène Royale and Mr. Fabius ahead of the United Nations Conference on Climate Change Conference (CoP 21).

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## The IFP participates in the Delhi Sustainable Development Summit (DSDS) 2015

The United Nations Climate Change Conference, COP21 or CMP11 will be held in Paris, France in 2015. The international climate conference will be held from 30 November to 11 December 2015. This will be the 21st yearly session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 21) to the 1992 United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the 11th session of the Meeting of the Parties (CMP 11) to the 1997 Kyoto

Protocol. The conference objective is to achieve a legally binding and universal agreement on climate, from all the nations of the world.

In this framework, and as a preparatory meeting for the Paris 2015 climate meeting, the French Institute of Pondicherry participated in the 2015 Delhi Sustainable Development Summit (DSDS), the 15<sup>th</sup> edition of which was themed “Sustainable Development Goals and Dealing with Climate Change”. The DSDS, an international platform to facilitate the exchange of knowledge on all aspects of sustainable development, has been organized by the Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) annually since 2001. Over the past fourteen years, the DSDS has emerged as one of the foremost fora on issues related to global sustainability. This flagship event of TERI brings together various Heads of State and Government, thought leaders, policy-makers and the crème de la crème of industry and academia to deliberate on myriad issues. Among the various Heads of State and Government of over 50 countries that participated in the 15<sup>th</sup> edition, were HE Mr. Laurent Fabius, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Development and Former Prime Minister of France, as well as HE Ms. Ségolène Royal, Minister of Ecology, Sustainable Development and Energy, Government of France. This Summit was of much relevance to the ongoing works of the French Institute of Pondicherry on climate change studies.

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## RESEARCH

### CSH

### GIFTA

The “**Government and Economic Integration through Free Trade Agreements**” (GIFTA) project is

funded by the **British Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC)** and intends to foster interdisciplinary research on the evolutions and effects of free trade agreements **(FTAs) in America, Europe and Asia**. The GIFTA project is by nature **interdisciplinary and global**. The inaugural GIFTA Workshop took place at Keele University on 22-23 January 2015. Please see: [http://giftaproject.org/?page\\_id=89](http://giftaproject.org/?page_id=89)

**An Asia workshop will be held at the CSH in November 2015, please see: <http://giftaproject.org/index.php/workshops/>. Prof. Sangeeta Khorana**, CSH Senior Research Associate, is the Principal Coordinator of the GIFTA project while **Prof. Leïla Choukroune** is a member of the international advisory board and in charge of the Asia related aspects of the work programme.

For more information on the GIFTA project, please see: <http://giftaproject.org>

### EFEO

## Research on Tamil Vaiṣṇava manuscripts

Suganya Anandakichenin, who has just successfully defended her doctoral thesis about Kulacēkara Ālvār at Hamburg University, mainly works on the Tamil Vaiṣṇava manuscripts of the EFEO collection in Pondicherry. On the one hand, she is cataloguing them so that in the near future, both a digital copy of the manuscripts as well as information about them and the different works they transmit can be freely accessed online by anyone who is interested. In the process, she is also collecting information about the transmission of the manuscripts. On the other, she is collating sources for some of the earlier layers of the corpus of Ālvār poetry in order to determine if it would be worthwhile to attempt a critical edition of the whole corpus, the *Nālāyira Tivviya Pirapantam*. She

is also translating various parts of this literature, along with the medieval commentaries upon it written in Maṇipravāla.

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## **Towards a critical reconstruction of the *Somaśambhupaddaṭi*.**

The current focus of Nirajan Kafle's research is the eleventh-century Śaiva ritual text called the *Somaśambhupaddaṭi*. He is particularly working with Dr. S.A.S. Sarma of the EFEO, who is producing a critical edition of this text along with its commentary, the *Somaśambhupaddaṭi-ṭikā* of Trilocanaśiva. The *Somaśambhupaddaṭi* is a prominent ritual text that circulated widely throughout India and that has been shown to have influenced both Śaiva and non-Śaiva ritual traditions. Currently three editions of the text are available: a Kashmirian one, a South Indian one published from Devakottai and Hélène Brunner's Pondicherry edition in four-volumes, none of which have systematically used the extant Nepalese manuscript witnesses. For a better understanding and critical reconstruction of the text, Nirajan Kafle has been assisting S.A.S. Sarma in the collation of the Nepalese manuscripts. Nepalese witnesses conserve an early state of text since they are older than any of the sources used for the hitherto published editions.

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## **IFP**

## **DIALAQ Project: Dialogic exploration of futures for sustainable farming on overexploited aquifers**

Groundwater resources are confronted with an increased risk of depletion



Photo: Meeting with staff from the Department of Agriculture – Sefrou – Feb, 25th 2015

and pollution leading to more water scarcity and crisis. Water users and managers are encouraged to develop strategies that also take climate change into account. The challenge is huge considering groundwater is an unseen resource that involves a large number of small and dispersed users that may face many other concerns such as land access or volatility of market for farmers. In this context, the DIALAQ project focuses on joint adaptation of agriculture and groundwater management. It explores the opportunity for (1) Fostering dialogue on long term issues and (2) Jointly considering issues related to water (surface and ground ones), agriculture and land. In 2015, IFP and ATREE led a network that includes scientists from several disciplines, institutions and farmer's representatives in France, India, Morocco and United States. The partners met for a 3-day workshop that was held in Morocco from February 23-27, 2015, and a project proposal was submitted in the framework of the Call for proposals for Transformative Knowledge Networks by the International Social Science Council and its partners. The network activities were supported by a seed grant from the ISSC under the Transformations to Sustainability Programme. This Programme is funded by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) and serves as a contribution to Future Earth. Supplementary support for seed grants was provided by the Swedish Secretariat for Environmental

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## **Conservation, Documentation and Preservation of the Knowledge of Siddha Medicine**

“Conservation, Documentation and Preservation of the Knowledge of Siddha Medicine”, is a new Endangered Archives Programme supported by Arcadia and administrated by the British Library. It is a two-year programme managed jointly by the Department of Social Sciences and the Centre of Traditional Medicine and Research, Chennai and that will begin on 15 July 2015.

Siddha refers to the traditional medical system of Tamil Nadu, India. Although recognised by the government of India, siddha medicine has not been systemically studied, partly due to the difficulty of access to its texts, mostly in form of manuscripts, kept in libraries or held by practitioners. The manuscripts consist of palm leaves made vulnerable by attacks by insect larvae, rodents and fungus. Their digitalisation is crucial to preserve the siddha knowledge from decay, and to facilitate research in the medical field and on socio-cultural subjects related to this medical system.

The project aims at digitalising and cataloguing siddha manuscripts as well as material related to this medical tradition belonging to the practitioners residing in the Kanniyakumari and Tirunelveli districts and in northern and central districts of Tamil Nadu.

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## Separate self, interdependent self and new financial technologies - Lessons from rural southern India

In rural southern India, the financial landscape has seen tremendous change over recent years. Social benefits, which are widespread, are now paid into bank accounts. Ten years back, most poor rural households had never had contact with a bank (this was especially the case for Dalits, women and some workers, such as bonded labourers). Today, however, they don't have a choice. Most now have bank accounts and ATM cards. What difference will this make? This research project will look at this through two complementary sets of questions.

The first set of questions deals with changes in financial behaviours and will draw on a longitudinal household survey (the same households surveyed in 2010 will be surveyed again). Are bank accounts only used to receive social benefits or are they also used to save and manage daily transactions? The use of banking financial transactions will be quantified, compared to 2010 data and disaggregated by caste, gender, occupation and location.

The second set of questions deals with the consequences on social relations and 'world views'. Bank accounts and ATM cards are not only technical tools, but also convey a particular vision of the world, based on a specific *accounting* system in the service of *separate individuals*. This vision of the world goes against the customary financial practices of constantly *juggling* with money and social relationships, where money (including quasi money such as gold), debt and saving are the expression of *relations of interdependency* (whether based on hierarchy and exploitation, or on solidarity and reciprocity). To what extent does the introduction of new financial technologies impact pre-existing visions of the world, and how do these two regimes of value interact and coexist? Here too, particular

attention will be given to Dalits, women and bonded labourers.

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## Feminist analysis of social and solidarity economy practices: views from Latin America and India

Production, exchange and redistribution practices based on solidarity can be found in almost all areas of economic activity – from agriculture to handicraft, manufacturing, finance, social and care services. These practices privilege the quest for solidarity (among producers, between producers and consumers, in diverse territories and environments, etc.) over individual (or group) profit and rent seeking behaviour. Social and solidarity economy practices do not aim to replace the market nor the state, but rather to re-articulate the latter two institutions under the principles of reciprocity and solidarity. This is particularly the case when the logics of capital accumulation endanger the enjoyment of social and economic rights. Social and solidarity economy (SSE) practices (re)invent non-capitalist social relations and forms of management that allow for the re-appropriation of the means of production by workers and the re-activation of social relations that are at the antipodes of individualism and greed, opening possibilities to organize *social reproduction* in a way in which “all persons’ capabilities and the quality of all lives” matter (Coraggio 2009). Finally, social and solidarity economy practices make room for debate to take place, thus articulating

democracy and the economy, and bringing about new ways of contesting politics, development institutions and public policies.

This growing interest in social and solidarity economy (SSE) by both academics and politicians, however, remains gender-blind, even though these practices are highly gendered and women play a major role in them.

This research project aims at addressing these gaps in SSE analysis and policies from a feminist perspective. At the same time, although feminist economics has clearly articulated the concepts of social reproduction and the care economy (Esquivel 2014), these theorizations tend to pay little attention to forms of collective and solidarity-based care provision (Fournier *et al.* 2013). This research project will contribute to the empirical and theoretical debates on *social reproduction*.

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## EVENTS

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## CSH

### International Seminars

#### ➤ The Non-Utilitarian Foundations of General Social Theory - International Symposium of Cerisy, May 2015

**Frederic Vandenberghe**, visiting researcher at CSH, together with Alain Caillé, Philippe Chanial and Stéphane Dufoix, has organised a prestigious international symposium on **The Non-utilitarian Foundations of General Social Theory**. The symposium took place from the 16<sup>th</sup> to the 23<sup>rd</sup> of May 2015 at the Centre Culturel international de Cérisy-la-Salle, in Normandy, France.

Further details are available here: <http://csh-delhi.com/conference/lecture-series/the-non-utilitarian-foundations-of-general-social-theory-international-symposium-of-cerisy-may-2015>

### CSH Lecture Series

#### ➤ Feminism, Poetry and Social Sciences

On Tuesday 3 March 2015, in the eve of the International Women's Day, Prof. **Sukrita Paul Kumar** and Dr. **Virginie Dutoya** animated a discussion on **"Feminism, Poetry and Social Sciences"**. With this event, the CSH launched a series of social sciences discussions on feminism and gender and the many ways these issues can be approached by a variety of disciplines.

The event was recorded and can be watched here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wXAY9Cp1GI>

#### ➤ Interrogating Gender Equality in India

On 24 March 2015, the CSH organized a second conversation between Dr. **Nida Kirmani**, Dr. **Parul Bhandari** and Dr. **Virginie Dutoya** on



Prof. Leïla Choukroune, Prof. Sukrita Paul Kumar and Dr. Virginie Dutoya during the discussion held at CSH

**"Interrogating Gender Equality in India"**, moderated by Prof. **Mary E. John**. Several aspects were analysed. Dr. Nida Kirmani who has been conducting a research in Zakir Nagar, a Muslim-majority neighbourhood in Delhi, explored the relation between "Religion, Gender and the Navigation of Urban Spaces". Dr. Parul Bhandari interrogated notions of 'compatibility' and 'interpersonal connection' in pre-marital and marital relationships

among India's contemporary upper middle class. Dr. Virginie Dutoya examined the debate over women's political representation in India focusing on the evolution of its terms, from 'colonial protection' to 'empowerment'. Please see:

<http://csh-delhi.com/eventdetail/54/lecture-series-interrogating-gender-equality-in-india>



Prof. Leïla Choukroune and Dr. Kriti Kapila during the lecture at CSH

## ➤ From Rights to Adjudication and Beyond: Legal Anthropology Perspectives on Contemporary India

On Thursday 16 April 2015 at CSH, Dr. **Kriti Kapila** and Dr. **Anuj Bhuwania** participated to a discussion entitled “**From Rights to Adjudication and Beyond: Legal Anthropology Perspectives on Contemporary India**”, chaired by Prof. **Leïla Choukroune**. The photos and video of the event can be accessed here: <http://csh-delhi.com/conference/lecture-series/from-rights-to-adjudication-and-beyond-legal-anthropology-perspectives-on-contemporary-india>

## ➤ Home, Belonging and Identity: The Chinese Communities in India

On Monday 20 April 2015, Dr. **Jayani Bonnerjee**, Dr. **Rita Chowdhury** and **Vidura Jang Bahadur** exchanged their views on the ideas of home and the broad range of concerns and emotions it encompasses for a minority diaspora such as the Chinese community in India. The presentation was followed by a conversation moderated by Prof. **Leïla Choukroune**. The photos and video of the event can be accessed here: <http://csh-delhi.com/conference/lecture-series/home-belonging-and-identity-the-chinese-community-in-india>



Vidura Jang Bahadur during the discussion at CSH

## Seminars and Workshops

### EMOPOLIS

For the first time, a collective research project based at the CEIAS, ‘**Emotions**

and **Political Mobilizations in the Indian Subcontinent**’ (EMOPOLIS), held its midterm workshop at the Centre for Social Sciences and Humanities (CSSH) in New Delhi on February 26-27, 2015; this marks the beginning of a new phase of institutional collaboration between both centers. The 16 team members (researchers in Political Science, Sociology, Anthropology, History, and Cultural Studies, based in France, Germany, India, Pakistan, Singapore, Brazil and the US) shared the preliminary results of their fieldwork with Delhi-based colleagues from a variety of institutions.

Read more: <http://www.csh-delhi.com/news/emopolis-emotions-and-political-mobilizations-in-the-indian-subcontinent>

## ➤ CSH-CPR Urban Workshop Series

CSH-CPR Urban Workshop Series, “*Power to the People? A study of Bangalore’s Urban Taskforces*”, by Neha Sami, 27 January 2015.

CSH-CPR Urban Workshop “*You Can Call it a Muffasil Town, but Nothing Less: New Narratives of Urbanization and Urbanism from Census Towns in West Bengal*”, by Srilata Sircar, 23 February 2015.

CSH-CPR Urban Workshop Series “*Pipe Politics: Contested Infrastructures of Millennial Mumbai*”, by Lisa Bjorkman, 24 February 2015.

CSH-CPR Urban Workshop “*Fear and the City: Negotiating Everyday Life as a Young Baloch Man in Karachi*”, by Nida Kirmani, 31 March 2015.

CSH-CPR Urban Workshop “*We are visioning it: Availing the Futures of the Delhi Metro*”, by Rashmi Sadana, 28 April 2015.

CSH-CPR Urban Workshop “*Public interest litigation as a slum demolition machine*”, by Anuj Bhuwania, 26 May 2015.

## ➤ CSH Research Seminar Series

**Floriane Zaslavsky**, PhD Candidate, “Local voices, global networks. The development of Internet in India and its influence on contemporary social movements: the case of the dalit Ambedkarite movement”, 27 January 2015.

<http://csh-delhi.com/eventdetail/49/local-voices-global-networks-the-development-of-internet-in-india-and-its-influence-on-contemporary-social-movements-the-case-of-the-dalit-ambedkarite>

**Diane Philiponet**, PhD Candidate, “The monkey’s eyes. A study of human/non-human primates relationships in two North Indian cities”, 4 March 2015.

<http://csh-delhi.com/eventdetail/56/the-monkeys-eyes-a-study-of-human-nonhuman-primates-relationships-in-two-north-indian-cities>

**Jean-Thomas Martelli**, PhD Candidate, “From mobilization to demobilization: understanding the emergence of activist endeavours in an Indian campus”, 6 May 2015.

<http://csh-delhi.com/eventdetail/60/phd-seminar-from-mobilisation-to-demobilisation-understanding-the-emergence-of-activist-endeavours-in-an-indian-campus>

## ➤ Eco-CSH workshop

**Bhattacharya Ruchira**, “Nutritional & Health Outcomes in Palanpur”, Eco-CSH Workshop, CSH, New Delhi, 16/01/2015.

**Leclère Chloé**, “Total sanitation campaign, social capital and castes”, Eco-CSH Workshop, CSH, New Delhi, 10/02/2015.

**Banerjee Aditi**, “Credit in Palanpur”, Eco-CSH Workshop, CSH, New Delhi, 02/03/2015.



**Gaurav Sarthak**, “What Can the Country-side Tell Us About the Country?”, Eco-CSH Workshop, CSH, New Delhi, 25/03/2015.

**Kaur Japneet, Joshi Bhavna, Banerjee Aditi, Ahirwal Gajanand, Meena Gaurav**, “Tenancy, Non-Farm Diversification, Inequality and Credit Market in Palanpur over Six Decades”, Eco-CSH Workshop, CSH, New Delhi, 22/05/2015.

## ➤ Reading Group on Elites

- 1<sup>st</sup> session: Invited talk by Prof. Saurabh Dube (8<sup>th</sup> January)  
2<sup>nd</sup> session: Economic Elite (28<sup>th</sup> January)  
3<sup>rd</sup> session: Networks of Elite (18<sup>th</sup> Feb)  
4<sup>th</sup> session: Education and Elites (11<sup>th</sup> March)  
5<sup>th</sup> session: Education and Elites (1<sup>st</sup> April)  
6<sup>th</sup> session: Elite and consumption in Delhi (22<sup>nd</sup> of April)  
7<sup>th</sup> session: Family, Marriage and Elites (13<sup>th</sup> May)

## CSH Partners Events

### ➤ A stocktaking of India's Trade Policy: Past, Present and the Future, IHC (New Delhi), 21-22 May 2015

This international conference organised by Jindal Global Law School and the World Trade Institute (WTI-Bern) was aiming to situate India in the Pantheon of emerging nations and see how its development prospects and the constraints it carries from the license Raj days affect its ability to use trade with a view to overcoming growth bottlenecks and shifting the country's political economy narrative towards more openness and competition and less policy precaution. The conference brought together some of the leading academics, policy makers, diplomats and civil society representatives who have had and continue to have a major

role in shaping India's trade policy. Prof. **Leila Choukroune** presented a paper on “China-India comparative trade policies paths and recent legal developments”.

Please see: <http://www.nccr-trade.org/events/international-conference-a-stocktaking-of-indias-trade-policy-past-present-and-future/>

### ➤ Discussing India and Pakistan: new dynamics and perspectives, Graduate Conference on South Asia, 18 – 19 June 2015, Paris

From 17-19 June 2015, the **Network of Researchers in International Affairs** (NORIA) has organized its first **Graduate Conference on South Asia**. The CSH along with the Doctoral School of Sciences Po (Paris), the *Centre de Recherches Internationales* (CERI) and King's India Institute (London) were the main partners of this event, which aimed to provide opportunities for PhD students working on South Asia in the areas of political science and international relations to discuss their research projects and to improve their theoretical and methodological approaches.

Please see: <http://www.noria-research.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/Programme-GNC-South-Asia-.pdf>

### ➤ Towards a Postcolonial Theory of Democracy, 17 June 2015, University of Cergy-Pontoise

On 17 June, Prof. **Partha Chatterjee**, (Columbia University, New York), has presented his views on a Post-Colonial Theory of Democracy. The event was part of the workshop series “Démocraties / Démocratisations” organised by the Political Sciences Institute of Saint-Germain-en-Laye and the Centre for Political and Juridical Philosophy of the University of Cergy-Pontoise. The lecture was moderated by Prof. **Carlos M. Herrera**, Director of the CPJP, University of Cergy and Prof. **Leila Choukroune**, Director of the Centre for Social Sciences and Humanities (CSH).

Please see: [http://csh-delhi.com/images/agenda/Démocratie\\_démocratisations\\_%28IEA%20-%20IEP%20-%20CPJP%292015.pdf](http://csh-delhi.com/images/agenda/Démocratie_démocratisations_%28IEA%20-%20IEP%20-%20CPJP%292015.pdf)

### ➤ Presenting MAGEO Project, 16 – 17 June 2015, Paris

**Eric Daudé**, head of the Risks and Territorial Dynamics of the CSH, has presented the project **MAGEO** (Modélisation Agent Geography) at the *Centre des Congrès de la Villette, Cité des sciences et de l'industrie*, Paris, on 16 and 17 June 2015.

The event was part of the 2<sup>nd</sup> **Salon de l'Innovation** co-organized by the CNRS, INRA and CVT Athena. MAGEO is a modeling and simulation platform, which provides a user-friendly modeling and development environment for spatial agent-based simulations. It is developed since 2010 by researchers of UMR IDEES (CNRS) in Rouen (France), and funded by the French ANR (National Research Agency) and FEDER (European Regional Development Fund).

Please see: <https://sites.google.com/site/mageosim/>

## EFEQ

### ➤ Third NETamil Workshop on Commentary idioms

During the first two weeks of February the Third NETamil Workshop on Commentary idioms will be conducted in the centre of the EFEQ in Pondicherry. Reading sessions will be guided by each of the participants for commentarial traditions in various intellectual domains in the three languages Tamil, Sanskrit and Manipravālam, and even in Telugu and Malayalam.

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## IFP

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

## National Seminars

Consultation meeting on “Water Stewardship for sustainable Development” held in Pondicherry on May 5, 2015: Water Stewardship for Sustainable Development of the Bioregion. Please see: <http://www.ifpindia.org/content/water-stewardship-sustainable-development-bioregion>

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## Lectures held at the IFP

Lecture on “**Pollen and Rare Earth Elements studies on Quaternary Sediment Cores in the Cauvery Delta**” by Prayan Paramita Mohapatra, PhD candidate at the Pondicherry University, on 22 June 2015.

Lecture on “**Analysis of the Institutional Framework for Artificial Groundwater Recharge in Tamil Nadu**” by Jeanne LATUSEK, student in Master of Engineering in Integrated Water, on 7 May 2015.

Lecture on “**DNA technologies in wildlife conservation**” by Dr. P Anuradha Reddy, Scientist, Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB), Laboratory for the Conservation of Endangered Species, Hyderabad, on 4 May 2015.

Lecture on “**Are Portraits Good to Think? Reflections of Tamil Studio Portraiture**” by Dr. Zoe E. Headley, IFP-CEIAS/CNRS, on 16 April 2015.

Lecture on “**Terrestrial LiDAR in forest areas**” by Jules MOREL, PhD candidate, Geomatics Laboratory, IFP, on 25 March 2015.

Lecture on “**Biomedical governance beyond the state?: Examining the role of patient organisations in shaping access to experimental stem cell therapy in India**” by Dr. Carolyn Heitmeyer, Research Fellow-‘Bionetworking in Asia’, Department of Anthropology, School of Global Studies, University of Sussex, United Kingdom, on 23 March 2015.

Lecture on “**Taxonomy and Systematics of the Tropical Asian spiny solanums: from India to New Guinea**” by Dr. Xavier Aubriot, Post doctoral research assistant in tropical Asia spiny solanums phylogenetics and taxonomy, Department of Life

Sciences, Natural History Museum, United Kingdom, on 12 March 2015.

Panel discussion on “**The Yin and Yang of Heritage, the Tangible and the Intangible**” by Tara Murali, Benny Kuriakose, P.T. Krishnan and K.T. Ravindran, on 28 February 2015.

Lecture on “**How Economical Issues Reflect Religious Lobbying Within The Community. Case study: Dalai Lama’s Visit in Zanskar, Indian Himalayas**” by Dr. Salomé Deboos, Teacher-Researcher, University of Strasbourg, Faculty of Social Sciences, Institute of Ethnology, France, on 3 March 2015.

Lecture on “**Military Administration from the Arthaśāstra in Modern Prospective**” by Dibakami Krutartha, Ph.D student at the Indology Department of the IFP, on 11 February 2015.

Lecture on “**Invisible community and peerless science: case studies from Morocco and India**” by Dr. Michel Dubois, CNRS Senior Research Fellow, GEMASS – Paris Sorbonne University, France, on 2 February 2015.

Lecture on “**Sounding the Invisible: a Musical Pantheon in Bastar, Chhattisgarh**” by Dr. Nicolas Prévot, Lecturer in Ethnomusicology at Paris Ouest Nanterre University (France), on 22 January 2015.

## IFP Reading groups

30 January: Bhatti S. and Pinney, C. (2011) ‘Optic-Clash: Modes of Visuality in India’ in *A Companion to the Anthropology of India*, (Ed) Isabelle Clark-Deces West Sussex: Wiley-Blackwell, pp.225-240.

20 March: Rajan, K. S. (2007). *Experimental values-Indian clinical trials and surplus health*. New Left Review, (45), 67-88.

## Miscellaneous

The IFP, in collaboration with Pondy ART (<http://pondyart.org/>), presented a photo exhibition on “Heritage of



Photo: Photo exhibition “Heritage of the Family: Tamil Studio Portraiture (1880 – 1980)”

the Family: Tamil Studio Portraiture (1880 – 1980)” from 25th February to 25th March 2015, on the Goubert Avenue (beach road).

The exhibition presented a series of portraits collected from across Tamil Nadu by Dr. Zoe Headley and a team of French and Indian researchers from the IFP’s Social Science Department. The images are part of an ongoing project tracing the social history of Tamil studio photography and investigating the visual rhetoric of family portraiture in South India.

The IFP team is working to preserve this historical legacy as a digital archive in their library is being constituted for everyone’s benefit. The full archive will be available for public access at the completion of the project.

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## WELCOME

### ...at the CSH

**Jean-Thomas Martelli** is a PhD candidate at the King’s India Institute, King’s college London (UK). He is currently studying contemporary social and organisational issues of urban youth, with a specific focus on targeted north-Indian higher

education institutions. Before joining the King’s, he completed a MA in Political Science & International Relations at Sciences Po (Aix-en-Provence, France) and a joint Erasmus Mundus Masters in Global Studies at Jawaharlal Nehru University (Delhi, India), Roskilde University (Roskilde, Denmark) and University of Wroclaw (Wroclaw, Poland). The project he is currently unravelling examines the processes through which certain students develop contentious political capital within pre-existent organisational and cultural structures. In order to conduct his last fieldwork in Delhi, the CSH granted him a four-months scholarship.

**Arthur Imbert** has joined CSH as an intern under the supervision of Dr. Bruno Dorin and deals with Surplus value Accounting Method applied to Indian agricultural sector. After he completed a bachelor’s degree in Economics at Sorbonne University, Paris, he joined the *Ecole Nationale de la Statistique et de l’Administration Economique* (ENSAE, Paris), where he’s currently studying Economics and Statistics.

**Moane Rosello** holds a Diploma in Filmmaking from the *Ecole Supérieure de Réalisation Audiovisuelle* of Paris, and a PGD in Film & TV Production from the Asian Academy of Film and TV (Uttar-Pradesh). She is

currently pursuing a MRes in Lettres, Littératures et Civilisations from the University of Maine (France) and is specialized in Youth Literature. She is focusing on Children’s Literature in contemporary India, regarding education issues linked to the current situation of Women in Indian society.

At the CSH, she is covering Art & Creation at large, by linking the Social Sciences and Humanities to artistic works, including films, photography and painting as well as music and literature.

**Disha Mendiratta** is currently pursuing MSc (Economics) from TERI University, after completing graduation in Economics from Delhi University. Simultaneously, she pursued French classes and has successfully completed till Delf B1. She joined CSH as an intern, working under the guidance of Dr. Bruno Dorin.

**Corentin Gilbert** studies “Law, Economics and Management” at the *École normale supérieure* (ENS), Rennes, France. At CSH, 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.

### ...at the EFEO

**Emma STEIN**, PhD Candidate for the History of Art at Yale University (USA) arrived in January with an AIIS scholarship for a year to pursue her research on “Kanchipuram as Temple City: The Local and the Global, ca. 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> century AD”.

**Melinda FODOR**, a doctoral student at the EPHE (Section IV) received a grant from Hesam to stay in Pondicherry 1 April to 20 June 2015 to study the dramatic genre of the Prakrit *saṭṭaka*. She has further received a scholarship from the EFEO, which will enable her to extend her stay for a further 4 months.



## ...at the IFP

**Festus ODINGO** and **Kamil Ousseni ALI**, two 2<sup>nd</sup> year post-graduate students at the University Montesquieu Bordeaux 4, France, joined the Social Sciences Department from 20 June to 8 September 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.

**Ariane TANGUY**, Engineer in Image Processing, joined the Laboratory of Applied Informatics and Geomatics (LIAG) from 5 May 2015 to 14 April 2016, as an International Volunteer in Administration (VIA), to work on the study of forest carbon under the supervision of Dr. Maxime RÉJOU-MÉCHAIN.

**Antoine JACQUET**, Masters student in Economics at the École polytechnique, Paris, France, joined the Social Sciences Department from 21 March to 28 August, 2015, as a trainee, to work on “French community in Pondicherry: historical perspective”, under the supervision of Dr. Aurélie VARREL.

**Dr. Priscilla CLAEYS**, Post doctoral researcher from the University of Louvain (UCL), Belgium, joined the Social Sciences Department on 15 February, 2015 for a one-year period, to work on “Peasants’ rights in India”.

**Dr. Valérie RAEVEL**, from the University of Montpellier, France, joined the Ecology Department from 12 January to 12 July, 2015, as a trainee, to work on “Functional plasticity of plant communities associated to founder cushion plants in Bolivia”, under the supervision of Dr. François MUNOZ.

**Dr. Gabriele ALEX**, Professor of Social Anthropology at the University of Tübingen, Germany, joined the Social Sciences Department of the IFP

from 1 January, 2015 to 31 January, 2017 to work on ‘Lithography and Photography in South India/ Tamil Nadu’.

## GOODBYE

## ...at the CSH

**Apara Banerjee** left CSH in January 2015 after spending more than two years as a Research Associate at CSH working on the NOPOOR project. Her work involved analysis of different data sets like NFHS, NSS and Census data using statistical software such as SPSS, STATA and Excel. The project also required several spatial analyses such as mapping the changes in multidimensional poverty scenario in India over the years using Arc GIS software, formulating questionnaires for household interviews, conducting surveys in rural and urban areas of Mumbai.

**Jayani Bonnerjee** left CSH in May 2015 after two years as a Post-Doctoral Fellow and becomes an associate fellow at CSH. A cultural geographer, her work focuses on notions of home, belonging and identity and the multiple inter-links between those. She analyzed extensively –during her PhD and beyond– on the Chinese community of Kolkata.

**Guillaume Gagnerot** left CSH in June 2015 after spending two years as IT expert, providing much valuable help in maintaining and improving the CSH network, website and beyond taking care of the communication of the Centre.

**Imdadul Haider** left CSH in February 2015 after spending more than two years as a Research Assistant at CSH working on the NOPOOR project in which he was in charge of the analysis of poverty scenario in India through the use of the Multi-dimensional Poverty Index.

**Ahana Roy** left CSH in February 2015 after spending more than two years as a Research Associate at CSH working on the NOPOOR project in which she was in charge of the analysis of poverty scenario in India through the use of the Multi-dimensional Poverty Index.

**Karim Safayet** left CSH in February 2015 after spending more than two years as a Research Assistant working on the NOPOOR project but also on SUBURBIN, trying to assess the relationship between urbanization and growth.

## ...at the EFEO

**Virginie OLIVIER**, doctoral student at the University of Paris IV and scholar of the EFEO, arrived on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2015 to spend 6 months at the Centre to continue her research on the Iconography of Agni, Brahma and the Brahmins in ancient Indian sculpture.

**Michael GOLLNER** (McGill University, Canada) received a three-month scholarship from the Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute and arrived in Pondicherry in January to pursue research for his doctoral thesis on the *Construction and Reception of the Kāmikāgama*. He worked at the IFP with Dr. T. Ganesan.

**Torsten TSCHACHER** (FU Berlin) visited the EFEO from 8 to 20 March to study Islamic Tamil texts and their links with wider Tamil literature.

**KeiKATAOKA**, Associate Professor of Indian Philosophy, Kyushu University (Fukuoka, Japan), left the Pondicherry Centre of the EFEO on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2015 after spending two weeks reading Sadyojyotiś’s *Tattvasaṃgraha* with its commentary by Aghoraśiva with S.L.P. Anjaneya Sarma.

**Dr. Tim CAHILL**, Associate Professor at Loyola University New Orleans (USA), came to Pondicherry

for four months (February to May 2015) as part of his tour of southern India. Tim Cahill studied with S.L.P. Anjaneya Sarma in the areas of grammar and poetics.

**Victor DAVELLA**, Centre for the Study of Manuscript Cultures, University of Hamburg (Project NETamil), left the Pondicherry Centre of the EFEO on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2015 after spending two weeks participating in the 3<sup>rd</sup> NETamil workshop held from 2 to 13 February 2015. He read some parts of the *Citramīmāṃsā*, *Kuvalayānanda* with its commentaries (Rasikarañjanī and Alaṅkāracandrikā), *Vākyapadīya: Vṛttisamuddeśa*, and *Paribhāṣenduśekhara* with S.L.P. Anjaneya Sarma.

**Gérard COLAS** (CNRS Senior Fellow, CEIAS, EHESS, Paris) left Pondicherry after having spent three months (9<sup>th</sup> December 2014 to 9<sup>th</sup> March 2015) at the Pondicherry Centre of the EFEO. He pursued his research on Vaiṣṇava doctrines, concentrating on Bālakṛṣṇa Bhaṭṭa's Prameyārṇava (18th c.). The study of this text is part of a Franco-German project on the Śuddhādvaita system of Vallabha, directed by G. Colas and A. Mishra (Heidelberg).

**Ben WILLIAMS** (Harvard University), Fulbright scholar, has left Pondicherry after a nine-month stay during which he pursued his doctoral research on the uses of benedictory verses (*maṅgala*) in the corpus of Abhinavagupta, a medieval Kashmiri polymath.

**Giovanni CIOTTI** (University of Hamburg) came to Pondicherry to participate in the 3<sup>rd</sup> NETamil Workshop in February. During this visit he also consulted R. Sathyanarayanan and visited some Libraries in Tamilnadu to consult and photograph manuscripts related to his project.

**Marzenna CZERNIAK DROŻDŻOWICZ** (Jagiellonian University, Cracow), stayed at the

Centre from 30 January to 16 February to pursue her research on the role of tradition in the contemporary *pancarātra* religious practices of Vaishnavas in South India.

**Andrey KLEBANOV**, doctoral student at the University of Hamburg, spent the months of January and February in Pondicherry to participate in the 3<sup>rd</sup> NETamil Workshop and to read with S.L.P. Anjaneya Sarma.

**Anna A. SLACZKA** (*Curator of South Asian Art*, Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam), was in Pondicherry from 12 February to 8 March to pursue her studies on the dating and conservation of Chola bronzes.

### ...at the IFP

**LIJOMOL Jose**, student in Masters of Library & Information Science at the Pondicherry University who had joined the Library on 2 June 2015, as a trainee under the supervision of Ms. Anurupa NAIK, left on 25 June 2015.

**ARUN M.**, student in Masters of Library & Information Science at the Pondicherry University who had joined the Library on 1 June 2015, as a trainee under the supervision of Ms. Anurupa NAIK, left on 24 June 2015.

**PADMAVATHY V.**, First-year student in M.Sc Botany at the American College, Madurai, who had joined the Ecology Department on 28 May 2015, as a trainee, to work on "Introduction to quantitative pollen morphology" under the supervision of Dr. ANUPAMA K. and in the framework of the "Paleoenvironments in south India" programme, left on 12 June 2015.

**Framboise FOLLIOT**, Master 2 student in Geography at the University of Aix-Marseille, France, who had joined the Social Sciences Department on 27 February, 2015, as a trainee,

to work on "Social stratification of Pondicherry's territory from 1991 to 2011", under the supervision of Dr. Remy DELAGE, left on 15 May, 2015.

**Dr. Carolyn HEITMEYER**, PhD in Anthropology, who had joined the Social sciences Department on January 21, 2015 to work on 'An anthropological study of stem cell science in India', left on 5 May, 2015.

**Fabian DAVENEL**, MA. student in Geography from the Bordeaux-Montaigne University, France, who had joined the Social Sciences Department on January 19, 2015, as a trainee, to work on 'Dalit movement in post-colonial Madurai: political processions and protests in the social production of the city' under the supervision of Dr. Remy DELAGE, left on 22 April, 2015.

**Mathieu MILLAN**, PhD student at the INRA, France, who had joined the Ecology Department on January 18, 2015, as a trainee, to work on 'Architectural traits and variability among growth forms of bank community' under the supervision of Dr. Claude EDLIN, left on 13 February, 2015.

**Dr. Yoan COUDERT**, from the University of Cambridge, UK, who had joined the Ecology Department on 3 January, 2015 as part of a training in plant architecture analysis under the supervision of Dr. Claude EDLIN, left on 1 February, 2015.

## MILESTONES

### EFEO

**Kural Pīṭam award to Dr. Eva Wilden**

In recognition of her eminent scholarly works on Classical Tamil language, Dr. Eva Wilden, who is head of the Tamil Section of the Pondicherry Centre of the EFEO and Director of the NETamil



Project - “Going from Hand to Hand - Networks of Intellectual Exchanges in the Tamil Learned Tradition” - financed by the ERC Advanced Grant (No 339470), received the Kuraḷ Piṭam award (reserved for the foreign Tamil scholars) for the years 2011-2013 on 14th May 2015 at the Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi.

## IFP

### Mrs. Prayan Paramita Mohapatra defends her PhD thesis

Mrs. Prayan Paramita Mohapatra, PhD candidate at the Pondicherry University, successfully defended her PhD thesis “**Pollen and Rare Earth Element (REE) - speciation studies on Quaternary Sediments from the Cauvery Delta, South India**” on 24th June 2015 (11am) at the Seminar Hall, Department of Earth Sciences, Pondicherry University. The Palynological part of this study was carried out at the IFP in the framework of the **DST funded project Pollen Analyses of Quaternary Sediments: Reconstructing Vegetation and Environment History in the Cauvery Floodplains (DST No: SR/S4/ES-21/**

*Cauvery/P-11)* and was co-supervised by Dr. Anupama K.

### Prof. Y. Subbarayalu awarded the Hem Chandra Raychaudhuri Birth Centenary Gold Medal for the year 2014 by The Asiatic Society

Prof. Y. Subbarayalu, head of the Indology Department at the IFP, has been awarded, on May 4, 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.

## IFP/EFO

### Certificate of Honour awarded by the President of India to four scholars associated to the IFP/EFO

The President of India, Shri Pranab Mukherjee, has presented at the Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi on March 23, 2015, the Presidential Award of Certificate of Honour for the year 2014, to four scholars associated to the French Institute of Pondicherry

in recognition for their lifetime achievement in Sanskrit language and literature, namely, Shri S. Sambandan Sivacharya (IFP), Shri Francois Grimal (EFO), Shri V. Kutumba Sastry (Sri Somanath Sanskrit University) and Shri Pierre Sylvain Filliozat (EPHE).

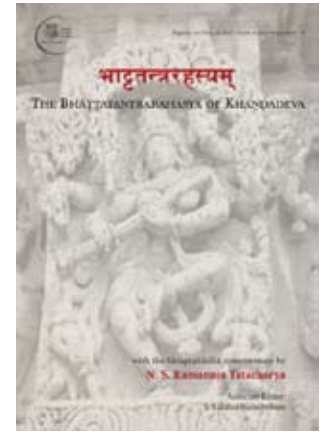
## PUBLICATIONS

### IFP PUBLICATIONS

***Bhāṭṭatantrarahasyam. The Bhāṭṭatantrarahasya of Khaṇḍadeva with the Sāraprakāśikā commentary by N. S. Ramanuja Tatacharya.***

N. S. Ramanuja Tatacharya; associate editor S. Lakshminarasimham, Regards sur l'Asie du Sud / South Asian Perspectives n° 4, Institut Français de Pondichéry, xxi, 664 p., 2015.

Language: Sanskrit. **1200 Rs (52 €).** ISBN : 978-81-8470-204-0.



The *Bhāṭṭatantrarahasya* of Khaṇḍadeva (17th c.) belongs to the Bhāṭṭa school of Mīmāṃsā. It deals mainly with the meaning of roots and suffixes, and their role in conveying the meaning of the sentence. Though this is a topic of grammar, it is widely discussed in Nyāya and Mīmāṃsā works as well. The *Bhāṭṭatantrarahasya* is divided into two parts. The first part begins with the definition of *dharma*, the main concept of Mīmāṃsā, and then deals at length with the meaning of injunctive suffix (*liṅ*), refuting the views of logicians and establishing



*bhāvanā* (creative energy) as the main meaning of the sentence. In the second part, the author discusses the meaning of nominal suffixes (*sup*), quoting relevant rules from Pāṇinian grammar. Though Khaṇḍadeva's interpretation of Pāṇinian rules deviates from the grammatical tradition in some cases, he tries to prove that there is no violation of grammar by the Mīmāṃsakas.

Given the complexity of the *Bhāṭṭatantrarahasya*, Prof. Ramanuja Tatacharya presents it here with his own commentary, the *Sāraprakāśikā*. Also included are an index of the Pāṇinian rules, an index of the *kārikās* (citations) and a bibliography.

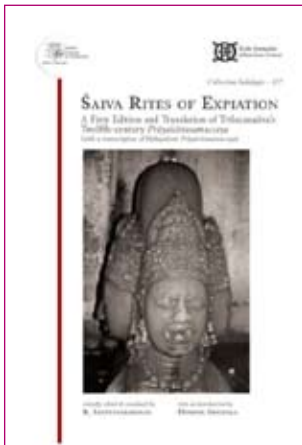
**Keywords:** Mīmāṃsā, Bhāṭṭa school, commentary.

## IFP/EFO CO-PUBLICATIONS

**Śaiva Rites of Expiation. A First Edition and Translation of Trilocanaśiva's Twelfth-Century Prāyaścittasamuccaya (With a Transcription of Hṛdayaśiva's Prāyaścittasamuccaya).**

Critically edited & translated by R. Sathyanarayanan with an introduction by Dominic Goodall, Collection Indologie n° 127, Institut Français de Pondichéry / Ecole française d'Extrême-Orient, 2015, 651 p.

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Rites of expiation and reparation (*prāyaścitta*) may not seem central to the history of the Mantramārga, but they provide a fascinating angle from which to view the evolution of this broad religious tradition. Instead of focussing on the evolution and philosophical defence of Śaiva doctrines, or on the examination of ritual practices and of theories developed to justify and shore up such practices, this study puts the spotlight instead on social dimensions of the religion.

This book contains a first edition and translation of a South Indian compendium of Śaiva expiation rituals compiled by Trilocanaśiva, a twelfth-century theologian celebrated for his *Siddhāntasārāvalī*, a metrical treatise on the Śaivasiddhānta that is still traditionally studied in the Tamil-speaking South today. Trilocana does not reveal the sources from which he quotes, many of which are lost to us, but an earlier Northern treatise on the same theme from Malwa by a certain Hṛdayaśiva consists only in large labeled quotations, typically whole chapters, from those sources. A Nepalese palm-leaf manuscript kept in Cambridge that is dated to 1157 AD may be the earliest surviving codex to transmit Hṛdayaśiva's text and we have included a complete transcription of that manuscript as an appendix. A combined quarter-verse-index helps readers to navigate both Trilocana's and Hṛdayaśiva's works.

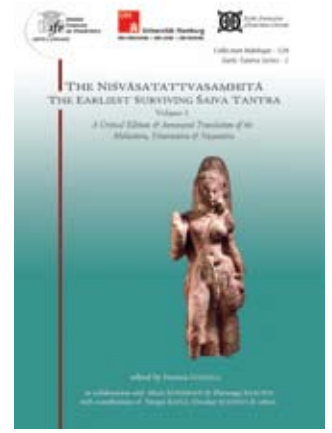
Our introduction attempts to trace the social developments within the Śaivasiddhānta that give context to the evolution of Śaiva reparatory rites.

**Keywords:** Śaivism, expiation, ritual, social history, Sanskrit, textual criticism, Dharmaśāstra.

**The Nīśvāsattattvasamhitā. The Earliest Surviving Śaiva Tantra. Volume 1. A Critical Edition & Annotated Translation of the Mūlasūtra, Uttarasūtra & Nayasūtra.**

Edited by Dominic Goodall in collaboration with Alexis Sanderson & Harunaga Isaacson with contributions of Nirajan Kafle, Diwakar Acharya & others, Collection Indologie n° 128; Early Tantra Series n° 1, Institut Français de Pondichéry/Ecole française d'Extrême-Orient/Asien-Afrika-Institut, Universität Hamburg, 662 p.

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Transmitted to us in a well-preserved ninth-century Nepalese manuscript, the *Nīśvāsattattvasamhitā* has come in recent years to be recognised as probably the oldest surviving complete scripture of the Mantramārga. Although its historical importance has been hinted at by a range of scholars across the twentieth century, this is the first time its text appears in print.

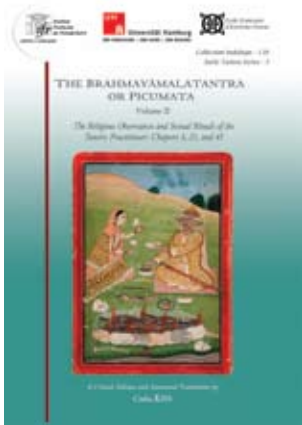
This volume presents a critical edition and annotated translation of the three earliest layers of the text: the *Mūlasūtra*, *Uttarasūtra* and *Nayasūtra*. The topics dealt with include cosmology, rituals of worship and initiation, and forms of yoga. A lengthy introduction sets these *sūtras* in context, in particular by examining the evidence for dating them. There follow a summary of their contents, an account of the early manuscript and its three twentieth-century apographs, and a treatment of the various ways in which the language of the Nīśvāsa deviates from Pāṇinian norms.

**Keywords:** Mantramārga, Śaivism, Śaivasiddhānta, Early Tantra, Ritual, Initiation, Cosmography, Yoga.

**The *Brahmayāmala* or *Picumata*. Volume II. The Religious Observances and Sexual Rituals of the Tantric Practitioner: Chapters 3, 21, and 45.**

A Critical Edition and Annotated Translation by Csaba Kiss, Collection Indologie n° 130; Early Tantra Series n° 3, Institut Français de Pondichéry / Ecole française d'Extrême-Orient / Asien-Afrika-Institut, Universität Hamburg, 373 p.

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The *Brahmayāmala* (aka *Picumata*) is probably one of the earliest surviving Śaiva tantras, and possibly the earliest one known to us of the Bhairavatantra tradition. The present volume contains a critical edition and annotated translation of three of its chapters: one on the central *maṇḍala* of the cult, one on preliminary religious observances (*vrata*) prescribed for all practitioners (*sādhaka*), and one on instructions for each individual category of *sādhaka* — instructions on transgressive sexual rituals for the *Tālaka*, on strict rules of conduct for the chaste *Carubhojin*, and on a combination of

these for the Mixed Practitioner. This unique system of *sādhakas* marks an early phase in the development of classification of practitioners seeking liberation and magical powers, and gives us an insight into the tantric world of extremes: of rule-bound sexual encounters involving several female partners and highly impure substances on the one hand, and of asceticism, strict vegetarianism and chastity on the other.

The introduction deals with the main topics raised by the selected chapters, as well as with problems of the sometimes extremely non-standard (Aīœa) Sanskrit that the oldest manuscript transmits. One of the appendices provides a summary of the first twenty-five chapters (about one quarter of the *Brahmayāmala*) to facilitate further study. The extensive index includes all important keywords and all major Aīœa phenomena.

**Keywords:** Mantramārga, Śaivism, Bhairavatantras, Early Tantra, Transgressive Sexual Rituals.

## EFEO PUBLICATIONS

***Kalittokai*, *Mulamum Naccinarkkiniyar* *uraiyum*, *Cempatippu*, *Tokuti 1 et 2*.**

A Critical Edition by T. Rajeshwari, Critical Texts of Cankam Literature 3.1 et 3.2, EFEO / Tamizhmann Pathipakkam, vol. I : ccviii, 321 p. et vol. II : vii, 468 p.

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There have been many good-quality editions of the earliest anthologies of Classical Tamil poetry, but they are not critical ones, since they do not give all the information concerning what they are based on. The project for critically editing ancient Tamil works, launched four years ago with *Narriṇai* and *Kuruntokai*, aims to meet this end. Each poem is edited



with an apparatus recording the variants of all surviving manuscripts and hundreds of quotations found in grammatical commentaries. Using the eleven *Kalittokai* manuscripts that survive to this day, including a newly-found one which no other *Kalittokai* edition knows anything about, this edition gives reasons for choosing the appropriate variants. Besides, the introduction is given in both Tamil and English.

Among the *Caṅkam* anthologies, *Kalittokai* alone is composed in *kali* metre, which, according to the *Tolkāppiyam*, is appropriate for Akam poems, which makes it a special work in the Tamil *Caṅkam* corpus.

## IFP/CSH CO-PUBLICATIONS

***Selected Readings on Small Town Dynamics in India*.**

Bhuvaneshwari Raman, Mythri Prasad-Aleyamma, Rémi de Bercegol, Eric Denis, Marie-Hélène Zerah, USR 3330 "Savoirs et Mondes Indiens" Working Papers Series - 7; SUBURBIN Papers Series - 2, Institut Français de Pondichéry / Centre de Sciences Humaines, 2015, 114 p.

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This literature review aims at summarizing the state of knowledge related to small urbanised settlements. The significance of researching



these localities can be inferred from the fact that a growing share of urban population lives in such agglomerations with a population above 10,000 and below 50,000 to 100,000 inhabitants. This fact is not limited to India and a large share of the urban population worldwide lives in small and medium cities, which are understudied. The same dearth of research applies to the Indian context, as will be evident in this review, despite the importance of the resilience of an urban system comprising a large number of small towns and the diversity of these settlements in terms of their economic base and their social structure. This literature review is structured around five themes: A) the first section lays out issues related to estimating the magnitude and sources of demographic growth in order to infer the contribution of small towns to urban dynamics; B) the second section on *Small Towns: Sources of Growth* explores the economic processes supporting the expansion of small towns, and debates the dominant vision of the relationship between urbanization and growth, as explained by the New Economic Geography; C) the third section focuses on the transformation of small town economies and social structures while examining practices of entrepreneurship, circulation of labour, social mobility as well as caste and gender inequalities; D) the fourth section on *Land and territorial transformations* focuses on the relation between property and

entrepreneurship; and E) the last section on Governance makes sense of the literature on decentralization, government schemes, governance and the political economy of small towns. This review constitutes one of the steps undertaken within the *Subaltern Urbanization in India* project ([www.suburban.hypotheses.org](http://www.suburban.hypotheses.org)) to bring back to the fore the research on small towns.

**Keywords :** small town, urbanization, India, literature review.

## ***Water Governance and Climate Change Issues in Chennai.***

Samuel Roumeau, Aïcha Seifelislam, Shazade Jameson, Loraine Kennedy, Institut Français de Pondichéry / Centre de Sciences Humaines, 2015, 30 p. (USR 3330 "Savoirs et Mondes Indiens" Working Papers Series - 8).

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Drawing on original research produced in the framework of the FP7 research project "Chance2Sustain" ([www.chance2sustain.eu](http://www.chance2sustain.eu)), this Working Paper provides an overview of key water and climate change issues in Chennai, India and analyses on-going challenges for directing governance towards sustainability principles. These issues take on special significance in Chennai, which has the lowest per capita availability of water among India's large cities and where the city's geographical

location and groundwater depletion have made it susceptible to flooding and seawater infiltration, respectively. To examine these issues, attention is given to the fragmented institutional arrangements in place for governing water, as well as to the norms that underpin the dominant technoscientific discourse in terms of solutions (e.g., desalination plants, interstate pipelines), which tend to marginalize alternative voices. In order to zoom in on the key water issues, including climate-related water vulnerabilities, research focused in particular on one area, the "IT Corridor" in the city's southern periphery, a mega project built to enhance economic growth by attracting new investments in the IT industry. The state government's special policy for this zone, i.e., 24/7 water supply and efficient sewerage infrastructures, aims to reassure potential investors but meanwhile threatens to deepen already existing social and spatial inequalities in access to basic services. Moreover, the IT Corridor mega project increases risks for the fragile coastal ecosystem, including the Pallikaranai Marshland, which is already under threat from encroachments, garbage disposal and the dumping of untreated sewerage. The research indicates a crucial lack of awareness about the risks related to climate change among decision-makers, planners and residents. It concludes that the fragmented governance structure and lack of integrated analyses of hazards and socioeconomic vulnerabilities are the primary causes of water-related deficiencies in Chennai.

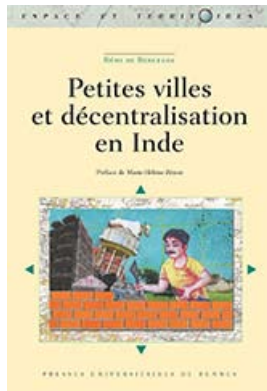
**Keywords:** Chennai, India, water governance, sustainability, water vulnerabilities, climate change.

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**JODHKA S.** “Caste Matters: Aspirations, Identities and Political Orientation among the Youth in Delhi”. Paper presented at a seminar on Youth in Contemporary South Asia, St. John’s College, University of Oxford, Oxford. May 21-22 2015.

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## EFEQ

### International

**Dominic GOODALL** 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 two papers: “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”.

**S.A.S. SARMA** was invited to participate in the VISCOM Conference entitled “Tantric Communities in Context: Sacred Secrets and Public Rituals” held at the Institute for the Cultural and Intellectual History of Asia, Vienna, from 5 to 7 February 2015 where he presented a paper on “Mātṛtantra texts of South India with special reference to the worship of Rurujit in Kerala and to three different communities associated with this worship”.

**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 where he presented two papers: “Mātṛtantra texts of South India with special reference to the Mātṛsadbhāvantra” (in the Agama and Tantra Section) and “Particular rites described in the Āgniveśyagrhyasūtra, and customs followed by Āgniveśyagrhyasūtra brahmins” (in the Vedic Section).

**R. SATHYANARAYANAN** presented a paper entitled “Shaiva Manipravalam? Commentaries in a blend of Sanskrit and Tamil on Shaiva Sanskrit Works” 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.

### National

**Suganya ANANDAKICHENIN** gave a lecture entitled “The Role of Śrī in the Five Commentaries on *Tiruvāymoḷi* 6.10.10” in the 3<sup>rd</sup> *NETamil Workshop* organised by the EFEQ, Pondicherry, from 2 to 13 February 2015.

**S.L.P. Anjaneya SARMA** participated in a Sastra sadas (traditional conference) entitled “Puratah sabda sadhutva vicarah”, organized by the Saradapeetham from 28 to 30 January 2015 in Vishakhapatnam. He also participated in the Agnishtomayaga, a traditional ritual in Rajamundri, Andhra Pradesh, from 31 January to 4 February 2015.

**S.L.P. Anjaneya SARMA** participated in a Sastra sadas (traditional conference) entitled “Śrīvijayendrasarasvati svāminām jayantisabha” in Kancipuram on 17 February 2015 where he discussed the topic “Dakṣiṇottarābhyām atasuch (pā. sū. 5-3-28) iti sūtrārthavicārah”.

**S.L.P. Anjaneya SARMA** participated in a Sastra sadas (traditional conference) entitled “Śrī Maddulapalli Mānikya sāstri 98 jayantyutsava chatuśhāstramahāsabhā” in Dvarakanagar-Srisankaramatham, Visakhapatnam, from 4 to 6 March 2015, where he discussed the topic “Samāsacca tadvishayāl (pā. sū. 5.3.106) iti sūtrārthavicārah”.

**S.L.P. Anjaneya SARMA** went to Tenali from 13 to 17 March 2015 to participate in a Sastra sadas (traditional conference) conducted by the Sivasundara sadguru sastrasabha. He gave a lecture entitled “Gauṇamukhyayoḥ mukhye kāryasampratyayaḥ (paribhāsha.

15)” and was an examiner in “vyakaranasastra”.

**S.L.P. Anjaneya SARMA** participated in a Sāstra sadas (traditional conference) entitled “Śāśradāpīṭha-saparikara-advaita-vedāntasabhā” organised by the Sringeri Saradāpīṭham in Parimella from 23 to 25 March 2015 where he discussed the topic “Prātipadikārtha liṅgaparimāṇavacanamātre prathamā (Pā. sū. 2.3.56) Iti sūtrārthavicārah”.

**S.L.P. Anjaneya SARMA** participated in a Sāstra sadas (traditional conference) conducted by the Andhrapradesh-Kanchi-kamakoti-charitable Trust in Vijayawada from 20 to 25 April 2015 where he discussed the topic “Karmavat karmaṇā tūlyakriyāḥ iti sūtrārthavicārah”.

**S.L.P. Anjaneya SARMA** participated in a Sāstra sadas (traditional conference) conducted by the Sri chandrashekharendra-sarasvatisvāminām jantyutsavasabhā & Kanchi-shankaramatham in Kanchipuram from 2 to 3 June 2015, where he discussed the topic “Dakṣiṇottarābhyāmatasuc (pā. sū. 5-3-28) iti sūtrārthavicārah”.

**S.L.P. Anjaneya SARMA** was invited to participate in the *Workshop of E-PG [Electronic Post-Graduate] Pathashala of UGC [University Grants Commission] and MHRD [Ministry for Human Resources and Development] Project for Creation of E-Content for PG [Post-Graduate] Courses* as a “Team Leader” by Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha, Tirupati from 8 to 11 June 2015.

**S.L.P. Anjaneya SARMA** was invited as an examiner in *vyākaraṇasāstra* at the Kañcikāmakoti Pīṭha Śāstra Samvardhinī Sabhā, Tenali from 25 to 29 June 2015.

**Indra MANUEL** was invited to give special lectures on “Tolkāppiyam

Poruḷatikāram and Various trends in the Research on Sangam Literature” to the students and faculty of the Central University of Tamil Nadu, Thiruvārur, on 5 and 6 March 2015.

**Indra MANUEL** gave two endowment lectures entitled “The Architectonics of *Puraṇānūru*” and “The special features of *Patirruppattu*” at the Bharatidasan University, Trichy, on 17 March 2015.

**Indra MANUEL** was invited to present a paper on “The Contribution of Foreign Scholars to Akam Theory - A critical Review” at the three-day International Seminar on Reconstructing Classical Tamil Traditions: Global Quest (Seminar in honour of Prof. Rev. Fr. Xavier Thaninayagam and Bishop Robert Caldwell) organised by the Central University of Tamil Nadu, Tiruvārur, from 25 to 27 March 2015.

**M. PRABHAKARAN** gave a lecture entitled “Commentary idioms” in the 3<sup>rd</sup> *NETamil Workshop* organised by the EFEO, Pondicherry, from 2 to 13 February 2015.

**M. PRABHAKARAN** gave a lecture entitled “Pan Indian Tamil Prosody” in the National Conference “Grammatical Traditions of India and *Tolkāppiyam*” organised by the International Institute of Tamil Studies in Chennai on 17 and 18 February 2015.

**M. PRABHAKARAN** was invited to give a lecture entitled “Tamil malayalam Pāttu marapu (Tradition of Pāttu)” in the National Seminar on “Classical Aspects of Tamil and Malayalam Languages” organised by the Central Institute of Classical Tamil, Chennai and the Department of Tamil, University of Kerala in Trivandrum, from 18 to 20 March 2015.

**T. RAJARETHINAM** gave a lecture entitled “*Tolkāppiyam naccinarkkiniyar urai—Akattinaiyiyal*” in the 3<sup>rd</sup> *NETamil Workshop* organised

by the EFEO, Pondicherry, from 2 to 13 February 2015.

**T. RAJARETHINAM** gave a lecture entitled “Grammar of Akam and *Tolkāppiyam*” in the National Conference “Grammatical Traditions of India and *Tolkāppiyam*” organised by the International Institute of Tamil Studies in Chennai on 17 and 18 February 2015.

**T. RAJARETHINAM** was invited to give a lecture entitled “*Tolkāppiyam* akam theory and *Līlathilakam*, a malayalam grammar” in the National Seminar on “Classical Aspects of Tamil and Malayalam Languages” organised by the Central Institute of Classical Tamil, Chennai, and the Department of Tamil, University of Kerala in Trivandrum, from 18 to 20 March 2015.

**T. RAJESWARI** was invited by the International Institute of Tamil Studies, Chennai, to give a lecture entitled “Edition of *Kalittokai* Manuscripts and *Kalittokai* Edition and its Textual Variant” in a workshop on Manuscripts of *Caṅka Ilakkiyam* and the Editions of Early Stage held on 3 January 2015.

**T. RAJESWARI** was invited to conduct a one-day teaching session on manuscripts of the *Kuṛiṇcippāṭṭu* at the manuscript workshop “*Pāṭavērupāṭu Nōkkil Pattupāṭṭu ōlaiccuvaṭikaḷum Patippum*” organised by the U. V. Swaminatha Iyer Library from 19 to 28 February 2015 in Chennai.

**S.A.S. SARMA** gave a lecture entitled “Vaisnava devotional literature in Malayalam: *Jñanappana* and *Harināmakīrtanam*” in the 3<sup>rd</sup> *NETamil Workshop* organised by the EFEO, Pondicherry, from 2 to 13 February 2015.

**R. SATHYANARAYANAN** presented a paper on “The method of preserving natural resources in Sanskrit Literature with special reference to *Arthaśāstra*” in the International

Seminar on Scientific Knowledge Systems in Ancient Sanskrit Texts Traditions and Innovations” organised by the Centre for Vedānta Studies, University of Kerala, Trivandrum, from 21 to 23 January 2015.

**R. SATHYANARAYANAN** gave a lecture entitled “*Prayascittasamuccaya* Tamil Commentary” in the 3<sup>rd</sup> *NETamil Workshop* organised by the EFEO, Pondicherry, from 2 to 13 February 2015.

**R. SATHYANARAYANAN** was invited to give a course on the reading of *grantha* and Telugu manuscripts from 13 to 14 February 2015 during the 21-day workshop on “Research Methodology, Manuscriptology & Textual Criticism” organised by the Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan Deemed University, Guruvayur Campus, Kerala.

**G. VIJAYAVENUGOPAL** gave a lecture entitled “Old Commentary of *Purananuru*” in the 3<sup>rd</sup> *NETamil Workshop* organised by the EFEO, Pondicherry, from 2 to 13 February 2015.

**G. VIJAYAVENUGOPAL** gave a lecture entitled “*Tolkāppiyam* in the background of Indian Grammatical Theories” in the National Conference “Grammatical Traditions of India and *Tolkāppiyam*” organised by the International Institute of Tamil Studies in Chennai on 17 and 18 February 2015.

**G. VIJAYAVENUGOPAL** gave a lecture on “Pondicherry through its History – Inscriptions” at the Pondicherry Heritage Festival Program organised at the Pondicherry Centre of the EFEO on 28 February 2015.

## IFP

### International

**GANESAN T.**, 2015. *Sri Krishna the earliest Saiva: revisiting the Mahabharata*, Paper presented at



the “Xème Journée Monde Iranien, Mondes Iranien et Indien”, Unité mixte de Recherche 7528 CNRS, 28 May, 2015.

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**GANESAN T.**, 2015. *Critical edition of Sanskrit texts on the basis of manuscripts*, Two special lectures delivered at the Workshop on Research Methodology, Manuscriptology & Textual Criticism, held at the Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan Deemed University, Guruvayur campus, Kerala, February, 2015.

**RAMESHKUMAR K.**, 2015. *Different Techniques of Digital Documentation*, Paper presented at the workshop on “Tamil Computer and Internet” held at the Kanchi Maamunivar Puducherry Postgraduate Centre, Pondicherry on 20th February 2015.

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Tamil and held at the Tanjavur Tamil University, Tanjavur on 12th February 2015.

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