

The **8th** *International*
VEDEC
Workshop

PROGRAM

18-22 September 2023
Campus Condorcet
Paris-Aubervilliers
INHA, Paris

Événement coorganisé avec l'appui généreux des institutions et unités suivantes



École Pratique
des Hautes Études



Monday 18 September

Morning

Campus Condorcet, Centre de Colloques
Salle 100

8h30-9h30 Registration & Welcome to the participants
Café d'Accueil in Faculty Club

9h30-11h00 *Ouverture*

- Vedic Inauguration (*Vaidikamaṅgalam*)
Dr. S.A.S. SARMA (EFEO, Pondicherry)
- Welcome Addresses
H.E. Jawed ASHRAF, Ambassador of India to France
Prof. Jean-Michel VERDIER, President of the EPHE
- Opening the IVW: Jan Houben and Silvia D'INTINO

Hon. Prof. Charles MALAMOUD (EPHE, Paris): “Philologie védique en France avant la fin du XIX^e siècle”

coffee break
Faculty Club

11h30 – 12h30 *Key Note Address:*

Prof. Dr. Mislav JEŽIĆ (Zagreb University): “Is there mythology in the Vedas? How to interpret the Vedic *brahmans / mantras*? ”

lunch

Monday 18 September

Afternoon

Campus Condorcet, Centre de Colloques
Salle 50

THEME: Vedic tradition and transmission

Chair: Maria-Piera Candotti

14h30 Johannes BRONKHORST (Université de Lausanne): “Pāṇini and Vedic memorization”

15h00 Junichi OZONO (Hiroshima University): “The sacred literature in Pāṇini’s grammar”

15h30 Thennilapuram MAHADEVAN (Howard University, Washington D.C.): “From Veda to Itihāsa: the Śravas Epic of India”

coffee break
Faculty Club

Chair: Tiziana Pontillo

16h30 Frank KÖHLER (University of Tübingen): “Two Rigvedic Hymns (10.114 and 10.130) on the establishment of ritual”

17h00 Dominik HAAS (Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna): “There Was No Repetitive Recitation of Mantras in Vedic Ritual”

Evening

Reception by the Indian Ambassador to France

Tuesday 19 September

Campus Condorcet
Salle 50

Morning

PANEL: Tradition of the Atharvaveda (org. by Shrikant Bahulkar)

Chair: Leonid Kulikov

9h00 Shrikant BAHULKAR (Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute, Pune): “The tradition of the Atharvaveda in Gujarat”

9h30 Mau DASGUPTA (University of Calcutta): “A Study of AVŚ 5.11, a Dialogue Hymn from the Atharvaveda”

10h00 Julieta ROTARU (INALCO, Paris): “Towards a methodology of employing the *paribhāṣās* in the Kauśika Sūtra: the rites of ‘Consuming the Saps’ (*rasakarman*)”

coffee break

11h00 Carmen SPIERS (Leiden University): “The Fate of Ṛgvedic Similes in the Atharvaveda: Intertextuality and Changing Material Realities”

THEME: Yajurvedic texts and rituals

Chair: Georges-Jean Pinault

11h30-12h Kyoko AMANO (Kyoto University): “The Concept of *rūpa-samādhi-* and the Linguistic Layers in the Maitrāyaṇī Samhitā”

12h00 Isabelle DUPÉRON (EPHE, Paris): “Some late *agnicayana* materials in the Īśā Upaniṣad 15-18”

lunch

Tuesday 19 September

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Afternoon

Yajurvedic texts and rituals (ctd.)

Chair: Johannes Bronkhorst

14h30 Yasuke IKARI (Kyoto University): “On the Double Structure of the Ritual Arrangement of the Agnicayana”

15h15 Chizei ŌSHIMA (Tokyo University): “On some Modifications of the Iṣṭi in the Agniṣṭoma”

15h45 Naoko NISHIMURA (Tohoku University, Sendai): “Mantra tradition in the Yajurveda Schools: some peculiarities about the Pravara”

coffee break

16h45 S.A.S. SARMA (EFEO, Pondicherry): “Comprehensive Insights into Sanyāsadīksā Rituals: Exploring Baudhāyanacātañ्नu, a Malayalam Domestic Ritual Manual, and Namputiri Monastery Practices in Kerala”

Wednesday 20 September

Campus Condorcet
Salle 50

Morning

PANEL: Vedic Ritual: Comparative aspects of philology, text traditions, religious and cultural history (org. by Jan Houben and Velizar Sadovski)

Chair: Velizar Sadovski

9h00 Kristen DE JOSEPH (Leiden University): “How to be a Paippalādin: The dual paths of householder and *vrātya* in the Paippalāda Mahatkāṇḍa (PS 18)”

9h30 Jan HOUVEN (EPHE, Paris): “Un oiseau bavard dans le Veda: sa fonction dans le rituel ṛgvédique – A talkative bird in the Veda: its function in Ṛgvedic ritual”

10h00 Laura MASSETTI (University of Naples): “Fashioners of Poetic Drinks: Once Again on the R̥bhus’ Work in the Rigveda”

coffee break

PANEL: Vedic Ritual: Comparative aspects (ctd.)

Chair: Philippe Swennen

11h00 Tiziana PONTILLO (University of Cagliari) — Maria-Piera CANDOTTI (Pisa University): “Focusing on when and how ‘the Brahmins won’: the case of *dáksinā-* in reformed and non-reformed Vedic sources”

11h30 Velizar SADOVSKI (Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna): “Vedic-Avestan parallels in ritual poetry and practice”

lunch

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Afternoon

PANEL: Vedic Ritual: comparative aspects (ctd.)

Chair: Jan Houben

14h00 Paola Maria ROSSI (Milan University): “The Vedic *pravargya* rite as *vidátha* ‘ritual distribution’: traces of *vrātya* culture”

14h30 Philippe SWENNEN (Université de Liège): “La porte orientale de la *sālā*”

THEME: Vedic linguistics

Chair: Eijirō Dōyama

15h00 Georges-Jean PINAULT (EPHE, Paris): “Reconsidering the meaning and etymology of Vedic *krátu-*”

coffee break

Vedic linguistics (ctd.)

16h00 Asko PARPOLA (Helsinki University): “Etymology of Sanskrit *pínāka-* ‘Rudra’s bow’, and the background of the Rudra cult”

16h30 Valentina FERRERO (University of Cagliari): “When do directions start to be designated as pronouns?”

Thursday 21 September

INHA
Auditorium J. Lichtenstein

Morning

THEME: Vedic Exegesis

Chair: Cezary Galewicz

9h30 Silvia D'INTINO (CNRS, Paris): “Notes on the *Mudgalavṛtti*, a late commentary on the R̥gveda”

10h00 Christophe VIELLE (UCL, Louvain): “The commentary of the *Puruṣasūkta* ascribed to Śaunaka”

10h30 Ilya COMET (UCL, Louvain): “Classifying Vedic mantras: a (growing?) trend among *vedabhāṣyakāras*”

coffee break
Salle Aby Warburg

THEME Inscriptions, manuscripts, transmission of the Veda

Chair: Christophe Vielle

11h30 Saraju RATH (Leiden): “Vedic Brahmin settlements in epigraphical records: ‘Bengal’ and Assam”

12h00 Cezary GALEWICZ (Jagiellonian University, Kraków): “On *vedādhikāra*, and Ways out of the Crisis of the Lost Veda”

lunch

Thursday 21 September

Afternoon

Bibliothèque Nationale de France
Salle des Conférences

Inscriptions, manuscripts, transmission of the Veda (ctd.)
Chair: Christophe Vielle

14h30 Hugo DAVID (EFEO, Paris): “Vedic manuscripts from private collections in Kerala – an outline of recent research in Thrissur and its region”

15h00 Thennilapuram MAHADEVAN (Howard University, Washington D.C.): “The ‘oral’ writing and its pedagogy in the Veda in Kerala (with video-recordings from recent Vedic field studies)”

15h30 Jérôme PETIT (BNF – EPHE, Paris) “How Vedic Manuscripts came to Paris”

* Some Vedic manuscripts kept in the Bibliothèque Nationale (showcases in the Conference room)

Friday 22 September 2023

Campus Condorcet
Salle 50

Morning

THEME: The Vedas, linguistics and digital humanities

Chair: Jan Houben

9h00 Oliver HELLWIG (University of Zurich): “Dating the Vedic Corpus”

Vedic linguistics (ctd.)

9h45 Chengzhi ZHANG (University of California, Los Angeles): “ $\sqrt{dviṣ}$ - ‘hate’ and denominational radical s-extension in Indo-Iranian”

coffee break

11h00 Beatrice GRIECO (Siena University): “On some ‘unrecognized’ auxiliaries in Vedic. The use of *ās-* ‘sit’, *vas-* ‘dwell’ and *upa-sī-* ‘lie near’ in Vedas and Brāhmaṇas”

11h30 Pascal COENEN (Köln University): “Rigvedic *bád* : a presentative particle”

lunch

Friday 22 September 2023

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Afternoon

THEME Vedic mythology

Chair: Mislav Ježić

14h00 Eijirō DŌYAMA (Osaka University): “Who killed Viśvarūpa? Trita Āptya as a protégé and a scapegoat of Indra”

14h30 Leonid KULIKOV (UCL, Louvain/ Ghent University): “Gandharva and his dance: The etymology of Vedic *nṛt* in a comparative-mythological perspective”

15h00 Dwaita HAZRA GOSWAMI (Hamburg): Gandharvas and their relatives in the Vedas and beyond: Vedic heritage and further developments

coffee break

16h-17h Closing Session

General Conclusion, Publication of Proceedings, Perspectives for the International Vedic Workshop

Evening

Conference Dinner