

Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute

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Announces

Five Day Certificate Course in

Bhaṭṭhari and Philosophy (Sanskritic as well as Western)

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Bhaṭṭhari (not later than 450 AD) has been a relatively rarely studied philosopher in the second millennium of Sanskrit philosophy. Although attempts were made by paṇḍitas in the twentieth century to write traditional type of commentaries on parts of his Vākyapadīya or Trikāṇḍī, although the seminal first part, Brahma-kāṇḍa, of VP/TK has been prescribed in several Indian universities as a textbook for post-graduate Sanskrit students specializing in Vyākaraṇa, and although the publications of I K.A. Subramania Iyer, Wilhelm Rau, Jan E.M. Houben, Toshiya Unebe, Vincenzo Vegiani, Adriano Aprigliano, et al. have contributed much toward making the Vākyapadīya accessible, Bhaṭṭhari has still not been reinstated in the intellectual tradition to the extent he deserves to be. The objective of the course or lecture series being announced here is to take some initial steps to make up for the desideratum.

The course will not concentrate on the prakriyā or form derivation side of the Pāṇinian tradition or Sanskrit as language. After giving a historical introduction to the author-thinker and his works to the necessary extent, it will concentrate on what might in our time be described as (a) philosophy/theory of language, (b) philosophy/theory of grammar, and (c) philosophy approached from the vantage point of language (principally semantics).

Relevant readings from the works of Bhaṭṭhari and his ancient commentators will be provided in Deva-nāgarī or transliteration Roman script to those who complete registration for the course.

The lectures will involve reading of the selected texts, preceded and followed by an elucidatory commentary in English (and occasionally in Sanskrit, Hindi and Marathi). Their incidental benefit may be exposure to manuscriptology and textual criticism.

In going through the readings, registrants may adopt a 'buddy system,' that is, work with other registrants who read the script concerned well or are more proficient in Sanskrit as a language.

It is hoped that the conclusion of the course will see a set of readings that could be viewed as a first draft of 'Bhatṛ-hari: a philosophical or theoretical reader' — a book that Bhatṛ-hari would have written if he was writing for a modern reader.

It is further hoped that, by the end of the lecture series, the participants will realize how Bhatṛ-hari deserves a place of great honour in the history of world/global philosophy and how he has anticipated much of the relatively recent 'linguistic-turn' or analytical trend in modern Western philosophy. I

All meetings will be preceded by tea/coffee at 4:30pm and start at 5:00pm. They may go a few minutes beyond 7:00pm if the discussion of an important topic needs some extra time for completion.

Course dates: 02 to 06 December 2019

Time: 5 p.m to 7 p.m

Venue: Firodia hall of Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute, Pune 411004

Eligibility criterion: Graduate in any discipline

Last date of registration 25th November 2019

Course Fees: Rs. 500/- for physical attendance as well as Webinar for Indian participants.

USD 50/- International participants by webinar

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