

Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute
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Announces
Short course on

Methodologies in the Study of Ancient Indian Texts and History
to be conducted by

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March 23,24,26,27,28 2020, 9 a.m to 5 p. m.
Venue: Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute, Pune 411004

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course aims at introducing and discussing methods and approaches in the study of Indology. It will focus primarily on cross cultural and text critical studies. We shall examine a variety of Sanskrit and Prakrit texts from *Jyotiḥśāstra*, *Āyurveda*, *Kāmaśāstra*, *Arthaśāstra*, as well as treatises composed in Akkadian and Greek in order to understand how historical and textual studies work together to offer a picture of ancient Indian social and intellectual life.

COURSE OUTLINE

The course will be divided into two sessions: morning and an afternoon, each devoted to a particular aspect of Indological studies.

Morning Session

The morning session will consist of lecture and discussion on five specific topics that deal with some form of cross-cultural intellectual encounter in ancient India. We shall want to explore questions about how these examples allow us to identify an intellectual encounter and what methodology or methodologies are used to reach these conclusions.

The following five are preliminary titles of the themes that will be introduced and discussed:

1. "Mesopotamian and Indian Physiognomy"
2. "Greek and Indian Physiognomy"
3. "Male Social Gathering in Ancient India and Ancient Greece: Greek *symposion* and Sanskrit *samāpānaka*"
4. "Semonides and Bharata: Similarities and Differences"
5. "Text-Critical Reading of *Gārgīyajyotiṣa* Aṅga 42: Sarvabhūtaruta, 'the cries of all beings'"

Afternoon Session

The afternoon session is devoted to individual projects, which can include historical studies in ancient India with a focus on texts along with text critical studies of specific texts. It is aimed at the development of a methodological approach to the studies currently being undertaken by the participating research scholars and post-doctoral students. We shall want to give attention to projects of all the scholars, so each is required to present the current state of his/her project in terms of the formulation of the problem to be examined, the analysis of sources materials, and texts to be studied. For those working specifically of Sanskrit texts, the student is required to prepare a guided reading of the passages to be examined, which should include manuscript copies in pdf format, preliminary edition, and translation.

The medium of instructions would be English.

Eligibility criterion: Research students (M.Phil., Ph. D and Post-doctoral research) of any recognised institute.

Last date of registration: March 5, 2020

Maximum number of participants: 20

Certificate of Successful Completion of the course will be issued to all those who attend all the sessions

Course Fees: INR 5000/- (including course material and lunch on all days)

Payable in cash or by cheque at BORI office between 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Monday to Friday except on public holidays) Or by bank transfer

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Limited guest house facility is available for outstation participants on additional payment as per the BORI rules and regulations. Details would be made available on request