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Wednesday 14th May 2014

9:30
Welcome coffee

10:00 - 11:00
Session 1

Opening Session

Introduction

Caterina Guenzi and Raphaël Voix
(EHESS-CNRS, Centre d'études de l'Inde et de l'Asie du Sud)

Keynote address: *Oral Tradition of the Veda as Intangible Heritage: The UNESCO Proclamation and After*
Sudha Gopalakrishnan
(Sahapedia, Delhi)

11:00 - 12:30
Session 2

Vedic Scholarship Today

(Discussants: S. D'Intino, C. Malamoud)

The Western Discovery of the Veda and the Question of the Veda Today

Jan E. M. Houben
(EPHE, Mondes iranien et indien)

Western Scholars and Nambudiri Brahmins: The Making of a Contemporary "Vedic Culture"?

Nicolas Dejenne
(Université Sorbonne Nouvelle-Paris 3, Mondes iranien et indien)

14:00 - 15:30
Session 3

Regional "Revivals" of the Veda

(Discussants: C. Clémentin-Ojha, S. Gopalakrishnan)

The Veda in the Territory of the Hindu Temple: The Kerala Experience

Cezary Galewicz
(Jagiellonian University, Kraków)

A New Mala of Rishis: Women's Recitation of the Veda in Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu

Laurie L. Patton
(Duke University, Durham)

16:00 - 17:30
Session 4

Veda and Dharma

(Discussants: V. Bouillier, J. E.M. Houben)

"Restoring Dharma" in Contemporary India. The Performance of the Rājasūya Ritual in Barshi, Maharashtra

Borayin Larios
(University of Heidelberg)

To be Good has to be Vaidika. On the Genesis of an Important Criterium in the Mānavadharmasāstra

Federico Squarcini
(Università Ca' Foscari, Venice)

Thursday 15th May 2014

9:30-11:00
Session 5

Modern Interpretations of the Veda

(Discussants: L. Patton, R. Voix)

"Veda for the Common Man": The not so Common Heirs of an Unconventional Maithili Pandit

Catherine Clémentin-Ojha
(EHESS, Centre d'études de l'Inde et de l'Asie du Sud)

Veda as Yoga: Sri Aurobindo's Vedic Interpretation and its Interpreters

Peter Heehs
(Independent scholar, Pondicherry)

11:20-13:00
Session 6

Vedic Sciences

(Discussants: C. Guenzi, F. Squarcini)

Vedic Mathematics beyond its Politics

Agathe Keller
(CNRS, SPHERE)

David Frawley and Vedic Yoga

Mark Singleton
(American Institute of Indian Studies, Jaipur)

Maharishi Mahesh Yogi and Deepak Chopra: Vedic 'Science' for Perfect Health

Maya Warrior
(University of Wales - Trinity Saint David, Lampeter)

14:30-16:00
Session 7

The Vedic Golden Age to Come

(Discussants: N. Dejenne, M. Warrior)

"Vedic Communism": A Case Study in Contemporary West Bengal

Raphaël Voix
(CNRS, Centre d'études de l'Inde et de l'Asie du Sud)

"The Home of All Knowledge": Vedic Absolutism in the Heartland of the United States

Scott Lowe
(University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, Eau Claire)

16:30-18:00
Session 8

Vedic Cities, Vedic Buildings

(Discussants: J.-C. Galey, S. Lowe)

Vedic Houses in the 21st Century

Caterina Guenzi
(EHESS, Centre d'études de l'Inde et de l'Asie du Sud)

Past Wisdom, Future City: Sustainable Architecture as Indian History in Mumbai

Anne Rademacher
(New York University)