



WinterSemester 2011/2012:

VORLESUNG

Sages and Philosophers, Poets and Priests in India's Intellectual History (engl.)

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Zeit, SWS, Raum: Mi 14:00 – 16:00 Uhr (wöch., 2 SWS). Grabengasse 3-5, Hist. Seminar, Hörsaal
Leistungspunkte: 3 LP
Leistungsnachweis: 2 LP aktive Anwesenheit, 1 LP mündliche/schriftliche Klausur
Beginn: 12.10.2011

Inhalt:

This course will focus on India's vast literary and philosophical traditions in an endeavour to comprehend the intellectual journey(s) of its people from the ancient times to the modern period. In doing this, it will deconstruct and question the validity of the conventional divisions between literary, philosophical and soteriological sources, for these demarcations may not always be applicable to Indian practices/material. Given its interdisciplinary nature (both in content and methodology), this weekly lecture course is being offered to students of South Asian History, Indology (classical and modern), Philosophy and Literature, as well as to graduates of the Cluster of Excellence, Asia and Europe.

Anmeldung in der ersten Sitzung oder ab sofort per Mail an heeraman98@gmail.com

Veranstaltungs-Programm:

12.10.	Introduction -- Songs of innocence: Origin of Vedic Hymns (c. 1000 BC)
19.10.	Life with Vedic Rituals: Priests, Gods and Householders
26.10.	Meditation on Nature: Texts of the Forests (Aranyakas) (c. 800 BC)
02.11.	Challenge to Rituals: The Upanisads (c. 700 BC)
09.11.	Poetry of Knowledge: Search for ontological truth
16.11.	Spring of Philosophy: Sutra Style (c. 300 BC)
23.11.	Two Sanskrit Epics: Poetry for the Soul and Poems for life (c. 900 BC)
30.11.	Knowledge vs Rituals: Schools of Philosophy (c. 200 BC)
07.12.	Reconstructions of Being and what there is? (c. 200 AD)
14.12.	The Bhagavadgita and the Upanisads (c. 800 AD)
21.12.	Jain contribution to Epistemology (c. 200 AD)
11.01.	Scepticism of the Buddhists (c. 400 AD – 800 AD)
18.01.	Dominance of Vedanta (Samkara) (c. 750 AD)
25.01.	Lure of Devotion -- Vedanta Reified: Medieval Saints (c. 850 AD -- 1600 AD)
01.02.	Oral Examination