"South Asian studies" is an important field of research in various universities in India as well as abroad. The broadest definition of this field of research includes the study of Indian languages and its literature taking into account, Social, Political, Historical and Archaeological perspectives, its Linguistics and Folklore as well. Thus, it is important for researchers, working on any one aspect of South Asian studies to be in close contact with other researchers working on the same aspect or different ones in other universities and Institutions in order to strengthen further their own understanding. This will give a chance, among other things, to face/ put in context, the challenges of their research. A dialogue between the researchers among various universities about their research is the first step. The IFP has been conducting this research workshops between the people involved in South Asian Studies and especially students, every year, from 2009.
### Day 1 (20/07/2017)

#### Session - Inaugural

**Time: 09.00 AM**

| Welcome Address | Prof. Frederic Landy, the Director, IFP  
| Dr. T. Ganesan, Head, Department of Indology, IFP |
| Introduction | Kannan M., Prakash V., IFP |

#### Tea Break 10.00 to 10.15

#### Session – 1

**Time: 10.15 to 01.00**

| 1 | V. Murugan | Role of poet’s life in the Tamil literary history | American College, Madurai |
| 2 | P. Raja | History of editions and Publishers in Madurai (1835 – 1950) | American College, Madurai |
| 3 | K. Devisree | History and Archaeology of Gadilam river valley | Tamil University, Thanjavur |
| 4 | G. Prabavathy | Role and function of social institutions – inscriptions from the Pondicherry region | Pondicherry University, Pondicherry |
| 5 | V. Senthil Selvan | Cultural discourses in the paintings of Pandiya temples | Madurai college, Madurai |

#### Lunch Break 01.00 to 02.00

#### Session – 2

**Time: 02.00 to 04.00**

| 1 | K. Murali | History and editions of *prabanthams* in Tamil | IITS, Chennai |
| 2 | S. Ramesh | History and editions of Medicinal manuscripts in Tamil | IITS, Chennai |
| 3 | G. Selvaganapathy | The rituals of Lord Muruga through the texts of St. Dandapani and St. Pamban | Pondicherry University, Pondicherry |

#### Tea Break 04.00 to 04.15

#### Session – 3

**Time: 04.15 to 05.15**

| 1 | Shubh Chandra Jha | A study of verbs in Raghuvamsa of Kalidasa | SCSVMV University, Kanchipuram |
| 2 | S. Badhrinath | A critical edition and study on sivasankari commentary of logical inference of jagadisa tarkalankara | SCSVMV University, Kanchipuram |
| 3 | S. Thiagarajan | An analysis of Taddhita words in Cara Samhita | SCSVMV University, Kanchipuram |

#### 07 PM Dinner at IFP

*30 Minutes for each presentation including 10 Minutes for discussion*
### Session – 5
**Time: 09.00 to 11.00**

1. **N. Siva**  
   A study on Kurunthokai poems  
   CUTN, Tiruvarur

2. **S. Manikandan**  
   History of short stories - Deepam journal (1965 - 1987)  
   Presidency college, Chennai

3. **Andrea Gutierrez**  
   South Indian food history  
   University of Texas at Austin

4. **Margherita Trento**  
   Catholic literature in Tamil and its social contexts in the 18th century  
   University of Chicago, Chicago, USA

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**Tea Break 11.00 to 11.15**

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### Session – 6
**Time: 11.15 to 01.00**

1. **Aniruddhan**  
   At the margins – Transgender and Angalamman worship  
   University of Texas at Austin

2. **Youna Lanos**  
   Networks and (im)mobilities in India: an intergenerational analysis of employment in a rural area  
   French Institute, Pondicherry

3. **D. Sathya**  
   Famines and social crises in colonial South India from 1865 – 1901  
   Pondicherry University, Pondicherry

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**Lunch Break 01.00 to 02.00**

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### Session – 7
**Time: 02.00 to 04.45**

1. **Amulya Mandava**  
   A study on inter-caste marriages in Tamil Nadu  
   Harvard University, Cambridge, USA

2. **K. Maharaja Bharathi**  
   Caste complication and contradiction in southern part of Tamil Nadu  
   MKU, Madurai

3. **M. Kamatchi**  
   Women and village health care system in colonial Tamil Nadu 1844 - 1947  
   Bharathidasan University, Trichy

4. **K. Sankara Pandi**  
   Fireworks Industries in Sivakasi: An Cluster Based Approach  
   MIDS, Chennai

5. **Uma. AV**  
   Regional response to Latin American literature and culture in Kerala  
   University of Madras, Chennai

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### Lecture
**Time: 05.00 to 06.00**

1. **Kanmani Gunasekaran, writer**  
   Lecture demonstration

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**Discussion 06.00 to 06.30**