

Research in South Asian Studies: A Platform for Dialogue

Workshop for Doctoral Researchers

20th and 21st July 2017, Conference hall,

French Institute of Pondicherry

No: 11, St. Louis Street, Pondicherry 605 001.

"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 <i>prabanthams</i> 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
Tea Break 11. 00 to 11. 15			

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
Lunch Break 01. 00 to 02. 00			

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

Lecture			Time: 05. 00 to 06.00
1	Kanmani Gunasekaran, writer	Lecture demonstration	
Discussion 06. 00 to 06. 30			