

## Section - Epics and Purāṇas

Conveners: James L. Fitzgerald, Christopher Minkowski, Yuko Yokochi

### Wednesday 2nd September: Morning

room III

#### **Mahābhārata 1: Theory** Chair: Christopher Minkowski

9:15 - 9:45 Vishwa Adluri: Hermeneutics and narrative architecture in the *Mahābhārata*

9:45 - 10:15 Alfred Hildebeitel: Why Itihāsa? New possibilities and limits in considering the *Mahābhārata* as History

10:15 - 10:45 Thennilapuram Mahadevan: Textual support for early integrity of the *Mahābhārata* from its southern recension

10:45 - 11:00 Coffee/Tea

#### **Mahābhārata 2: General** Chair: Minoru Hara

11:00 - 11:30 Joydeep Bagchee: Ruru: Etymology from Hell

11:30 - 12:00 Renate Söhnen-Thieme: Vedic lore in the epic: some case studies

12:00 - 12:30 Maithili Thayanithy: Brahmacharya and social engagement in the *Mahābhārata*

### Thursday 3rd September: Morning

room III

#### **Mahābhārata 3: Manuscripts & Commentaries** Chair: James L. Fitzgerald

9:15 - 9:45 Jayanthi Manohar: Dharmakutam, a rare text of commentary on Valmiki Ramayana

9:45 - 10:15 Christopher Minkowski: The Commentators' editions of the *Mahābhārata*

10:15 - 10:45 Wendy Phillips-Rodriguez: Traveling manuscripts: an attempt to map contamination in the *Mahābhārata* textual tradition

10:45 - 11:00 Coffee/Tea

#### **Mahābhārata 4: dharma, Dharma, Nārada, Nārāyaṇabhakti** Chair: Muneo Tokunaga

11:00 - 11:30 Greg Bailey: Dharmarāja in the *Mahābhārata*, dhammarāja in early Buddhist literature

11:30 - 12:00 James L. Fitzgerald: The 'Thread' of the God Dharma woven into the *Mahābhārata*

12:00 - 12:30 Angelika Malinar: Nārada: Epic narrator and Nārāyaṇa's devotee

### Thursday 3rd September: Afternoon

room III

#### **Epic & Purāṇa 1: Philosophy** Chair: Ryutaro Tsuchida

14:00 - 14:30 Christèle Barois: Usage of Upaniṣads in the *Vāyavīyasamhitā*

14:30 - 15:00 Peter Schreiner: Yoga in the *Viṣṇupurāṇa*

15:00 - 15:30 Markus Schuepbach: Towards a diachronic intensional description of the concepts of spirit in the *Mokṣadharmaparvan* of the *Mahābhārata* - a report with special reference to the problem of philosophy in narration

15:30 - 15:50 Coffee/Tea

**Epic & Purāṇa 2: Vamśas & Kings**

Chair: John Brockington

15:50 - 16:20 Horst Brinkhaus: Sūryavamśa - Somavamśa - Harivamśa

16:20 - 16:50 Simon Brodbeck: With and without Manu: Solar and lunar lines in the Sanskrit epics

16:50 - 17:20 Ryutaro Tsuchida: Janamejaya and Puṣyamitra

**Epic & Purāṇa 3: Purāṇas in Social and Cultural Context**

Chair: Danielle Feller

17:40 - 18:10 Alka Bakre: A glimpse into social mobility reflected in the *Mahāpurāṇas*

18:10 - 18:40 Måns Ragnvald Broo: Heresy and heretics in the *Bhāgavata-Purāṇa*

18:40 - 19:10 Neha Srivastava: Philosophical and social issues in the Bhakti Skandha (XI Skandha) of *Bhāgavatapurāṇa*

**Friday 4th September: Morning**

**room III**

**Epic & Purāṇa 4: Epic Women and Agency**

Chair: Greg Bailey

9:15 - 9:45 Supriya Banik Pal: An analysis of some lesser known women characters in the *Mahābhārata*

9:45 - 10:15 Mary Brockington: 'The Rescue of Sītā': a grandmother's tale in context

10:15 - 10:45 Danielle Feller: Sītā, Samjñā, Mādhavī. Wives who refuse to be sacrificed?

10:45 - 11:00 *Coffee/Tea*

**Epic & Purāṇa 5: Cultural Contextualization of Women**

Chair: Renate Söhnen-Thieme

11:00 - 11:30 Urmi Shah: Śulka: Concept and consequences

11:30 - 12:00 Lynn Thomas: Gift, gender and genesis: rethinking the story of Agastya and Lopāmudrā

12:00 - 12:30 Minoru Hara: Divine procreation

**Friday 4th September: Afternoon**

**room III**

**Epic & Purāṇa 6: Technical Issues and Themes**

Chair: Horst Brinkhaus

14:00 - 14:30 J. Bidnur and Ch.V. Dharurkar: Metrical exigencies and *taddhitas* in the *Mahābhārata*: A formulaic approach

14:30 - 15:00 John Brockington: Rare vocabulary in the *Rāmāyaṇa* (1)

15:00 - 15:30 Thomas Kintaert: The layout of the world according to the *Nāṭyaśāstra*. Some botanical considerations of purāṇic geography

15:30 - 15:50 *Coffee/Tea*

**Purāṇa 1: General**

Chair: Alfred Hildebeitel

15:50 - 16:20 Nicolas Dejenne: The story of Śivaśarman in the *Padma Purāṇa*: A unique compendium of controversial Epic "family matters"

16:20 - 16:50 M. Maithrimurthi & A. Mishra: The meaning *in* the structure of *Bhāgavata-Purāṇa*

16:50 - 17:10

17:10 - 17:40 *Coffee/Tea*

***Purāṇa 2: Theology and Praxis in the Skanda Purāṇa*** Chair: Angelika Malinar

17:40 - 18:10 István Keul: The Yoginīs in the *Kāśīkhaṇḍa* of the *Skandapurāṇa* and in present-day Vārāṇasī

18:10 - 18:40 Yuko Yokochi: How to incorporate Vaiṣṇava myths into the Śaiva mythology - Studies in the *Skandapurāṇa*