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SECOND CIRCULAR

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- International Association of Sanskrit Studies (IASS)
- Graduate School of Letters, Kyoto University

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- Institute for Research in Humanities, Kyoto University
- Association for the Study of the History of Indian Thought

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- Embassy of India, Tokyo
- Japan Society for the Promotion of Science
- The Japanese Association of Indian and Buddhist Studies
- The Tōhō Gakkai (The Institute of Eastern Culture)
- The Mitsubishi Foundation

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14th World Sanskrit Conference

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INTRODUCTION

This second circular is intended to provide you with further information about the 14th World Sanskrit Conference, especially with regard to practical questions, such as full registration and accommodation.

After receiving the decision on acceptance of your paper (see PAPERS AND ABSTRACTS below), please complete the registration form and send it to the conference secretariat by 31st March 2009. (Please note that the preliminary registration you should already have made is **not** the full registration!) Invited speakers are also requested to send the registration form by the end of March 2009. The registration form can be downloaded from the conference web-site (<http://www.indology.bun.kyoto-u.ac.jp/14thWSC/>) and returned by e-mail.

The accommodation reservation form can be downloaded from the same web-site, but should be sent **by fax directly to the hotel** no later than 31st May 2009.

Please let us know if you have any special requirements which we should attend to. Please also inform any colleagues who have not received our mailings but would like to participate that full information is available on our web-site. The Organising Committee of the 14th World Sanskrit Conference looks forward to welcoming you in Kyoto.

Kyoto is the ancient capital city of Japan. The city was inscribed by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site in 1994; information on this and much else can be found at the following web-sites:

- The city council web-site

<<http://www.city.kyoto.jp/koho/eng/>>.

- The Kyoto City Tourism Information web-site

<<http://kaiwai.city.kyoto.jp/raku/modules/english/index.php>>.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE CONFERENCE

The 14th World Sanskrit Conference will operate in 15 sections (with five or six sessions running concurrently), each chaired by scholars specialising in the particular field.

The conveners will organise the section and select the papers for presentation. During the conference they will preside over the meetings of the section and/or nominate additional chairs for this purpose. After the conference the conveners will act as editors of the proceedings to be published as a series. The conveners operate in close consultation with the conference organisers; since the organisers are responsible for practical arrangements, please send all correspondence about such matters (registration, abstracts, cancellations, etc.) directly to the conference secretariat.

To ensure a high scholarly level for the conference, the conveners have been asked to invite some scholars to deliver papers. Each section includes a general session and may also contain a panel on a specific topic, for both of which proposals of papers are welcome. Scholars wishing to present a paper who have not been directly contacted by the respective conveners should send the titles and abstracts of their papers to the conference secretariat in Kyoto; they will be forwarded to the relevant conveners, who will review them and include all found suitable.

SECTIONS AND CONVENERS

The fifteen subject sections, along with the names of their conveners and provisional information about the thematic panels, are indicated below.

Keynote Speeches:

Romila Thapar (Emeritus Professor, Jawaharlal Nehru University)

Masaaki Hattori (Emeritus Professor, Kyoto University)

- 1. Veda** – Masato Fujii, Arlo Griffiths
(One or two thematic panels on the Paippalāda, Jaiminīya and Vādhula texts and traditions are being planned by the conveners and Yasuke Ikari.)
- 2. Linguistics** – Jared S. Klein, Kazuhiko Yoshida
- 3. Epics and Purāṇas** – James L. Fitzgerald, Christopher Minkowski, Yuko Yokochi (Two thematic panels are being planned.)
- 4. Āgamas and Tantras** – Shingo Einoo, Dominic Goodall
Thematic panel: Relations between Buddhist and Śaiva Tantra (organised by Dominic Goodall and Shingo Einoo)
- 5. Vyākaraṇa** – George Cardona, Ashok Aklujkar, Hideyo Ogawa
- 6. Poetry, Drama and Aesthetics** – Gary A. Tubb, Yigal Bronner
- 7. Sanskrit and Regional Languages and Literatures** – Takanobu Takahashi, Yoshifumi Mizuno
- 8. Scientific Literature** – Dominik Wujastyk, Michio Yano
Thematic panel: Physicians and Patients: Textual and Visual Representations in Pre-Modern South Asia (organised by Karin Preisendanz)
- 9. Buddhist Studies** – Akira Saito, Helmut Krasser, Kazunobu Matsuda
- 10. Jaina Studies** – Shin Fujinaga, Nalini Balbir, Fumio Enomoto, Peter Flügel
- 11. Philosophy** – Shoryu Katsura, Mark Siderits, Kiyotaka Yoshimizu
Thematic panel: The Historiography of Indian Philosophy (organised by Eli Franco)
- 12. History of Religion** – Noel Sheth, Muneo Tokunaga
(Diachronic study e.g., tracing the history of yoga or bhakti, or synchronic interrelationship between religions e.g., between Hinduism and Buddhism, based on Sanskrit and/or Prakrit texts)
Thematic panel: Hermeneutical Principles and Techniques as Found in Sanskrit and Prakrit Religious Texts (organised by the conveners)
- 13. Ritual Studies** – Yasuke Ikari, Shingo Einoo
- 14. History, Epigraphy, and Art History** – Hans Bakker, Diwakar Acharya, Keiji Sadakane
- 15. Law and Society** – Patrick Olivelle, Don Davis

In addition,

Panditapariṣad, organised by Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan
Kavisam̐melana, presided over by Radhavallabh Tripathi

Thematic panel: Manuscripts: fieldwork, conservation, digitization (organised by Saraju Rath and Kenneth G. Zysk)

Further information will be provided in the 3rd circular (April 2009), to be distributed solely by e-mail. We plan to present a preliminary list of the individual speakers and the titles of their papers in the 3rd circular as well as on the conference web-site.

PAPERS AND ABSTRACTS

The time allowed for each paper is limited to 30 minutes including discussion; the length of the written version for publication must be agreed with the conveners. Papers offered without special invitation will be selected on the basis of a one-page abstract (300–400 words). Abstracts must be submitted on paper, or preferably in electronic form by e-mail or on disk, by the end of December 2008. Please inform us in which section you would like to read your paper when you submit your abstract. Information about acceptance or rejection of the paper will be given by the end of February 2009 (or by the end of October 2008, if the abstract has been received by the end of September 2008). Invited speakers are requested to send their abstract of paper by the end of May 2009. All abstracts received in time will be published in the abstract booklet.

PUBLICATION OF THE PAPERS

After the conference the conveners will assemble the papers to be published and edit the volumes according to common guidelines. The final formatting of the edited volumes will be done by the conference secretariat.

REGISTRATION

Registration fees:

A. Registration by 31st March 2009

– for members of the IASS:	¥20000
– for non-members	¥25000
– for students (with proof of status)	¥12000
– for accompanying individuals	¥10000

B. Registration on and after 1st April 2009

– for members of the IASS:	¥25000
– for non-members	¥30000
– for students	¥15000
– for accompanying individuals	¥12000

The registration fee includes:

- participation in the conference
- tea/coffee in refreshment breaks
- welcome party
- conference dinner

(The fee for accompanying individuals includes the welcome party and the conference dinner.)

There is a cancellation fee of ¥5000 but the rest of the payment will be refunded if the cancellation is made before 1st June, 2009. In case you cannot attend the conference without reading a paper, we recommend that you send the payment only after you have been informed of the acceptance of your paper. The organisers regret that we are unable to make any additional reduction in the registration fee.

Methods of payment

Payment is required to be made in Japanese yen. There are two alternative ways of sending the fee:

1. Credit Card payment through a secure site link on our web-site <<http://www.indology.bun.kyoto-u.ac.jp/14thWSC/>>, which will become available within November.
2. By Bank Telegraphic Transfer: – details will be given on our web-site.

We will send confirmation of all payments received. In case of problems with advance payment, please contact the conference secretariat.

N.B. All communications concerning registration (or cancellation) should be sent directly to the conference secretariat to ensure the speediest arrival of the message:

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Visa

Entry regulations to Japan depend on the nationality of the visitor. For details, please see the web-site of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (http://www.mofa.go.jp/j_info/visit/visa/).

Flights to Japan

We recommend that participants from abroad use international flights not to Tokyo but to Osaka. There are direct flights to Osaka Kansai Airport (KIX) from a number of airports in the world.

On arrival

We will arrange for a carrier service throughout Monday 31st August to allow participants to travel as cheaply as possible directly from Osaka Kansai Airport to the main campus of Kyoto University and the Conference hotels. For the sake of those arriving on other days, information about shuttles and trains from the airport to the city will be given in the 3rd circular.

CONFERENCE VENUE

The conference will be held in the Clock Tower Centennial Hall and the building of the Graduate School of Letters, both located inside Yoshida Campus of Kyoto University.

SOCIAL PROGRAMME AND RELATED EVENTS

A welcome party and a conference dinner are planned in the evenings of the first and the last days (1st and 5th September) respectively. The registration fee covers these, as well as refreshments in the tea/coffee breaks. We are planning to organise an excursion on the last day. Small exhibitions and/or theatrical performances during the conference period are under consideration. Further information on these events will be given in the 3rd circular.

ACCOMMODATION

Reservations for accommodation are managed by the hotels that are tied up with Kyoto University. Participants should make their hotel reservations in advance by using the enclosed Hotel reservation form. The form is also available from the conference web-site.

Kindly return the form by FAX to the hotel which you have chosen from the following two hotels: **Kyoto Royal Hotel & Spa** (FAX: +81-75-223-1702) and **Holiday Inn Kyoto** (FAX: +81-75-781-6178). The rooms will be confirmed on a first-come-first-served basis. Please note that the deadline for booking accommodation is May 31, 2009. After that date no accommodation can be guaranteed. Any changes in the reservation must be made to the hotel.

N.B. In case of hotel cancellation, you may be charged a cancellation fee.

CONFERENCE HOTELS

Kyoto Royal Hotel & Spa (The hotel offers a special reduction to the participants of 14th WSC.)

Address: Sanjo-Agaru, Kawaramachi, Nakagyo-ku, Kyoto 604-8005 Japan
tel.: +81-75-223-8489, fax: +81-75-223-1702

Website: <http://www.ishinhotels.com/kyoto-royal/en/stay/index.html>

Holiday Inn Kyoto

Address: 36 Takano, Nishihiraki-cho, Sakyo-ku, Kyoto 606-8103 Japan
tel.: +81-75-721-3131, fax: +81-75-781-6178

Website: <http://www.hi-kyoto.co.jp/english/index.html>

Participants who wish to make their own arrangements for hotel accommodation can consult the Kyoto City Tourism and Culture Information System web-site:

<http://kaiwai.city.kyoto.jp/raku/modules/english/index.php>.

SIGHTSEEING IN KYOTO

Kyoto is famous for a large number of Buddhist and Shinto temples, imperial palaces, gardens, museums and other sites worth visiting. For information on sightseeing you are recommended to consult the following web-sites:

Kyoto City Tourism and Culture Information System

<<http://kaiwai.city.kyoto.jp/raku/modules/english/index.php>>,

Kyoto Convention Bureau <<http://hellokcb.or.jp/eng/index.html>>,

Kyoto Official Travel Guide <<http://www.kyoto.travel/>>.

Travel agencies and bus companies offer a variety of programmes of one-day or half-day bus tour in and around the city. The main campus of Kyoto University is situated in the northeast of the city between the Kamo River (Kamogawa) and the foothills of the eastern mountain (Higashiyama). Several sightseeing spots are located within walking distance from the campus.

Buses and trains are the chief means of public transport in the city. Taxis are also very convenient. They are not so expensive (no tip is needed), and are easy to catch on any street in the city.

IMPORTANT DATES

- **September 30, 2008:**
First deadline for sending abstracts of proposed papers
(acceptance/rejection communicated by end of October 2008)
- **December 31, 2008:**
Last deadline for sending abstracts of proposed papers
(acceptance/rejection communicated by end of February 2009)
- **March 31, 2009:**
Deadline for sending the registration form and payment of conference
fee at lower rate
- **April 2009:**
3rd circular containing a provisional schedule and an interim list of
participants and papers, to be circulated by e-mail
- **May 31, 2009:**
Deadline for booking accommodation
Deadline for sending abstracts (for invited speakers)
- **September 1-5, 2009**
Conference week

This circular and other information about the conference can be found on the conference web-site <<http://www.indology.bun.kyoto-u.ac.jp/14thWSC/>>. Do draw it to the attention of other Sanskrit scholars who may not be on our mailing lists. Please also note the home page of the International Association for Sanskrit Studies <http://www.sanskrit.nic.in/IASS/HOME_page.htm>.