

## Pluralism and Plurality in Classical and Contemporary India

The Czech Academy of Sciences

18-19 September 2020

Friday, 18 September 2020

### 8:20am Opening Remarks

8:30am (local 8:30pm) **Arindam Chakrabarti** (University of Hawaii, Manoa), “Alternative Standpoints about Knowledge, Object and Error”

9:00am (local 8:00am) **Brian Black** (Lancaster University), “Pluralism in the *Mahābhārata*: Three Strategies for Representing Plurality”

9:30am **Monika Kirloskar-Steinbach** (Universität Konstanz), “Moral Freedom Through Reappropriation”

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2:00pm **James Madaio** (Czech Academy of Sciences), “The Sanctified Surrealism of Sītā’s Kitchen: Ramchandra Gandhi’s many-centred Advaita”

2:30pm **Elise Coquereau-Saouma** (Jawaharlal Nehru University), “Realizing pluralities”

3:00pm (local 9:00am) **Vishal Sharma** (Ryerson University), “Bhīma the Vaiṣṇava, and Madhva the Hater of Śiva: Defining the Other in South Indian Sanskrit Narrative”

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5:30pm (local 11:30am) **Lakshmi Bandlamudi** (City University of New York), “Pluralism, Dialogism and Plural Dogmas in the History of India: From Ancient to Modern”

6:00pm (local 12:00pm) **Nalini Bushan** (Smith College), “Margaret Chatterjee’s Pluralist Perspective”

6:30pm (local 9:30am) **Ana Bajzelj** (University of California, Riverside), “Jains in Confrontation: Digambara Philosophers Against the Vedas”

**Saturday, 19 September 2020**

**8:30am** (local 8:30pm) – **Vrinda Dalmiya** (University of Hawaii, Manoa), “An Epistemic Pluralism in the *Mahābhārata*: ‘Stances’, ‘Standpoints’, and Justice”

**9:00am** **Pawel Odyniec** (Karlstad University), “Advaitic Strategies of Vertical Inclusivism? Kṣemarāja and Sadānanda on competing views concerning the nature of *ātman*”

**9:30am** (local 8:30am) **Jonathan Duquette** (University of Cambridge), “The Pandit’s Complaint: On the Decline of Vedānta in 19th-century India”

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**2:00pm** (local 1:00pm) **Jacqueline Suthren Hirst** (University of Manchester) “‘Even the man who hears it with faith...’ (BhG 18.71): Revisiting aptitude and pluralism in Advaitin commentaries on the *Bhagavad Gītā*”

**2:30pm** (local 1:30pm) **Rembert Lutjeharms** (Oxford Centre for Hindu Studies), “The Embodiment of all Rasa: Experience and religious pluralism in early Gauḍīya Vaiṣṇava theology”

**3:00pm** **Jaroslav Strnad** (Czech Academy of Sciences), “Plurality of spiritual paths in the Dādūpanthī community of 17th century Rājasthān”

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**5:30pm** (local 11:30am) **Sonam Kachru** (University of Virginia), “Asoka’s Reasonable Pluralism”

**6:00pm** (local 5:00pm) **Jessica Frazier** (University of Oxford), “The Good Conversationalist: A Hermeneutic Ideal of Debate and Human Flourishing in the *Caraka Saṃhitā*”

**6:30pm** (local 9:30am) **Cat Prueitt** (University of British Columbia), “Facts and Creative Exclusion”

**7:00pm** **Closing Dialogue**