

About the Conference

The conference will explore yoga from a broad perspective: it will examine different strands of Indian yoga in the premodern period and forms of modern yoga, the changes that occurred within the premodern yoga practices and theories, as well as more recent developments and the current transformation of transnational modern yoga.

For this purpose, outstanding specialists from the fields of South Asian studies, the study of religions, social science and cultural anthropology have been invited to contribute their research papers. The conference will give them an opportunity to intensify their mutual communication. For those who are interested in yoga in general, it will provide convenient access to information on recent high-level research.

Registration required!

A special discount is available for early registration until July 1, 2013.

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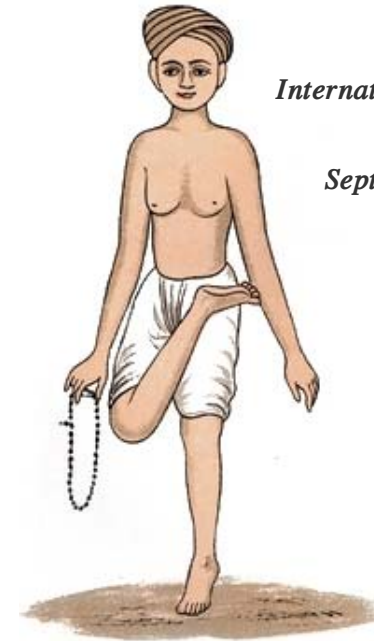
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Thursday, 19 September 2013

- 08:30 – 09:15 REGISTRATION
09:15 – 09:45 ADDRESSES OF WELCOME
09:45 – 10:30 **PHILIPP A. MAAS** *On Postures in the Pātañjala Yogaśāstra*
10:30 – 11:00 COFFEE BREAK
11:00 – 11:45 **DOMINIK WUJASTYK** *Some Problematic Yoga Sūtras and Their Buddhist Background*
11:45 – 12:30 **NOÉMIE VERDON** *Bīrūnī's Choices of Interpretation and Methods in His Kitāb Pātanjal*
12:30 – 14:00 LUNCH
14:00 – 14:45 **DAVID WHITE** *"Classical Yoga"? The Fall and Rise of the Yoga Sūtras*
14:45 – 15:30 **MARION RASTELLI** *Yoga in the Daily Routine of the Pāñcarātrins*
15:30 – 16:00 COFFEE BREAK
16:00 – 16:45 **JASON BIRCH** *Unpublished Manuscript Evidence for the Practice of Many Āsanas in the 17th/18th Centuries*

Public Evening Lecture with Panel Discussion

- 18:00 – 18:45 **MARK SINGLETON** *Evaluating Modern Yoga and its Relationship to the Past*
18:45 – 19:15 **PANEL DISCUSSION:** Jason Birch, Elizabeth de Michelis, James Mallinson
19:15 – 19:45 **GENERAL DISCUSSION**

Friday, 20 September 2013

- 09:45 – 10:30 **CATHARINA KIEHNLE** *Songs on Meditation from the Jñāndev Gāthā*
10:30 – 11:00 COFFEE BREAK
11:00 – 11:45 **JAMES MALLINSON** *Yoga and Sex: What is the Purpose of Vajroli Mudrā?*
11:45 – 12:30 **IAN BAKER** *Title to be announced*
12:30 – 14:00 LUNCH
14:00 – 14:45 **KARL BAIER** *Yoga and the Viennese Occult Revival*
14:45 – 15:30 **JOSEPH S. ALTER** *Indian Yoga and German Nature Cure: Parochial Philosophies, Prāñāyāma and the Provincialization of Modernity*
15:30 – 16:00 COFFEE BREAK
16:00 – 16:45 **MAYA BURGER** *Sāṃkhya Interpretation in a Transnational Perspective: Śrī Anirvāṇa and Lizelle Reymond*
16:45 – 17:15 **HANS-JÖRG WEBER** *BDY and the Situation of Yoga Teachers in Germany*

Public Evening Lecture with Panel Discussion

- 18:00 – 18:45 **MEERA NANDA** *Pseudoscience and Resemblance Thinking in the Construction of Modern Yoga*
18:45 – 19:15 **PANEL DISCUSSION:** Joseph Alter, Anand Amaladass, Anne Koch, Beatrix Hauser
19:15 – 19:45 **GENERAL DISCUSSION**

Saturday, 21 September 2013

- 09:00 – 09:45 **BEATRIX HAUSER** *Bodily Practices from Afar: Global Flows and Cultural Interferences in Postural Yoga*
09:45 – 10:30 **ANAND AMALADASS** *Christian Response to Yoga*
10:30 – 11:00 COFFEE BREAK
11:00 – 11:45 **ANNE KOCH** *"It's Time to Give Back!" Competitive Charity in Today's Global Yoga*
11:45 – 12:30 **SUZANNE NEWCOMBE** *Spaces for Yoga*
12:30 CONCLUSION

