

Einladung zum Gastvortrag und Workshop

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Workshop

The Codicology of South Indian Manuscripts

This workshop is open to all interested students and scholars with some command of Sanskrit and basic knowledge of Indian scripts. Mr. Shaji will *inter alia* give practical advice on how to determine the material of manuscripts, and outline the characteristics of some South Indian scripts, their relation to each other and their development. He will also share his thoughts on how undated manuscripts may be approximately dated, based on material and script. All participants of the workshop are invited to prepare specific questions related to South Indian codicology, which will then be addressed and discussed.

**Wed, 29.10.2014, 17:00-19:00, SR 1 TB and
Thu, 30.10.2014, 10:00-12:00, SR 2 SAK**

Guest lecture

The Oriental Manuscript Collection of the University of Trivandrum

A Survey of its History and its Holdings

The Oriental Research Institute and Manuscripts Library of the University of Kerala shelters a huge collection of documents: about 30.000 codices/bundles containing approximately 60.000 works. The manuscripts are between 100 and 600 years old, made of different materials, and written in a variety of scripts. After a survey of the library's history, the speaker will address the manuscript holdings in general, from the points of view of content, material and script, and point out some rare, distinctive and exquisite exemplars.

Thu, 30.10.2014, 16:00, SR 1 TB