

AGENDA

LOCATION OF ALL ACADEMIC SESSIONS

Fairmont Queen Elizabeth
Chaudière

FRIDAY, 6 NOVEMBER 2009

8:30am: DĀNAM REGISTRATION DESK
OPENS.

OPENING SESSION 9:00 – 9:15 am

Welcoming and Administrative Remarks

Co-Chairs: Adarsh Deepak, Taksha Institute
Rita D. Sherma, ITBB, Univ. of AZ

SESSION 1 M6-100 9:15 am – 11:00 am

Theme: Re-conceiving Dharma Traditions and
the Contemporary Analysis of Power

Convener: David Lawrence, University of North
Dakota

Presider: Christopher K. Chapple, Loyola
Marymount University, CA

Panelists:

Al Collins: 'Foucault among the Demons: Power
and the Self in Indian Social Thought and
Western Postmodernism'

David Lawrence: 'Truth and Power in Sanskrit
Philosophical Discourse'

Jeffery D. Long: 'Reductionism as Ekanta:
Anekanta-vada and the Analysis of Power'

Sthaneshwar Timalsina: 'Linguistic and Cosmic
Powers: The Concept of Sakti in Indian
Philosophy'

Respondent: Rita D. Sherma, ITBB, Univ. of AZ,
& Taksha Institute

SESSION 2 M6-108 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Theme: Spirit Possession and Magic

Convener: Ramdas Lamb, University of Hawai'i
at Manoa

Presider: Ian Whicher, University of Manitoba,
Canada

Panelists:

Patton Burchett: 'My Miracle Trumps Your
Magic: Bhakta—Tantrika Encounters in Early
Modern Hagiographical Literature'

Ramdas Lamb: 'Shamans, Spirits, and Healing in
Central India'

Deepak Shimkhada: 'A Ban Jhankri in the City:
Curing New Diseases Using Old Shamanic
Techniques'

SESSION 3 M6-206 2:00 pm – 3:45 pm

Theme: Traditional Indian Thinking on
Culture Looks at Contemporary Indian and
World Media Cultures

Convener: Al Collins, Anchorage, Alaska

Presider: Jeffery D. Long, Elizabethtown
College, PA

Panelists:

Al Collins: Traditional Indian thinking on culture
looks at contemporary Indian and world media
cultures

Pankaj Jain: 'Virtue Ethics of Boot Polish and
Dosti vis-à-vis Slumdog Millionaire'

Sunthar Vasuvalingam: 'Love, devotion, and
service: Retelling the Ramayana in
Gowariker's Homeland (Swades)'

Purushottama Bilimoria: 'Desi Performative
Arts in Australia: Shivaram to Creative Indian-
Australian Dance Movements'

Respondent: Rajiv Malhotra, The Infinity
Foundation

SESSION 4 M6-302 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Theme: Hindu Dharma and Darwinism

Convener: Thomas B. Ellis, Appalachian State
University, NC

Presider: Purushottama Bilimoria, Deakin Univ
and Melbourne University, Australia

Panelists:

Mackenzie Brown: 'Hindu Perspectives on
Darwin and Evolution'

Sthaneshwar Timalsina: 'Cognitive and
Emotional Aspects of Samadhi'

L. Biernacki: 'Evolution, Emergence Theory, and
Abhinavagupta's Tantric Non-Dualism'

Jonathan Edelman: 'A Tale of Two Swamis –
Mapping the Modes of Interaction between
Darwin and Hinduism in the 20th Century'

Tom Ellis: 'The Evolutionary Psychology of Puja'
Respondent: Gerry Larson, Emeritus, University
of California, Santa Barbara, and Indiana Univ.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2009

SESSION 6 M7-7 9:00 am – 10:30 am

Theme: Asceticism in Dharma Traditions I:
Ascetics and Their Practices

Convener: Antoinette DeNapoli, Emory
University, GA

Presider: Kusumita Pedersen, St. Francis
College, NY

Panelists:

Antoinette DeNapoli: 'My bhakti is my Power:
Gender, Power, and the Performance of
Devotional Asceticism by Female Sadhus in
Rajasthan'

Perundevi Srinivasan: 'The Goddess as an
Ascetic: The Articulation of Tapas in Tamil
Puranic and Folk Narratives'

Ramdas Lamb: 'Ramnami Renunciants and the
Ascetic Challenge'

Bill Harman: 'Fierce Devotion: Sri Lanka's Tamil
Tigers and the Militant Ascetic Tradition of India'
Respondent: June McDaniel, College of
Charleston, SC

SESSION 7 M7-123 10:30 am – 12:30 pm

Theme: Asceticism in Dharma Traditions II: Laity and Their Practices

Convener: **Antoinette DeNapoli**, Emory University, GA

President: **Phyllis Herman**, California State Northridge

Panelists:

Robert Menzies: 'Fecund Celibacy: Pativrata as Domestic Ascetic in Vrat Katha'

Jerry Carney: 'Engagement and Detachment: the Dynamic of Hindu Dharma for the Contemporary Non-renunciant (lay) Public'

Koenraad Elst: 'Yoga for the layman: modern fad or return to the roots?'

Respondent: **Jeffery D. Long**, Elizabethtown College, PA

12:30 pm ADJOURN

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Saturday, Nov 7: 7:15-8:15 am

Sunday, Nov 8: 9:00 – 11:00 am

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