



ANNOUNCEMENT

9 Sep 03

1st DANAM Conference 2003

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Dharma Association of North America (DANAM)

THEME:

CONTEMPORARY ISSUES IN CONSTRUCTIVE DHARMA

Sub-Topics:

Science, Vedanta, Vaishnavism, Education, World Peace, & Bridge-building

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Friday, 21 November 03, 1:00 - 8:00 pm

Stockholm Room*, Marriott Marquis, Atlanta (Down Town) Georgia

(*Limited Seating: Please register (no fee) as indicated below, for better planning purposes.)

PURPOSE:

To provide a Forum where scholars of Dharma Traditions and interested members of Dharma communities can engage in the examination of, and constructive approaches to, contemporary issues in the study of Dharma Traditions. While there are multiple scholarly arenas for presentation of new textual, sociological, anthropological and historic approaches to the study of Indian cultural and religious traditions, there are no dedicated venues for discourse on, and the presentation of, constructive new approaches to pedagogy, epistemology, theology, or philosophy in these systems. It is hoped that this meeting can explore the possibility that the academic study of these traditions is now mature enough to include and move beyond the limitations of phenomenological methodologies in order to engage the conceptual depth and intellectual applicability of these traditions in an inclusive forum.

DANAM:

DANAM (Dharma Association of North American) is an independent, non-political, membership-based, non-profit organization of Virginia, with a focus on constructive presentation of Dharma traditions in the North American context. Its mission and objectives are described at its web site at www.danam-web.org, which lists distinguished scholars as Patron and Board of Distinguished Visiting Scholars (BDVS) drawn from various disciplines. DANAM is a sponsor of the *Journal of Vaishnava Studies*, now in its twelfth year.

INVITED SPEAKERS (Partial List):

Dr. Arvind Sharma, *Birks Prof. of Religion, McGill Univ., Canada*; **Dr. E. C. George Sudarshan**, *Nobel nominee, Prof. of Physics, U Texas-Austin*; **Dr. Subhash Kak**, *Dualane Prof. of EE & Prof. in Asian Studies Program, Louisiana State Univ.*; **Dr. Rita D. Sherma**, *Binghamton University, NY & Senior Research Associate, Berghoffer Institute, NY*; **Dr. Barbara Holdrege**, *Prof. of South Asian Religions & Culture, & Director, Center for Analysis of Sacred Space, UC Santa Barbara, CA*; **Dr. Graham Schweig**, *Asst. Prof. of Religion, Christopher Newport Univ., VA, & Senior. CoEditor, Journal of Vaishnava Studies*; **Dr. Rick Jarow**, *Prof. of History & Religious Studies, Vassar College, MA*; **Mona Vijaykar**, *Network of Parents in Classrooms, SF Area, CA*; .. other names to be added upon confirmation

COURTESY REGISTRATION (No Fee):

Please register early in one of the following ways:

--Online at www.danam-web.org, then click 'Events', click register at Dharma Conference, **or**

--By providing your contact information (name, affiliation, email, tel/fax & address)

-via email to: contact@danam-web.org, **or**

-post-mail to: DANAM, POB 2130, Poquoson, VA 23662, **or** -contacting:

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*****Please Forward this Information to interested persons*****