

Program

Fourth International Conference in Memory of Vsevolod Sergeevich Sementsov (1941–1986)

“Philosophical Sanskrit Texts: Problems of Reading and Interpretation”

Vsevolod S. Sementsov Annual Memorial International Conference
“Philosophical Sanskrit Texts: Problems of Reading and Interpretation”

November 10–20, 2025

Patrice Lumumba Peoples' Friendship University of Russia (RUDN University)
Pune, Pondicherry, India

November 10, 2025

11:30 – 12:00 – Registration of participants

Opening of the Conference

12:00 – 12:10 – Welcoming address by **Ruzana V. Pskhu** (Doctor of Philosophy, Professor, RUDN University, Center for the Study of Indian Philosophy and Culture “Purushottama”, Moscow, Russia).

12:10 – 12:40 – **Sergey D. Serebryany** (Doctor of Philosophy, Professor, RSUH, Moscow, Russia).

“Remembering Vsevolod Sementsov.”

Bhakti

Moderator: R.V. Pskhu

12:40 – 13:10 – **Monika Boehm-Tettelbach** (DSc, Prof., South Asia Institute, University of Heidelberg, Germany).

The Equality of the Bhakti and the Sufi Paths according to Dādū.

13:10 – 13:40 – Irina Glushkova (Doctor of History, Institute of Oriental Studies, RAS, Moscow, Russia).

Two Modes of Divine Lateness and Their Consequences: An Experiment in Unhurried Reading of Janabai's Poems.

13:40 – 14:10 – Maria B. Pavlova (PhD in Philology, RUDN University, Moscow, Russia).

Some Aspects of the Interpretation of Buddhist Teachings in the Texts of South Indian Medieval Shaiva Mystics.

14:10 – 15:30 – Lunch break.

Yoga

Moderator: P.S. Anuchin

15:30 – 16:00 – Dr. Gowtham R. (Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, University of Patanjali, Haridwar–Roorkee).

Understanding Patañjala Yoga Sūtra: Traditional Insights versus Modern Interpretations.

16:00 – 16:30 – Oleg N. Yerchenkov (Translator, Independent Researcher, Askat, Altai Region, Russia).

Symbolism of "The Parable of the Elephant" from the "Yoga Vāsiṣṭha": Mystical and Mythological Aspects of Symbolic Narrative.

16:30 – 17:00 – Natalia V. Senina (RUDN University, Moscow, Russia).

Īśvara in Yogic Texts ("Kaṭha Upaniṣad," "Bhagavad Gītā," "Yoga Sūtras" of Patañjali).

November 11, 2025 Indian Art

Moderator: A.A. Stepin

12:00 – 12:30 – Natalia R. Lidova (PhD in Philology, Senior Research Fellow, Department of Literary Theory, IMLI RAS).

Līlā and Kṛīḍā: On the Theatrical and Philosophical Concept of Play in Indian Culture.

12:30 – 13:00 – Wiesna Mond-Kozłowska (Polish Society of Anthropology of Dance).

Abhinavagupta's Concept of the Nature of Aesthetic Experience.

13:00 – 13:30 – Daria N. Vorobyeva (PhD in Art History, State Institute for Art Studies, Moscow, Russia).

The Semantics of the Vessel in Contemporary Indian Art.

13:30 – 14:00 – Svetlana A. Kreuzer (RUDN University, Moscow, Russia; Project Director, Sanskrit Research Institute, Pondicherry, India).

Vēlpantanam as a Sacred-Poetic Structure: The Stone Inscription on the Pillar of the Nataraja Temple in Chidambaram.

14:00 – 15:30 – Lunch break.

Non-Brahmanical Traditions

Moderator: S.A. Kreuzer

15:30 – 16:00 – **Tatyana V. Ermakova** (PhD in Philosophy, Senior Research Fellow, IORAS, St. Petersburg, Russia).

The History of the Study of Buddhist Art in the Academic Series “Bibliotheca Buddhica.”

16:00 – 16:30 – **Anna V. Martseva** (PhD in Philosophy, Associate Professor, Department of the History of Philosophy, RUDN University).

The Concept of Corporality in Jainism.

16:30 – 17:00 – **Pavel S. Anuchin** (RUDN University, Moscow, Russia).

Three Stages of Understanding in Kamalaśīla’s “Bhāvanākrama.”

November 12, 2025

Philosophical Implications of Revelation and Tradition in India

Moderator: P.S. Anuchin

12:00 – 12:30 – **Abhishek Tripathi** (PhD, Sapienza University of Rome, Italy).

Adi Śaṅkara’s Bhāṣyas: Axioms of Communicable Exegesis of Advaita Vedānta.

12:30 – 13:00 – **Alexander A. Stepin** (RUDN University, Moscow, Russia).

Discriminative Insight (Viveka) and Its Types in Śaṅkarācārya’s “Vivekacūḍāmaṇi.”

13:00 – 13:30 – **Andrey Drachuk** (RUDN University, Moscow, Russia).

The Concept of Puruṣa in the Muṇḍaka Upaniṣad in the Context of Dvaita (Madhva) and Advaita (Śaṅkara) Vedānta.

13:30 – 15:00 – Lunch break.

Indian Texts in Genre Diversity

Moderator: N.V. Senina

15:00 – 15:30 – Tatyana I. Oranskaya (PhD in Philology, Senior Research Fellow, IORAS, St. Petersburg, Russia).

Fusion of Historical Epochs in the Comedy by Ajay Shukla “Taaj Mahal kaa Tender.”

15:30 – 16:00 – Andrey V. Paribok (St. Petersburg, Russia).

An Important Methodological Technique in Indian Philosophical Texts: Conceptual Pentads.

16:00 – 16:30 – Ruzana V. Pskhu (Doctor of Philosophy, Professor, Head of the Department of Oriental and African Studies, RUDN University, Moscow, Russia).

Yogic Horizons of the Pāñcarātra: Pūjā and Yāga.

November 13–15, 2025

Sightseeing Tour: Ajanta and Ellora Caves

November 16, 2025

Intellectual Theatre

Moderator: Y.S. Pushkaryova

12:00 – 12:30 – Svetlana I. Faybushevich (RUDN University).

Cultural Traditions of the Indigenous People of India — the Adivasis.

12:30 – 13:00 – Ekaterina S. Skrypnik (PhD in History, Research Fellow, Institute of Oriental Studies, RAS).

Astrologers, Brahmins, and Buddhist Monks: Indians at the Court of Empress Wu Zetian (624–705).

13:00 – 13:30 – Natalia L. Fedorova (Department of OSIYA, Faculty of Philology, Lomonosov Moscow State University).

The Use of the Kaṭapayādi Method in Ancient Indian Scientific Texts.

13:30 - 14:00 - Alexandra R. Mirzoeva (RUDn University)

The concept of a just ruler in the Indian dharma tradition and the Iranian concept of Farah-i Izadi: a comparative analysis.

13:30 – 15:00 – Lunch break.

Indian Philosophy

Moderator: A. Drachuk

15:00 – 15:30 – Sashka Trajcheska Sekuloska (Sanskrit Research Institute, Pondicherry, India).

Indian Ontology and the Dynamics of the Three Guṇas: Ancient Sanskrit Perspectives and Śrī Aurobindo's Evolutionary Interpretation.

15:30 – 16:00 – Motoki Tanaka (Department of Indian Philosophy, Nagoya University, Japan).

On the Meaning of Vikhra: A Consideration from the Yuktidīpikā and the Appendix of the Mahābhārata.

16:00 – 16:30 – Maxim V. Leonov (RUDN University, Moscow, Russia).

"The Word of Pañcaśikha": The Structure of the Text.

16:30 – 17:00 – Yulia G. Pushkaryova (RUDN University, Moscow, Russia).

The Problem of Understanding/Interpreting the Term "Absence" (Abhāva) in the Philosophical Texts of Nyāya.

November 17–18, 2025

Sightseeing Tour: Temples of South India

November 19, 2025

12:00 – 13:30 – Open Lecture by Dr Rohan Achyut Kulkarni (Director, Sanskrit Seva Foundation, Pune, India)

Interpreting the Vedāntasiddhāntacandrikā and Its Commentary Udgāra

13:30 – 15:00 – Lunch break.

15:00 - 17:00 - Reading of the "Yoga Sūtras" of Patañjali with Commentaries by Bhoja, Vijñānabhikṣu, and Hariharānanda Āraṇya.

November 20, 2025

12:00 – 14:00 – Closing of the Conference. Summary and Final Discussion.