

Centre for Contemporary Studies Decennial Celebration
National Seminar on
*Methodological Aspects of Knowledge Production in Pre-
Modern India*

PROGRAMME

24 JANUARY 2015, SATURDAY

VENUE: FACULTY HALL

- 0930 - 0945** **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION TO CCS**
Prof. Raghavendra Gadagkar
(Chairman, Centre for Contemporary Studies)
- 0945-1015** **INTRODUCTION TO SEMINAR**
Prof. Rajan Gurukkal
(Visiting Faculty, Centre for Contemporary Studies)
- 1015-1030** **INAUGURATION AND INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER**
Prof. Anurag Kumar
(Director, Indian Institute of Science)
- 1030-1130** **OPENING LECTURE**
Prof. Romila Thapar
(Professor Emerita, Jawaharlal Nehru University)
‘Knowledge of the Past before Us’
- 1130 – 1135** **VOTE OF THANKS**
Dr. Bitasta Das
(Seminar Convenor)
- 1135 - 1200** **TEA/COFFEE BREAK**
- 1200 – 1330** **PLENARY TALK CHAIRPERSON: Prof. M.S. Valiathan**
(Manipal University)
- 1200-1245** **Prof. M.S. Valiathan**
(Manipal University)
‘Charaka’s Approach to Knowledge’

- 1245-1330** **Prof. George Geevarghese Joseph**
(Professor, Manchester University)
‘Comparing Mathematical Traditions: Differing Practices, Preoccupations and Proofs’
- 1330 – 1445** **LUNCH BREAK**
- 1445 – 1615** **TECHNICAL SESSION I CHAIRPERSON: Prof. Balachandra Rao** (Director, Gandhi Centre of Science & Human Values)
- 1445-1530** **Prof. Balachandra Rao**
(Director, Gandhi Centre of Science & Human Values)
‘Three Contemporary Astronomers of 16th Century’
- 1530-1615** **Prof. P.P. Divakaran**
(Inter-University Centre for Astronomy and Astrophysics, Pune)
‘What is Indian about Indian Mathematics?’
- 1615 -1630** **TEA/COFFEE BREAK**
- 1630-1800** **TECHNICAL SESSION II CHAIRPERSON: Prof. Sundar Sarukkai** (Manipal University)
- 1630-1715** **Prof. Sundar Sarukkai**
(Manipal University)
‘The importance of doubt in Indian philosophy’
- 1715-1800** **Prof. Raghuram Raju**
(Central University of Hyderabad)
‘Debate as a Methodology of Knowledge Production in Pre-Modern India’
- 1800-1815** **DISCUSSION**

25 JANUARY SUNDAY

VENUE: CCS SEMINAR HALL

- 0930-1300** **TECHNICAL SESSION III CHAIRPERSON: Prof. T.K.A.**

Nizar (Sri Shankaracharya University of Sanskrit, Kalady)

0930-1015

Prof. T.K.A. Nizar

(Sri Shankaracharya University of Sanskrit, Kalady)

‘Nāgārjuna’s Critique of Pramāṇa-s’

1015 – 1030

TEA/COFFEE BREAK

1030 – 1115

Prof. C. Rajendran

(Calicut University)

‘Inference as a Means of Valid Knowledge in Indian Epistemological Tradition’

1115-1200

Prof. M.R. Raghava Varier

(Kottakkal Aryavaidyasala Publications Kottakkal)

‘How Meaning is Generated’

1200-1245

Prof. Dambarudhar Nath

(Dibrugarh University)

‘Knowledge Production, Dissemination and Practice’

1300-1430

LUNCH BREAK

1430-1700

TECHNICAL SESSION IV CHAIRPERSON: Prof. Prof. Champakalaksmi (Retired Professor, JNU)

1430-1515

Prof. Champakalaksmi

(Retired Professor, JNU)

‘In Search of the Beginnings of Specialised Knowledge Production in Early Tamil’

1515-1530

TEA/COFFEE BREAK

1530-1615

Prof. S.N. Venugopalan Nair

(Trans-disciplinary University)

‘Knowledge Generation in Ayurveda’

1615-1700

Prof. M.V. Narayanan

(Calicut University)

‘Bodies of Knowledge in Kathakali’

DISCUSSION

1700-1730

26 JANUARY 2015, MONDAY
VENUE: CCS SEMINAR HALL

0930-1245

TECHNICAL SESSION V CHAIRPERSON: Prof. Sharada Srinivasan (National Institute of Advanced Studies)

0930-1015

Prof. Sharada Srinivasan
(National Institute of Advanced Studies)
‘Metallurgy in Indian Antiquity’

1015-1100

Mr. R.V. Achari
(Bangalore)
‘From the Mythology of Vāstuśāstra to the Methodology of Vāstuvidya’

1100-1115

TEA/COFFEE BREAK

1115-1200

Mr. Naresh Keerti
(National Institute of Advanced Studies)
‘Polysemy of the Prabandha’

1200-1245

Prof. Rajan Gurukkal
(Centre for Contemporary Studies)
‘Historical Epistemology’

1245-1330

CLOSING REMARKS
Prof. Rajan Gurukkal
(Centre for Contemporary Studies)