

## 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

*President:* 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

*President:* 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

*President:* 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

*President:* 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, Univ. 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 Univ, GA

*President:* 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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Presented by

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**Saturday, Nov 7: 7:15 – 8:15 am**

**Sunday, Nov 8: 9:00 – 11:00 am**

You may participate, either on the floor (wear  
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Long, Ramdas Lamb and Adarsh Deepak, 2006).

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