



1st Conference on
God and Consciousness in India Traditions
<https://www.god-and-consciousness.com/oxford-conference>
Oxford Centre for Hindu Studies
Worcester College, University of Oxford, UK
May 15-17, 2024

PROGRAM (Day 1)

May 15 - Morning

Chair: Alan Herbert

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| 9:20 - 09:45 | Opening session |
| 9:45 - 10:30 | Keynote Talk: God, Consciousness, and Cosmos: Prospects for a Non-illusory Theistic Monism
<i>Timothy O'Connor</i> |
| 10:30 - 11:15 | The Vaiṣṇava Vedānta approach to subjective awareness
<i>Shivanand Sharma</i> |
| 11:15 - 12:00 | A Bare Theism for a Fully General Comparative Philosophy of Religion
<i>Ravi M. Gupta and Mike Ashfield</i> |

May 15 - Afternoon

Chair: Gavin Flood

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| 2:00 - 2:45 | Keynote Talk: Does and Could Śaṅkara's Advaita Vedānta concern itself with the Hard Problem of Consciousness? (online)
<i>Anand Jayprakash Vaidya</i> |
| 2:45 - 3:30 | The universe as amśa of Brahman: Towards a Viśiṣṭādvaitic existence-cosmopsychism
<i>S Siddharth</i> |
| 3:30 - 3:45 | Coffee-break |
| 3:45 - 4:30 | Consciousness, Agency, and Moral Responsibility in Vedānta
<i>Brett Parris</i> |
| 4:30 - 5:15 | Advaita Vedānta and the God-World Relation (online)
<i>Thomas Oberle</i> |



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PROGRAM (Day 2)

May 16 - Morning

Chair: Shivanand Sharma

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- 9:45 - 10:30 **Keynote Talk:** Of Micropsychism, Memory, and Maheśvara: Utpaladeva on God as the Unifier of Consciousness
Amit Chaturvedi
- 10:30 - 11:15 Gauḍīya Vaisnavism and Personal Identity: A Reductionist Approach
Alan Herbert
- 11:15 - 12:00 Looking at the Prakṛti-Puruṣa dichotomy through the lens of Feminist Materialism: A Critique of Western Hegemonic Dichotomies and a New Perspective on Dualism (online)
Sarnali Chatterjee

May 16 - Afternoon

Chair: Benedikt Paul Göcke

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- 2:00 - 2:45 **Keynote Talk:** Is God Conscious? Reflections on Śākta-Śaiva Ideas of Transcendence and Immanence
Gavin Flood
- 2:45 - 3:30 Śiva's Creative Pulsation: A Theistic Understanding of Consciousness and Matter
Klara Margareta Agnes Hedling
- 3:30 - 3:45 **Coffee-break**
- 3:45 - 4:30 Divine Consciousness as Linguistic Consciousness: The Trika Śaiva adaptation of Bhartṛhari's levels of language as they relate to divine potency, union, and revelation
Veronica Benjamin
- 4:30 - 5:15 Decombining Perspectives: A Kashmiri Śaivist View of Cosmopsychism
Munema Moiz



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PROGRAM (Day 3)

May 17 - Morning

Chair: Ithamar Theodor

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| 9:45 - 10:30 | Keynote Talk: Karl Christian Friedrich Krause's Panentheism and the Vedic Traditions
<i>Benedikt Paul Göcke</i> |
| 10:30 - 11:15 | Panentheism and the Contradictory God in a Bhedābheda Vedānta Tradition
<i>Ricardo Sousa Silvestre</i> |
| 11:15 - 12:00 | Between Theism and Atheism: A Jain Paradigm of God
<i>Jinesh R. Sheth</i> |

May 17 - Afternoon

Chair: Ricardo Sousa Silvestre

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| 2:00 - 2:45 | Keynote Talk: Panpsychism and Divine Embodiment
<i>Joanna Leidenhag</i> |
| 2:45 - 3:30 | A Comparative Analysis of Brahman and the Anselmian Being: Exploring Divine Concepts through the Bhagavad Gita
<i>Saheba Saxena</i> |
| 3:30 - 3:45 | Coffee-break |
| 3:45 - 4:30 | Ascending Concepts of God in the Bhagavad-gītā
<i>Ithamar Theodor</i> |
| 4:30 - 5:15 | Can the Bhagavad Gītā Explain the Existence of Consciousness? (online)
<i>Akshay Gupta</i> |