



1st Conference on
God and Consciousness in Indian Traditions

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Oxford Centre for Hindu Studies

Worcester College, University of Oxford, UK

May 15-17, 2024

PROGRAM (Day 1)

May 15 - Morning

Chair: Alan Herbert

- 8:45 - 09:15 **Opening session**
- 9:15 - 10:00 **Keynote Talk:** God, Consciousness, and Cosmos: Prospects for a Non-illusory Theistic Monism
Timothy O'Connor
- 10:00 - 10:45 The Vaiṣṇava Vedānta approach to subjective awareness
Shivanand Sharma
- 10:45 - 11:30 A Bare Theism for a Fully General Comparative Philosophy of Religion
Ravi M. Gupta and Mike Ashfield

May 15 - Afternoon

Chair: Gavin Flood

- 1:30 - 2:15 **Keynote Talk:** Does and Could Śaṅkara's Advaita Vedānta concern itself with the Hard Problem of Consciousness? (online)
Anand Jayprakash Vaidya
- 2:15 - 3:00 The universe as amśa of Brahman: Towards a Viśiṣṭādvaitic existence-cosmopsychism
S Siddharth
- 3:00 - 3:15 **Coffee-break**
- 3:15 - 4:00 Consciousness, Agency, and Moral Responsibility in Vedānta
Brett Parris
- 4:00 - 4:45 Advaita Vedānta and the God-World Relation (online)
Thomas Oberle



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PROGRAM (Day 2)

May 16 - Morning

Chair: Shivanand Sharma

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- 9:15 - 10:00 **Keynote Talk:** Of Micropsychism, Memory, and Maheśvara: Utpaladeva on God as the Unifier of Consciousness
Amit Chaturvedi
- 10:00 - 11:45 Gauḍīya Vaisnavism and Personal Identity: A Reductionist Approach
Alan Herbert
- 11:45 - 11:30 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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- 1:30 - 2:15 **Keynote Talk:** Is God Conscious? Reflections on Śākta-Śaiva Ideas of Transcendence and Immanence
Gavin Flood
- 2:15 - 3:00 Śiva's Creative Pulsation: A Theistic Understanding of Consciousness and Matter
Klara Margareta Agnes Hedling
- 3:00 - 3:15 **Coffee-break**
- 3:15 - 4:00 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
- 4:00 - 4:45 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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- 9:15 - 10:00 **Keynote Talk:** Karl Christian Friedrich Krause's Pantheism and the Vedic Traditions
Benedikt Paul Göcke
- 10:00 - 10:45 Pantheism and the Contradictory God in a Bhedābheda Vedānta Tradition
Ricardo Sousa Silvestre
- 10:45 - 11:30 Between Theism and Atheism: A Jain Paradigm of God
Jinesh R. Sheth

May 17 - Afternoon

Chair: Ricardo Sousa Silvestre

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- 1:30 - 2:15 **Keynote Talk:** Panpsychism and Divine Embodiment
Joanna Leidenhag
- 2:15 - 3:00 A Comparative Analysis of Brahman and the Anselmian Being: Exploring Divine Concepts through the Bhagavad Gita
Saheba Saxena
- 3:00 - 3:15 **Coffee-break**
- 3:15 - 4:00 Ascending Concepts of God in the Bhagavad-gītā
Ithamar Theodor
- 4:00 - 4:45 Can the Bhagavad Gītā Explain the Existence of Consciousness? (online)
Akshay Gupta