

TAMIL AND TAMIL AKAM AT THE CROSSROADS

International Conference with UC Davis

Dec 17 - 18, 2010

Venue:

Jawaharlal Nehru Conference Hall
French Institute of Pondicherry, 11, Saint Louis Street, Pondicherry - 605 001.

Programme

December 17, 2010

Welcome Remarks

09:00 - 09:30 Prof. Vēlayoudom Marimoutou, Director, French Institute of Pondicherry

Session 1

- 09:00 - 09:30 ["Sri Aurobindo and Dante"](#)
[Brenda Deen Schildgen](#), University of California, Davis
- 10:00 - 10:30 ["East-West Conversions: Lutheran Missionaries in Eighteenth-Century South India"](#)
[Gail Finney](#), University of California, Davis
- 10:30 - 11:00 ["The Empire of Enthusiasm: Sydney Owenson's *The Missionary: An Indian Tale*"](#)
[Kari Lokke](#), University of California, Davis
- 11:00 - 11:15 Tea Break
- 11:15 - 12:00 Discussion of Papers
- 12:00 - 14:00 Lunch

Session 2

- 14:00 - 14:30 ["East meets West: The Unusual Life and Thought of Frances Swiney \(1847-1922\)"](#)
[Allison Coudert](#), University of California, Davis
- 14:30 - 15:15 ["Translation, Conversion and the 'Ambidextrous Subject': A. Madhaviah's *Clarinda* as a Social Reform Novel"](#)
[Kristen Bergman](#), University of California, Davis
- 15:15 - 15:30 Tea Break
- 15:30 - 16:15 Discussion of Papers
- 16:15 - 16:30 Tea Break

KEY NOTE ADDRESS:

- 16:30 - 18:00 ["Scientific Dialogues in Nineteenth-Century Tanjore: King Serfoji II's Initiatives in Enlightenment and Indic Knowledge Systems"](#)
[Indira Viswanathan Peterson](#), Mount Holyoke College
- 18:30 Dinner

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Session 3

- 08:30 - 09:00 ["Translation of Kuruntokai into French: Challenges and Proposals"](#)
[S. A. Vengada Soupraya Nayagar](#), Kanchi Mamunivar Centre for Post
Graduate Studies
- 09:00 - 09:30 ["Literary Traditions of Tamils through Palm Leaf Manuscripts"](#)
[P. Perumal](#), Saraswathi Mahal Library
- 09:30 - 10:15 Discussion of Papers

Session 4

- 10:30 - 11:00 ["On the Languages of the Commons in Tamil Nadu: A Theoretical
Exploration"](#)
[Vijaya Nagrajan](#), University of San Francisco
- 11:00 - 11:30 ["Global Mylapore and Artistic Labor"](#)
[Priya Srinivasan](#), University of California, Riverside
- 11:30 - 12:15 Discussion of Papers
- 12:15 - 14:00 Lunch

Session 5

- 14:00 - 14:30 ["The Posthumous Fortunes of Pacchaiyappa Mudaliar"](#)
[Sumathi Ramaswamy](#), Duke University
- 14:30 - 15:00 ["Pedagogy at Crossroads: Bama Speaks Differently"](#)
[Susaimanickam Armstrong](#), University of Madras
- 15:00 - 15:45 Discussion of Papers
- 15:45 - 16:00 Tea Break

CLOSING COMMENTS:

- 16:00 - 16:15 Yellava Subbarayalu, French Institute of Pondicherry
Muthukrishnan Kannan, French Institute of Pondicherry
- 18:00 Dinner