The LINGUINDIC Conference:
Modern Linguistics and Ancient India

Wolfson College, University of Oxford
12–14 June, 2025

Map legend:

1. Leonard Wolfson Auditorium
2. Seminar Rooms 1, 2 and 3
3. Buttery
4. Hall
5. Florey Room
6. Levett Room
7. Haldane Room
8. Harbour Lawn

WOLFSON COLLEGE
CATERING AND EVENTS

1. Leonard Wolfson Auditorium (all talks)   **7. The Haldane room (lunch)**
3. The Buttery (coffee, and poster session)

Thursday, 12 June

9.00–9.30   **Registration and refreshments**

9.30–10.00   **Welcome and Introduction**

10.00–11.00   KEYNOTE LECTURE

Analysis of Sanskrit compounds: Constituency or dependency?
Amba Kulkarni (University of Hyderabad)

11.00–11.30   **Coffee Break**

11.30–12.00   *A 5th-century grammar of contextual meaning: Bhartṛhari on factors of disambiguation*
Hugo David (École française d'Extrême-Orient)

12.00–12.30   *Type logical grammar and Classical Sanskrit*
Brendan Gillon (McGill University)

12.30–13.00   *Grammatica notabiliora as stylistic markers. On the borrowing of an uncommon treatment of Aṣṭādhyāyī 3.1.60–66 borrowed from earlier works into Gaṅgādevī's Madhurāvijaya*
Tancredi Padova

13.00–14.00   **Lunch**

14.00–14.30   *Sanskrit relative-correlatives redux*
Hans Henrich Hock (University of Illinois at U-C)

14.30–15.00   *Full reduplication in Sanskrit*
Adriana Molina-Muñoz (University of Oxford)

15.00–15.30   *Locative alternation at the crossroads of Panini's grammar and formal syntax*
Davide Mocci (University of Cagliari & University of Genoa)

15.30–16.00   **Coffee Break**

16.00–16.30   *Pāṇinian Lexical-Functional Grammar*
John Lowe (University of Oxford)

16.30–17.00   *Semantic etymologizing and symbolic reference**
               †Johannes Bronkhorst (University of Lausanne)

18.30–21.00   Conference Dinner

Friday, 13 June

9.00–9.30   **Arrival and refreshments**

9.30–10.30   **KEYNOTE LECTURE**

               My journey: From Pāṇini to linguistics, and back
               Madhav Deshpande (University of Michigan)

10.30-11.00   **Coffee Break**

11.00–12.00   **Poster Session**
                *Traditional perspectives on the places of articulation of
               Sanskrit sounds according to the Āpiśaliśikṣā and its newly
               discovered commentary*
               **Francisca Aguilera (Yogic Studies), Deepro Chakraborty
               (University of Alberta) and Alan Ruiz (Universidad La
               Salle)**
               *A systematic treatment to the polysemy of verb ḍa (to give) in
               Sanskrit*
               **Mugdha Chandrakant Date (Research Institute Pune) and
               Dipesh Vinod Katira (CoEIKS, IIT Kharagpur)**

               *Phenomenological investigation into Bhartrihari's concept
               of pratibhā: A possibility or a fantasy?*
               **Jayashree Aanand Gajjam and Suditi Mandal (IIT
               Kharagpur)**

               *Pāṇiniya Śikṣā's phonetic apparatus and its applications for
               modern languages*
               Tushar Gandhi (University of Delhi)
               *Some insights from the Vyākaraṇa explanation of the
               concept of alaṅkāra in understanding 'Poetic astonishment'*
               Bhakti Jadhav and Malhar Kulkarni (IIT Bombay)

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* Johannes Bronkhorst submitted the script of his talk to us shortly before his death.
Brendan Gillon will read out the paper and offer a short eulogy.

Mathematical modeling of ayādi sandhi as a function
Jyoti Janava and Malhar Kulkarni (IIT Bombay)

Śābdabodha of sentences in commentary
Shruti Kanitkar, Kondi Aniruddha Ramamurthy and Malhar Kulkarni (IIT Bombay)

Mapping the genitive case: Unveiling 100+ semantic relations in Sanskrit syntax
Tapas Khanra and Malhar Kulkarni (IIT Bombay)

Bridging linguistics: Sanskrit and modern theories on word meaning acquisition
Rahul Kumar (University of Delhi)

On the distinction between 'primary' and 'secondary' Sanskrit compounds
Christophe Vielle (University of Louvain)

12.00–12.30 *What it means to give happiness or fear: Sampradāna reinterpreted by Sanskrit grammarians and New Naiyāyikas*
Radha Blinderman (Harvard University)

12.30–13.00 *Niyamasūtra with special reference to Krādi-niyama*
Priyanka Salekar and Malhar Kulkarni (IIT Bombay)

13.00–14.00 **Lunch**

14.00–15.00 **KEYNOTE LECTURE**
On the construction of the Aṣṭādhyāyī
Paul Kiparsky (Stanford University)

15.00–15.30 **Coffee Break**

15.30–16.00 *The Ṛgvedic syllable: Insights from the Ṛgvedaprātiśākhya and modern perspectives on syllabification*
Anustup Bhattacharyya and Malhar Kulkarni (IIT Bombay)

16.00–16.30 *So-called "closer" sandhis in Vedic as indicators of prosodic boundaries*
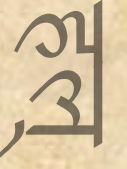**Simon Fries (University of Oxford)**

16.30–17.00 *Introducing Bhaṭṭa Jagaddhara's Varṇaśikṣāsaṅkṣepa, a medieval Sanskrit compendium on phonetics*
Deepro Chakraborty (University of Alberta)

Saturday, 14 June

9.00–9.30   **Arrival and refreshments**

9.30–10.30   **KEYNOTE LECTURE**
asti kaścit ((vāg)(vi))-śeṣaḥ?
(Is there anything (specific) remaining (to be said)?)
Malhar Kulkarni (IIT Bombay)

10.30–10.55   **Coffee Break**

10.55–11.25   *Towards a unified interpretation of the cognitive process*
behind two types of negation in the Sanskrit grammatical
tradition
Małgorzata Sulich-Cowley

11.25–11.55   *Fundamentals for the study of the Bhūṣaṇa and*
Bhūṣaṇasāra
Yiming Shen (University of Oxford)

11.55–12.05   **(Short break)**

12.05–12.35   *On the function of reduplication in the Sanskrit 3rd class*
presents
Giovanni Luigi Fabbri (Sapienza Università di Roma)

12.35–13.05   *The treatment of word-formation in the Sanskrit*
grammars published by European scholars between the
Baroque and Franz Bopp
Luca Alfieri (University Guglielmo Marconi)

13.05–14.00   **Lunch**

14.00–14.30   *Mediativity in Classical Sanskrit: A new approach to the*
particle kila
Felix Eckert (LMU München)

14.30–15.00   *"Don't (do) worry": Support verbs and phraseological*
templates in Epic Sanskrit
Alex Roy (University of California, Los Angeles)

15.00–15.30   **Coffee Break**

15.30–16.00	*New perspectives from Pāṇini's dhātu-: Towards a Ṛgvedic derivational path for -ti- and -tu- suffixes* **Leonardo Montessi (University Guglielmo Marconi)**
16.00–16.30	*Terminological traps and how to deal with them* **Małgorzata Wielińska-Soltwedel (Polish Academy of Sciences)**
16.30	**Conference ends**