



The Fifth International Vedic Workshop *Vedic śākhās: Past, Present and Future*

The Centre for Eurasian and Afroasiatic Studies (CEAS), Bucharest, has the pleasure to invite you to the fifth International Vedic Workshop to be organized on September 20th- 23rd 2011 in Bucharest, Romania.

Suggested topics include:

- The formation of the Vedic canon: from family books to Vedic śākhās, from Traividya to Caturveda;
- Vedic schools and Vedic “dialects”: śākhās and prātiśākhya;
- The relation between śākhās and caraṇas of the same or different Vedas (Ṛg, Sāma, Yajur, Atharva): borrowing, citation, supplementation, usurpation (YV hautra);
- Vedic śākhās and caraṇas in the performance of Vedic ritual: compatibility, incompatibility, competition and cooperation;
- Sources for the localization and history of the śākhās and their promoters (inscriptions, manuscript colophons, literary sources, etc.);
- Self-reflexivity of the Vedic tradition and its śākhās: anukramaṇīs, the (Yajur) vedavṛkṣa;
- A recourse to svaśākhā: the medieval and modern prayogas and paddhatis.

Speakers will be invited on the basis of submitted abstracts of proposed contributions (before 30 January 2011).

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