



## Manipal Centre for Philosophy & Humanities

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with

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**Title:** Rewriting Philosophy's Global History: Why Bhartṛhari Makes This Necessary

**Date:** Tuesday, July 28, 2015 | **Time:** 5.15 pm

**Venue:** Gangubai Hanagal Auditorium, Manipal Centre for Philosophy and Humanities, Dr TMA Pai Planetarium Complex, Manipal University

In this talk, I will try to answer the question implicit in its title through a somewhat detailed textual demonstration. Philosophy allied itself with considerations of language in the West prominently in twentieth century A.D., but it did so in India from reflections that go back at least to the second millennium B.C. (probably to the fourth millennium B.C.), although, its first extensive and systematically laid out linguistic form is available to us only in the fifth century A.D. (to choose the latest possible date), that is, in the *Trikaṇḍī* or *Vākyapadīya* of Bhartṛhari. This significant difference must be noted in books that seek to give a global history of philosophy and its implications should be worked out in the histories of Indian philosophy and intellectual life.

Dr Ashok Aklujkar, the author of *Sanskrit: an Easy Introduction to an Enchanting Language*, received his M.A. degree in Sanskrit and Pali from the University of Poona and his Ph.D. degree in Sanskrit and Indian Studies from Harvard University. He has been teaching courses in Sanskrit language and in the related mythological and philosophical literatures (occasionally also in Indian belles lettres in general) at the University of British Columbia since 1969. His published research is mostly in the areas of Sanskrit linguistic tradition and poetics. For the last several years he is engaged in the ambitious project of preparing critical editions of the works of Bhartṛhari, a grammarian-philosopher, and of the commentaries elucidating those works.

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