

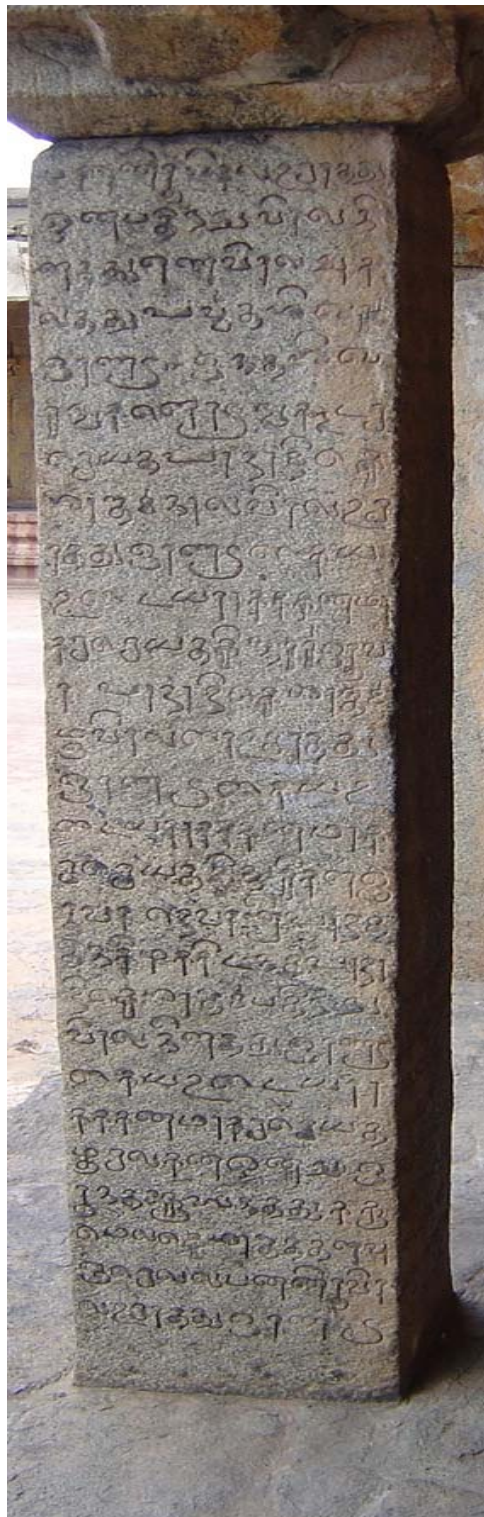


TWELFTH INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON TAMIL EPIGRAPHY

Tamil Epigraphy: Corpus Analysis, Database Construction and Information Retrieval

Organised in collaboration with the Department of Manuscriptology and School of Indian Languages

Tamil University, Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu, India, 1-11 December 2015



We are pleased to announce the **Twelfth International Workshop on Tamil Epigraphy, to be held from 1 to 11 December 2015 in Thanjavur, India.** Between 2003 and 2014, we have organised eleven international workshops on Tamil Epigraphy and, based on constructive feedback received from the participants of the past eleven workshops, we are planning to offer a new series of epigraphy trainings that will concentrate on computer-aided corpus analysis, language and linguistic analysis and information retrieval techniques in a variety of complimentary disciplines. This workshop is meant for doctoral students and advanced researchers who desire to gain advanced skills in Tamil epigraphy. The sessions will be presented in English.

The workshop will focus on how to interpret inscriptions along with providing exposure to available tools to analyse and synthesize them. The major aim of this workshop is to lay emphasis on the techniques of compiling and using Tamil epigraphic database as well as techniques to be used in corpus based text analysis and information retrieval in a variety of complimentary disciplines.

Course coordinators :

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Agenda:

Workshop meetings will be held for 10 days, **from 1 to 11 December**. The workshop is divided into two sessions: 1) five days field work and 2) five days lectures and practical training.

Course programme:

The workshop will include field works, practical trainings and special lectures. The workshop will focus on the following points:

- Estampage making, practical training, visit to sites,
- Collection and reading of inscriptions
- Digital documentation and preservation of inscriptions
- Text analysis and compilation of epigraphic database
- Language of Tamil inscriptions
- Linguistic analysis and information retrieval
- Evolution of Tamil scripts: Tamil-Brāhmī, Vaṭṭeḷuttu, Tamil and Grantha

Registration:

No registration fee is required, but each participant has to bear the cost of practical works and travelling to different sites. Interested students and research scholars should register before 15th November 2015. For registration and information, please contact: A. Murugaiyan at: a.murugaiyan@wanadoo.fr