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The “De Nobili Research Library – Association for Indology and the Study of Religion” would like to take the ninetieth anniversary of a lecture delivered by the well-known historian of Indian philosophy and Indian philosopher Surendranath Dasgupta (1887-1952) in Vienna as the occasion for announcing its second essay prize on the topic

“Cultures of Knowledge in Mutual Encounter – Scholars between India and Europe from Early Modernity to the Present”.

The Association invites essays that address issues such as

- the genesis of foundational works like Dasgupta’s comprehensive *History of Indian Philosophy* and their reception by European scholars,
- the influence foundational works written by European scholars had or may still have on their Indian counterparts,
- general and specific aspects of the cooperation between exponents of both cultures of knowledge, including their personal relationships and networks,
- the interaction and mutual enrichment of academic cultures of knowledge in India and Europe, and the relationship of Indian and European scholarship in general.

The historical scope of the essays may range from the early-modern period to the present. Submissions for the 2016 essay prize are requested from advanced students and early-career researchers in the fields of Sanskrit Studies, South Asian Studies, History of Philosophy, and Cultural and Intellectual History.

The submitted essays should be previously unpublished and may not be submitted elsewhere for publication. They may be written in English or German and should amount to approximately 18,000 words.

A prize committee consisting of members of the Association and an external referee will evaluate the essays in a double-blind review process. The best essay will be awarded with the “De Nobili Research Library Prize” for 2016. The prize money amounts to € 2,000 and may be shared by two winners. The prize-winning paper will be published in revised form in one of the publication series of the Association.

Essays should be formatted in 12 pt, with 1.5 line spacing, and submitted electronically in PDF format until December 15, 2016 to Dr. Thomas Kintaert, the Deputy Secretary of the Association. Email: thomas.kintaert@univie.ac.at. Alternatively, a print-out may be sent to **Dr. Thomas Kintaert**, at the following address: **Sammlung de Nobili, c/o Department of South Asian, Tibetan and Buddhist Studies, University of Vienna, Spitalgasse 2-4, Hof 2.1, A-1090 Vienna.**

The winner of the “De Nobili Research Library Prize” for 2012 on the topic “Dimensions of the Christian Encounter with the Religions of India: Aims, Possibilities, Ramifications” was Mitch Numark, PhD, Assistant Professor, Department of History, California State University Sacramento, for his essay “The Scottish ‘Discovery’ of Jainism in Nineteenth-Century Bombay”. The award ceremony was held on the occasion of the fifth annual lecture of the De Nobili Research Library in October 2013. A volume containing the prize-winning essay and three other papers on the topic of the prize is forthcoming in 2016.

The award ceremony for the 2016 essay prize will take place in July 2017 on the occasion of a symposium that will highlight the topic of the essay prize. The winner will be invited to contribute to this symposium.

Karin Preisendanz, Chairperson of the Association