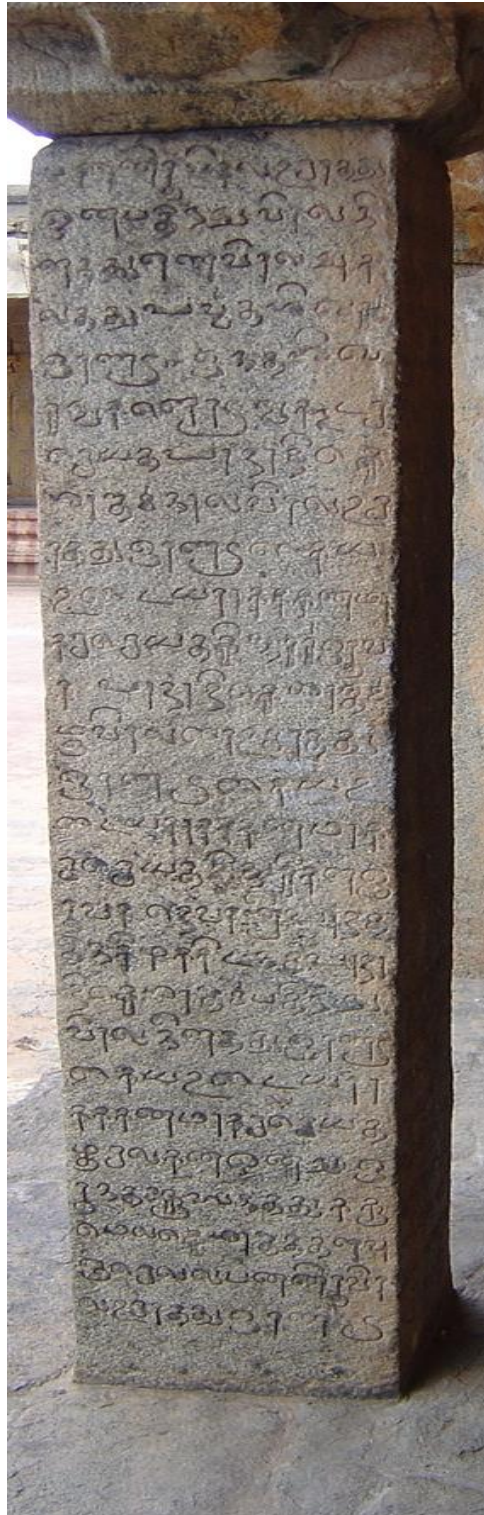




## FOURTEENTH INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON TAMIL EPIGRAPHY

*Tamil Epigraphy: Corpus Analysis, Database Construction and Information Retrieval*

Organised in collaboration with the Department of Maritime History and Marine Archaeology and Department of Linguistics, Tamil University and Centre of Advanced Study in Linguistics, Annamalai University, Tamil Nadu, India, 3-12 October 2018



We are pleased to announce the **Fourteenth International Workshop on Tamil Epigraphy, to be held from 3 to 12 October 2018 in Tamil Nadu, India**. We have organised thirteen international workshops on Tamil Epigraphy since 2003. Based on constructive feedback received from the participants of the past 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 read and 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.

### Course coordinators

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### Agenda

Workshop meetings will be held for 10 days, **from 3 to 12 October**. The workshop is divided into two sessions: 1) four days (**3-6 Oct.**) lectures and text analysis at **Annamalai University** and 2) six days (**7-12 Oct.**) field work at **Tamil University**.

### Course programme

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

- Visit to sites, practical training, reading inscriptions in situ
- Digital documentation and preservation of inscriptions
- Text analysis and compilation of epigraphic database
- Reinterpretation of few selected inscriptions
- Language of Tamil inscriptions
- 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 15<sup>th</sup> September 2018. For registration and information, please contact: A. Murugaiyan at: [a.murugaiyan@wanadoo.fr](mailto:a.murugaiyan@wanadoo.fr)