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Kannada School 2022

Kannada as a Classical Language

Kannada, the Dravidian language of the South Indian state of Karnataka, is a classical Indian language and distinguished by its rich literary history. Today, Kannada is spoken by about 50 million people.

This course focusses on Vachanas. After an introduction into classical Kannada, selected Vachanas of Veerashaiva poets of the 12th century will be read and studied. The reader “Medieval Kannada Literature” by C.N. Ramachandran and B.A. Viveka Rai, published in 2022, Ramanujan’s “Speaking of Śiva” and Nagabhushana Swamy’s “The Sign” will be used as reference texts for comparing the translations with the original Vachanas in Kannada. A scan of the relevant texts will be sent after registration.

Participants are expected to possess knowledge of fundamental grammar and the Kannada script before attending the course. Interested persons are requested to enclose a short letter of motivation (max. half page) **until April 25th 2022**. In case of any doubts please do not hesitate to contact Anna Aurelia Esposito (anna.esposito@uni-wuerzburg.de).

Fee: 50 €. A reduction for students and unemployed persons is possible upon request.

Credits: A certificate can be issued at the end of the course.

Teacher: The course is taught by **Prof. Dr. B.A. Viveka Rai**, who is a retired professor of Kannada Literature and Folklore at the University of Mangalore. Since 2010, he is a regular guest professor at the Chair of Indology, University of Würzburg, teaching modern and classical Kannada, as well as courses on the culture and literature of Karnataka.

Time and Place: May 9th until 13th 2022, Monday to Friday, 3:00 to 6:30 p.m. CET. The course will be taught online. The access code will be communicated to the participants before the course.

Please register!
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For registration and further information contact

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