

Nalini BALBIR

CURRICULUM VITAE

Present position : Indology Professor at University of Paris-3 Sorbonne Nouvelle (since 1988) and Professor of Middle Indian Philology (Pali) at the Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes Paris (since 2000).

Teaching areas: Sanskrit language (all levels), Middle-Indian languages (Pali, Prakrits) at all levels, Jainism, Sanskrit, Pali and Prakrit literatures.

Supervision of M.A. and PhD theses and Habilitations on various subjects relating to Indology from 1991 onwards

Experts for theses in India (Aligarh Muslim University and Nagarjuna University in particular)

*Earlier training and positions*

*Training*

1965-1975 Background in Classical Humanities, secondary school and Sorbonne-Université (BA, MA).

1977 Competitive examination for teaching at secondary schools in classical languages

1980 PhD in Indian Studies University of Paris-3 (topic: Jaina narrative literature, Prakrit, Jaina Sanskrit, Old Gujarati), published in 1982.

1986 DLitt in Indian Studies University of Paris-3 (topic: Jaina exegetical literature in Prakrit), published in 1986.

Since 1978 regular stays at the L.D. Institute of Indology, Ahmedabad

1985: DAAD Fellowship for one semester of doctoral studies at the then Free University, Berlin, Germany

*Earlier positions*

1977-79 Teacher at secondary schools

1980-88 Research position at the National Centre for Scientific Research

*Extra teaching outside the main positions*

October 2013: guest-professor at the Otani University, Kyoto (reading Ardhamagadhi texts and a lecture on Jain manuscripts)

June 2016: guest professor for the International Summer School of Jain Studies, Delhi, Vallabh Smarak.

AWARDS

1986 : Prix Emile Sénart de l'Académie des Inscriptions et Belles-Lettres for the publication of the *Bulletin d'Etudes Indiennes* (published since 1983, with G.-J. PINAULT).

1988 : Parvati Jain International Award, Delhi-Ambala

1998 and 2002: French government awards (Ministry of Education)

- 2003 : Prix Hirayama de l'Académie des Inscriptions et Belles-Lettres (fund to help qt the publication of the Catalogue of Jain Manuscripts of the British Library, publ. 2006, British Library & Institute of Jainology (co-authors C.B. Tripathi, K.V. Sheth, K.K. Sheth)
- 2008: Prakrit Jnanabharati International Award, Bahubali Prakrit Vidyapeeth, Shravanabelgola
- 2010 : Ahimsa International Award (Institute of Jainology, London)
- 2012 : Vidya Vacaspati (D. Litt ; Degree Honoris Causa), Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan, New Delhi
- 2016 : Hemachandracharya Candrak (Hemachandracharya Nidhi, Ahmedabad)
- 2020 : Jewel of Jain World Award, Jaina Foundation USA