

The
8th
International
V E D I C
Workshop



Third Circular (3.0)

“The International Vedic Workshop is the most prominent conference of Indologists involved in the study of the Vedas all over the world.”

As in all earlier International Vedic Workshops, the research to be represented at the Eighth International Vedic Workshop shares not only a common subject area, viz. Vedic texts and the language and ritual reflected in these, but also an acceptance of the importance of the philological method in dealing with these texts, where possible supplemented with Vedic ‘fieldwork’. The proceedings of the first International Vedic Workshop, published in 1997, including the Introduction by Michael Witzel, are in this respect exemplary.

Some information on previous International Vedic Workshops:

1st International Vedic Workshop: 1989, June, Harvard University, organized by Michael Witzel. Proceedings: *Inside the Texts — Beyond the Texts, New Approaches to the Study of the Vedas*, ed. by Michael Witzel, Harvard Oriental Series, Opera Minora 2. Cambridge, Mass.: Dept. of Sanskrit and Indian Studies, Harvard University, 1997.

2nd International Vedic Workshop: 1999, October, Kyoto University, organized by Yasuke Ikari and Masato Fujii.

3rd International Vedic Workshop: 2002, 30 May – 2 June, Leiden University, organized by Henk Bodewitz, Alexander Lubotsky, Jan Houben and Arlo Griffiths. Proceedings: *The Vedas: Texts, Language & Ritual. Proceedings of the Third International Vedic Workshop*, Leiden 2002, ed. by A. Griffiths and J.E.M. Houben. Groningen: Egbert Forsten, 2004.

Programme: <http://www.jyotistoma.nl/ThirdIVW/welcome.html>

Photographic report: <http://www.jyotistoma.nl/ThirdIVW/imagessite/index.html>

4th International Vedic Workshop: 2007, Texas University, organized by P. Olivelle and J. Brereton. Proceedings: *The Vedas in Indian Culture and History: Proceedings of the Fourth International Vedic Workshop*, ed. by Joel P. Brereton. Florence: Società Editrice Fiorentina, 2016.

5th International Vedic Workshop: 2011, September, Bucharest, Centre for Eurasianic and Afroasiatic Studies, organizing committee: Shrikant Bahulkar, Jan Houben, Julieta Rotaru, Michael Witzel. Proceedings: *Vedic Śākhās : past, present, future. Proceedings of the Fifth International Vedic Workshop*, ed. by J.E.M. Houben, J. Rotaru, M. Witzel, Harvard Oriental Series, Opera Minora 9. Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University, 2016. New edition: 2022, Delhi: Dev Publishers.

6th International Vedic Workshop: 2014, January 7-10, Kozhikode, India, organized by Shrikant Bahulkar and Vinod Bhattathiripad. Proceedings: *Living Traditions of Vedas*, ed. by P. Vinod Bhattathiripad and Shrikant S. Bahulkar, New Delhi: New Bharatiya Book Corporation, 2019.

7th International Vedic Workshop: 2019, 19-24 August, Dubrovnik, organized by Mislav Jezic, Ivan Andrijanic, et al.

The 8th International VEDIC Workshop

September 18-22, 2023
Campus Condorcet, Paris-Aubervilliers,
and INHA, Paris, FRANCE

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*Co-Organizing institutions of the
8th International Vedic Workshop*

ANHIMA : Anthropologie et Histoire des Mondes Antiques, Paris

BnF: Bibliothèque nationale de France, Paris

Campus Condorcet, Paris-Aubervilliers

CNRS : Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique.

EFEQ : École Française de l'Extrême Orient, Paris

EPHE-PSL : École Pratique des Hautes Études – Paris Sciences et Lettres

GREI : Groupe de Recherches en Études Indiennes, Paris

HASTECC : Laboratoire d'Excellence (LabEx) "Histoire et Anthropologie
des Savoirs, des Techniques et des Croyances," Paris

ViDiAAAS : Stichting for Visual and Digital African, Asian and Australian
Studies, Leiden

*The Workshop focuses on the Vedas,
with special attention to:*

- Vedas, Vedāṅgas and Vedalakṣaṇas
- Ṛgveda, Sāmaveda, Yajurveda, Atharvaveda
- Scholarly interpretation of Vedic texts
- Traditional performance (recitation, chant) of Vedic texts
- Vedic manuscript tradition
- Vedic ritual
- Vedic schools (*śākhās*)
- Vedic traditions in India and Nepal

An assessment committee of international Vedic scholars from the Organizing and Advisory Boards, headed by Prof. Michael Witzel, will make the final selection of papers to be presented and possible panels.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Confirmation of interest and title announcement by 15 April 2023.
- Title and abstract submission closing date : 15 May, 2023.
- Information on the results of assessment of papers and panels : 15 June, 2023
- **Early bird registration until 30 July, 2023**
- *8th International Vedic Workshop* : 18-22 September, 2023

Please send your abstracts and possible proposals for panels to dintino@ehess.fr and johannes.houben@ephe.psl.eu

VENUE AND TIME-TABLE

The conference will be organized both in sessions for the presentation of papers and in panels on related topics. The organizers will make every effort to ensure that there will be no parallel sessions in order to encourage the fullest participation.

The conference will begin on the morning of Monday, September 18, 2023, and close on Friday evening, September 22. Participants should plan to arrive by the evening of Sunday, September 17, and the departure should be planned not earlier than Saturday morning, September 23.

The sessions and possibly panels of the conference take mostly place on the new humanities campus, Campus Condorcet, Aubervilliers (closest metro station: Front Populaire), except on Thursday, with the morning session in the Institut National d’Histoire de l’Art (INHA) and the afternoon (on Vedic manuscripts) in the Bibliothèque Nationale de France (closest metro stations for both these venues on Thursday are : Bourse, Palais Royal, Pyramides).

The working hours for the conference are from 9h to 12h30 and from 14h30 to 18h or 18h30. The total time for presentation of a paper is expected to be 30 minutes: 20 minutes for the paper and 10 minutes for discussion.





REGISTRATION

Registration fee (contributing to the expenses of administration, coffee breaks, lunches, etc.) :

general :	150 €
students :	120 €

To simplify the registration procedure we gladly accept the help of the ViDiAAAS foundation, Leiden, The Netherlands.

Account number (IBAN) :

NL73 TRIO 0391 2085 51, Stichting ViDiAAAS,
P.O. Box 3150, 2301 DD Leiden, the Netherlands.

Name and address of the bank:

TRIODOS Bank,

Utrechtseweg 60,

3704 HE Zeist, the Netherlands

Bank Identifier Code (= Swift code): TRIONL2U.

Together with the payment please mention: “Eighth International Vedic Workshop” plus “general-early bird” etc.

We prefer a payment on the bank account. Please contact the organizers if you would like to pay through PayPal link.

PAPERS AND PANELS

We are happy to have received a large number of excellent abstracts and proposals for panels. Since we have planned single sessions, we have reached our maximum capacity. The final program is still to be prepared. The time-table and the abstracts will be sent to all the participants by e-mail in advance and you will receive the printed booklet at the conference.



COMMUNICATION

After the confirmation of your paper or panel proposal, kindly send us to the same E-mail addresses the information whether you have paid your registration fee and in which way (preferably directly to the bank account; please contact the organizers if you want to pay through PayPal link). You may also kindly let us know your chosen accommodation.

When you book your flights, or decide to come by other means, let us also know the time of your arrival.

Information about payment, the completed Registration Form and any other communications about registration, cancellation or modification in your reservation and arrival, should be sent to Silvia D'Intino and Jan Houben (dintino@ehess.fr and johannes.houben@ephe.psl.eu).

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The 8th International Vedic Workshop will be announced and some further information will be provided on the ViDiAAAS website “Classical India” for the Laboratory of Excellence (LabEx) HASTEC project “*L’Inde Classique augmentée*” :

<https://classicalindia.info> (see: <https://classicalindia.info/?p=178>)

and on the website of the Groupe de Recherches en Études Indiennes (GREI):

<https://grei.fr/> and <https://grei.fr/en/home/>



ACCOMMODATION

Very recently a brand new hotel has opened just on the same square where the daily venue of IVW will be (except Thursday when the meetings are in Paris 'downtown').

The name and address of this new hotel is easyHotel Aubervilliers, 35 rue des Gardinoux 93300 Aubervilliers.

We succeeded in negotiating a discount for our participants, which can be obtained when booking ONLINE at “easyHotel Paris Nord Aubervilliers | Réservation directe ... | easyHotel FR”

The code to be mentioned when booking is: VEDICCONFERENCE

A limited number of fully equipped flats with 3-star quality hotel services are available at “Break and Home” in the heart of the Condorcet Campus and close to transport.

For information please see :

<https://www.breakandhome.com/condorcet> and

<https://www.breakandhome.com/condorcet/en/sleep/>

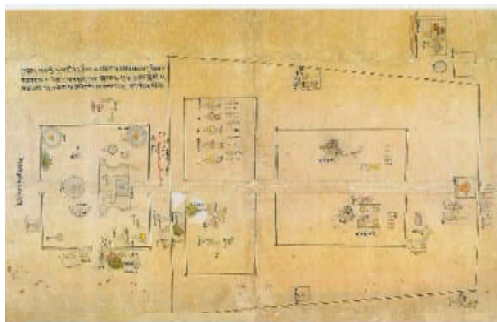
In addition, several hotels from 2 to 5 stars are at a moderate distance from the main venue of the conference, Campus Condorcet, Aubervilliers, especially near the Stade de France. Metro line 12 has a stop, Front Populaire, just next to the Campus Condorcet, which connects, on one side, to Paris *intra muros*, and on the other side to the town Aubervilliers.

The Campus is just south of the Stade de France, and Ibis hotel Saint-Denis Stade Sud (Address: rue de la Cokerie, Saint Denis La Plaine, tel. +33 (0) 1 55 93 36 00; fax +33 (0) 1 55 93 36 36) is at ca. 2,5 kilometers north from the conference venue at Campus Condorcet.

Immediately next to this is budget hotel HotelF1.com Stade de France (rue de la Cokerie, Saint Denis La Plaine, tel. +33 (0) 8 91 70 53 78; fax +33 (0) 1 55 93 46 05).

From the Campus east, also at ca. 2,5 km distance, is Ibis Styles Hotel Paris Saint Denis La Plaine (212 avenue du Président Wilson, Saint Denis La Plaine, tel. +33 (0) 1 48 09 96 85; fax +33 (0) 1 42 43 79 43).

Because of high demand of accommodation near and around the Stade de France in this period, it is advisable to make a decision and a reservation early on.



REGISTRATION FORM I

As we have already received and approved a sufficiently large number of abstracts and proposals for panels before the deadlines mentioned earlier, Registration form I is no longer pertinent.

REGISTRATION FORM II

After having received the answer from the organizers concerning the acceptance of your paper or panel, or in order to participate as auditor, kindly send us the following information:

(To be copied... or send the required data in an Email-message with appropriate subject line.)

Name and Surname:

Institution:

How are you paying or did you already pay the registration fee?

Where are you booking accommodation?

What is your arrival time in Paris/ at Campus Condorcet?