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19th World Sanskrit CONFERENCE

17TH – 21ST DECEMBER, 2024 | KATHMANDU, NEPAL

Second CIRCULAR

Highlights:

- ◆ Registration open (with **discounted prices** for early-birds).
- ◆ The deadline for abstract submission has been **extended**.
- ◆ **Subscribe** to the WSC24 **Mailing List** for latest updates.

 : www.nepalworldsanskrit.org

GENERAL INFORMATION

The 19th World Sanskrit Conference (WSC) will be held in **Kathmandu, Nepal**, from the **17th to the 21st of December, 2024**. The conference will adhere to the standard modus operandi followed by the preceding conferences: there shall be 28 thematic sections, and each section will have a number of experts (committee members), who will be in charge of evaluating and promoting individual papers for presentation at the conference and nominating the session chairs. Additionally, there will be special panels that may or may not be part of the regular sections.

For up-to-date information, please make sure to visit the conference website (www.nepalworldsanskrit.org) from time to time. **We strongly recommend subscribing to the conference mailing list**, in order to receive updates directly in your inbox.



CALL FOR INDIVIDUAL PAPERS

(EXTENDED DEADLINE)

WSC2024 invites individual papers to be presented in one of the **28 thematic sections**. Interested scholars are welcome to submit the abstract through the conference website at www.nepalworldsanskrit.org. In case of a technical difficulty, we suggest that the abstracts be mailed to the conference secretariat at: info@nepalworldsanskrit.org and worldsanskrit2024@gmail.com.

The deadline for individual abstracts has been extended to **1 April 2024**, and the special panel acceptance notification will be provided by the end of March.

Each paper will be allotted a time of 20 minutes, with an additional 10 minutes for discussion. Papers may be delivered in English or Sanskrit. We encourage scholars who are presenting a paper in Sanskrit to provide a summary in English.

KEY DATES AND DEADLINES

Please note that these dates are tentative and may be subject to change. In order to receive up-to-date information, please be sure to visit the conference website, where the latest circular emails will be uploaded.

First circular and call for papers	5 September 2023
Special panel proposal deadline (extended)	1 April 2024
Registration opens (early-bird)	20 March 2024
Special panel acceptance notification (extended)	15 April 2024
Individual paper abstract deadline (extended)	25 April 2024
Individual paper acceptance notification	15 June 2024
Early registration rate closes	31 July 2024
Final registration for presenters	20 July 2024
Conference opens	17 December 2024

All participants who plan to present a paper must pay their registration fee by 20 July 2024, or their paper will be cancelled. Last-minute registration will be available only for non-presenting participants and guests.

REGULAR SECTIONS

Each section will have its committee members – experts who will be in charge of promoting and evaluating the abstract submissions, and nominating session chairs. The names of the committee members will be disclosed in the next circular.

HERE ARE THE 28 REGULAR SECTIONS:

1. Veda, वेदः
2. Linguistics, भाषाशास्त्रम्
3. Vyākaraṇa, व्याकरणम्
4. Rāmāyaṇam, Mahābhāratam, रामायणं
महाभारतं च
5. Purāṇas, पुराणानि
6. Tantra Studies, आगमास्तन्त्रं च
7. Ritual Studies, विध्यनुष्ठानविमर्शः
8. Poetry, Drama and Aesthetics,
काव्यमलङ्कारश्च
9. History, Art, and Architecture
कलास्थापत्यशास्त्रयोरितिहासः
10. Buddhist Studies, बौद्धविद्या
11. Jaina Studies, जैनविद्या
12. Scientific Literature, वैज्ञानिकं वाङ्मयम्
13. Religious Studies, धर्मविमर्शः:-
14. Philosophy, दर्शनानि, तत्त्वशास्त्रम्
15. Vaiṣṇavism and Śaivism, वैष्णवमतं शैवमतं च
16. Sanskrit and Regional Languages, संस्कृतं प्रदेशभाषाश्च
17. Sanskrit Pedagogy, संस्कृतशिक्षाशास्त्रम्
18. Modern/Contemporary Sanskrit Writings, आधुनिकं
संस्कृतसाहित्यम्
19. Law and Society, धर्मशास्त्रमर्थशास्त्रं च
20. Manuscriptology, पाण्डुलिपिविज्ञानम्
21. Sanskrit Epigraphy, अभिलेखशास्त्रम्
22. Yoga and Āyurveda, योगायुर्वेदौ
23. Computational Sanskrit and Digital Humanities,
संस्कृतं विज्ञानतान्त्रिकी च
24. Astrology, ज्यौतिषम्
25. Nepal Studies, नेपालाध्ययनम्
26. Epic and poetry, काव्याध्ययनम्
27. Music Studies, सङ्गीतशास्त्राध्ययनम्
28. Sanskrit and other Classical Languages, संस्कृतं प्राच्यभाषाश्च
(Confined to: Indo-European and Middle Indic languages,
Tibetan, and Chinese)

REGISTRATION OPEN

(WITH EARLY-BIRD DISCOUNTS)

We are currently in the **early-bird registration phase** i.e. all registrations confirmed before the 31st of July, 2024 will be subject to **discounted conference fees**. In order to register, please fill the registration form and complete the payment through the conference website: <https://www.nepalworldsanskrit.org/registration/>

Early-bird rates (before 31 July 2024)	Conference fees* + IASS fees = Total cost (USD)
Regular	\$303 + \$72 = \$375
SAARC nationals (including Nepal and India)	\$233 + \$72 = \$305
Student (valid ID required)	\$200 + \$50 = \$250

Normal rates (after 31 July 2024)	
Regular	\$413 + \$72 = \$485
SAARC nationals (including Nepal and India)	\$323 + \$72 = \$395
Student (valid ID required)	\$250 + \$50 = \$300

THE REGISTRATION FEE INCLUDES:

1. Access to all conference events and cultural programs
2. Vegetarian/vegan* lunches for the full five days (17-21 December 2024)
3. Inaugural and closing dinners (17 December & 21 December 2024)
4. Tea/coffee breaks for the full five days
5. Conference material (bag, stationary, printed program booklet, etc.)
6. **3-year membership of the International Association for Sanskrit Studies.**

(**Note:** All confirmed presenters will be required to pay the registration fees before the 20th of July, 2024, to avoid cancellation of papers.)

REGARDING IASS MEMBERSHIP

The International Association for Sanskrit Studies (IASS) is the governing body that oversees the organization of the triennial World Sanskrit Conferences. For this reason, the conference registration is an occasion, for old members, to renew their membership, and for newcomers to gain membership of the IASS. Therefore, the WSC24 registration fees are inclusive of a three-year membership of the IASS, which is priced at 72\$ for regular members and 50\$ for students.

To learn more about the International Association of Sanskrit Studies, please visit the website: <https://www.sanskritassociation.org/index.php>



IASS BURSARIES FOR WSC2024

The International Association of Sanskrit Studies is pleased to offer **five bursaries of US\$500 each** to encourage postgraduate students to attend the WSC2024. The bursary is intended to assist with travel and accommodation expenses. Any student currently enrolled in a postgraduate program may apply. Please send a letter of application, with one paragraph describing your research project, to the IASS Secretary-General: mccomas.taylor@anu.edu.au. Your application should be accompanied by a letter of support from your supervisor.

Deadline: 1 November 2024



ACCOMMODATION IN KATHMANDU

We have been negotiating with various hotels and guest-houses near the conference venue, in order to provide reasonable rates to the participants. Further details, including a list of possible accommodations at a walking distance from the conference, will be communicated in future announcements. Please be sure to check the conference website (www.nepalworldsanskrit.org) for up-to-date information.



POETIC SYMPOSIUM, SCHOLARLY DISPUTATIONS, AND EXCURSIONS

We intend to organize the कविसमवायः (Poetic Symposium) and the शास्त्रचर्चा (Scholarly Disputations). Anyone interested to help in coordinating these events is requested to write to worldsanskrit2024@gmail.com. Furthermore, we have been planning various excursions to temples, old town-squares, manuscript archives, and a potential sightseeing of the mountains! Specific details will be provided in eventual circular letters.

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