

# THE BROKEN WORLD OF SOVEREIGNTY IN INDIA AND BEYOND

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## 26 June, Wednesday

### Preliminary meeting on the project

- 16.00–16.40 **General introduction**
- 16.40–19.00 Other perspectives:  
Jaroslav Vacek (Charles University in Prague)  
*Some old Tamil tribal groups – basic characteristics*
- 17.00–19.00 Open discussion

## 27 June, Thursday

- 09.00–09.15 **Opening addresses**

**Chair: Jaroslav Vacek**

- 09.15–10.00 Ganesh Umakant Thite  
(Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute, Pune)  
*The broken world of sovereignty with special reference to the horse - sacrifice in Vedic and later literature*
- 10.00–10.45 Yaroslav Vassilkov (Peter the Great Museum of Anthropology and Ethnography, Russian Academy of Sciences)  
*Animal symbolism of the warrior brotherhoods in India and beyond*
- 10.45–11.30 Asko Parpola (University of Helsinki)

*Harappan symbols and conceptions of royalty in Vedic "Vrātya" rituals*

11.30–12.00 Coffee Break

**Chair: Giuliano Boccali**

- 12.00–12.45 Tiziana Pontillo (University of Cagliari)  
*Is the Vrātyastoma really a purification rite?*
- 12.45–13.30 Elena Mucciarelli

(Eberhard Karls University, Tübingen / University of Cagliari)  
*Lost speech: the poetry of sattrins*

13.30–15.00 Lunch Break

**Chair: Lidia Sudyka**

- 15.00–15.45 Moreno Dore  
(University of Turin / University of Cagliari)  
*Some observations about the relationship with gods in the Vrātya-culture*
- 15.45–16.30 Paola Rossi (University of Milan)

*Some remarks on the pāli term paṭibhāna: between poetry and meditation*

16.30–17.15 Chiara Neri  
(“La Sapienza”, University of Rome / University of Cagliari)

*Reflections on the concept of kingship In the Pāli Canon*

17.15–17.45 Coffee Break

**Chair: Pier Giorgio Solinas**

- 17.45–18.30 Ewa Debicka-Borek  
(Jagiellonian University of Cracow / University of Cagliari)  
*Why did Narasimha descend to the earth? The case of Ahobilam*

18.30–19.15 Cristina Bignami  
(University of Milan/ University of Cagliari)  
*Beḷūr, the royal tīrtha of Hoysala dynasty*

## 28 June, Friday

**Chair: Asko Parpola**

- 8.30–9.15 Duccio Lelli (University of Macerata)  
*The Paippalādasamhitā of the Atharvaveda and the royal rituals: evidence from kāṇḍa fifteen*
- 9.15–10.00 Frank Kölher (Eberhard Karls University, Tübingen)

*On the concept of orthodoxy in early Vedic texts*

10.00–10.45 Marianna Ferrara (University of Rome, Italy)

*The implied leader and the Vedic discourse on sovereignty: rethinking the exclusion of the vrātyas from social intercourse in the framework of the reading process*

10.45–11.30 Velizar Sadovski  
(Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna)

*‘He moved out toward the Eastern quarter’: the Vrātya book and Indo-Iranian ‘Catalogic Poetry’*

11.30–12.00 Coffee Break

**Chair: Yaroslav Vassilkov**

12.00–12.45 Alexander Dubyanskiy  
(Lomonosov University of Moscow, Russia)

*Old Tamil rulers and their praise-singers*

12.45–13.30 Lidia Sudyka (Jagiellonian University of Cracow)

*Generosity at the limits: the King Śibi story in historical and cultural context of Andhra and Tamilnadu*

13.30–15.00 Lunch Break

**Chair: Alexander Dubyanskiy**

15.00–15.45 Pier Giorgio Solinas (University of Siena)  
*Schism, ritual, and power. Supremacy and antagonism in Bengal rural contexts*

15.45–16.30 Gaetano Riccardo

*Ritual purity and scapegoat mechanism. A comparison between Indian and African traditional kingship*

16.30–17.15 Danila Cinellu (University of Cagliari)

*Discriminated gods. An annotated survey on the case-study of the Mahābrahman*

17.15–17.45 Coffee Break

**Chair: Velizar Sadovski**

17.45–18.30 Alberto Cecon

*«Ex auctoritate consecratum». The “sacred” as a political project between nomos and margin*

18.30–19.15 Paola Pisano

*Ancient Indian and Greek texts in comparison: a virtuous woman must follow her husband*

**26 June 2013 - Università di Cagliari, Via Is Mirrionis 1 - Room "B. Motzo" - 2nd Floor**  
**27-28 June 2013 – Cittadella dei Musei, Piazza Arsenale - Room “R. Coroneo”**