

UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO
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Chair of Indology



International Seminar
FOOD AND FASTING
Nourishment in Indian literature, art and thought

September 18th - 20th, 2014



Thursday and Friday: Sala Napoleonica, Via Sant'Antonio 10
Saturday: Sala di Rappresentanza, Via Festa del Perdono 7

September 18th, Thursday, Afternoon

14.30 Seminar inauguration

Seminar outlines by Prof. Jaroslav Vacek and Prof. Giuliano Boccali

14.50 –18.30 Lectures

Chairman: Alexander Dubyanskiy

Joanna Jurewicz (University of Warsaw, Poland)

Prajāpati is hungry. How concept of eating can be used in philosophy?

Massimo Vai (Università degli Studi di Milano, Italy)

Some marginal linguistic notes about RV 1.187 (anna-stuti)

Edeltraud Harzer (University of Texas at Austin, USA)

What the king ate? Culinary explorations of early premodern royal kitchen from textual and inscriptional sources

Cezary Galewicz (Jagiellonian University, Kraków, Poland)

A refreshing gulp of Soma: on the Vaidika culture of drinking

Discussion

16.30-16.50 Coffee Break

Chairman: Danuta Stasik

Paola M. Rossi (Università degli Studi di Milano, Italy)

The term madhu- 'honey' in the Buddhist canonical scriptures

Adalbert Gail (Freie Universität, Berlin, Germany)

Honey for the Buddha

Danielle Feller (Université de Lausanne, Switzerland)

What did the Pāṇḍavas eat in the forest ? The problem of food in the Mahābhārata 's Āraṇyakaparvan

Fabrizia Baldissera (Università degli Studi di Firenze, Italy)

Fasting in India

Discussion



September 19th, Friday, Morning

9.10-13.00 Lectures

Chairman: Lidia Sudyka

Cinzia Pieruccini (Università degli Studi di Milano, Italy)

A suitable girl. Daṇḍin and a meal on the banks of the Kāverī

Alexander Dubyanskiy (Moscow State University, Russia)

Food in old Tamil poetry

Jaroslav Vacek (Charles University in Prague, Czech Republic)

Tasting, feasting and chasing the great enemy hunger - some attitudes and habits as reflected in Old Tamil Sangam works

Hermína Cielas (Jagiellonian University, Kraków, Poland)

Betel chewing in kāvya literature and Indian art

Discussion

10.50-11.10 Coffee Break

Chairman: David Smith

Natalia Lidova (Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow)

Rasa as aesthetic emotion and life-giving sap

Alessandro Battistini (Sapienza — Università di Roma, Italy)

When the poetry is ripe: an overview of the theory of kāvya-pāka

Chettiarthodi Rajendran (University of Calicut, Kerala, India)

From fast to feast: the aśana discourse of the Vidūṣaka in Kerala 's traditional Sanskrit theatre

Lidia Szczepanik (Jagiellonian University, Kraków, Poland)

What to take on a wild-goose chase? Provender for the journey of a messenger in selected dūtakāvya poems

Discussion

13-14.30 Lunch



September 19th, Friday, Afternoon

14.30 –18.30 Lectures

Chairman: Jaroslav Vacek

David Smith (Lancaster University, UK)

Food and love: an expansive commentary on texts on aphrodisiacs

Thomas Kintaert (University of Vienna, Austria)

Savouring the lotus

Mariola Pigoniowa (University of Wrocław, Poland)

Animals and their food in some classical Sanskrit poems

Anna Trynkowska (University of Warsaw, Poland)

Vomiting in classical Sanskrit literature

Lydia Sudyka (Jagiellonian University, Kraków, Poland)

Impregnating food. The miraculous conception motif in Indian narratives

Discussion

16.30-16.50 Coffee Break

Chairman: Adalbert Gail

Marzenna Czerniak-Drożdżowicz (Jagiellonian University, Kraków, Poland)

The food of Gods – naivedya/nirmālya in the Pāñcarātrika sources

Anna Nitecka (Jagiellonian University, Kraków, Poland)

*The sweetness of the Goddess. The alimentary symbolism
in the iconography of Kāmākṣī*

Petr Duda (Charles University in Prague, Czech Republic)

Food for the Gods. Food offerings in the Hindu pūjā ritual

Maria Angelillo (Università degli Studi di Milano, Italy)

Mourning for the dead feeding the living: mausar khānā

Discussion



September 20th, Saturday, Morning

9.10-13.00 Lectures

Chairman: Chettiathodi Rajendran

Danuta Stasik (University of Warsaw, Poland)

Let the feast go on: food, eating and drinking on the battlefield of Laikā

Giorgio Milanetti (Sapienza – Università di Roma, Italy)

Governing the body and the state: the political dimension of Akbar ' s vegetarianism

Tatiana Dubyanskaya (Jagiellonian University, Kraków, Poland)

With Bharatendu Harishchandra through the food-bazaars of Andher Nāgarī

Donatella Dolcini (Università degli Studi di Milano, Italy)

Food facets in Kafan by Premchand

Discussion

10.50-11.10 Coffee Break

Chairman: Danielle Feller

Neeru Misra (ICCR, New Delhi, India)

Fast and food in Indian art

Sabrina Cioffi (Università degli Studi di Milano, Italy)

Food and fasting: representing the traditional wife's role in popular Hindi cinema

Dagmar Marková (Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic, Prague)

Motif of food in the writings of Hindi women writers

Monika Browarczyk (Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznań, Poland)

Contemporary Annapurnas – Food in Hindi life writings by women

Discussion

13-14.30 Lunch



September 20th, Saturday, Afternoon

14.30 – 15.50 Lectures

Chairman: Donatella Dolcini

Daniela Rossella (Università degli Studi di Potenza)

Meat & flesh: a reading of Anita Desai 's Fasting, Feasting

Alessandro Vescovi (Università degli Studi di Milano, Italy)

A man is what he eats (and what he doesn't) .

Food and identity in Ghosh's The Glass Palace and Desai's The Inheritance of Loss

Gautam Chakrabarti (Freie Universität, Berlin, Germany)

Fowl-cutlets and mutton singāḍā-s: intercultural food and cuisine/s

in Bengali detective-fiction

Discussion

Final meeting

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