

*The 32<sup>nd</sup> Spalding Symposium on Indian Religions*

*Jesus College, the University of Oxford*

*March 30<sup>th</sup> - April 1<sup>st</sup> 2007*

**Friday, 30 March**

4.30pm Welcome, tea/coffee

5.00pm **Lynn Foulston (University of Wales, Newport)**  
 *Casting Flowers from a Helicopter:  
Compromise and Community in a Modern Jaina Festival.*

6.30pm Dinner

7.30pm **Tracy Pintchman (Loyola University, Chicago)**  
*New Voices, New Challenges, and New Opportunities in Hinduism Studies.*

**Saturday, 31 March**

9.00am **Roger Ballard (University of Manchester)**  
*Religion, the British Raj and the eruption of ethnic polarisation  
in post-colonial South Asia.*

10.15am Coffee/tea

10.30am **Rachel McDermott (Barnard)**  
*The Sakta Pujas in Historical and Political Controversy.*

11.45am **Kate Crosby (SOAS)**  
*When Theravada looks like Vajrayana: Buddhist feminism and the  
appropriation of gendered symbols.*

1.00pm Lunch

2.00pm **Hazel Collinson (University of Manchester)**  
*Vasubandhu's concept of vijñapti-mātra: the reality of consciousness  
as a process in the context of philosophy and meditation.*

2.45pm **Nicholas Bamford (University of Chichester)**  
*Personhood in Byzantine and Pratyabhijna traditions.*

3.30pm Tea/coffee

4.00pm **Maya Warriar (University of Wales, Lampeter)**  
*The growth and spread of Ayurveda in Britain – an overview.*

5.15pm **Peter Flugel (SOAS)**

*Jainism and Animism Revisited*

- 6.30pm Dinner
- 7.30pm **Graham Dwyer (University of Greenwich)**  
KUSUM (70 min documentary film):  
*A Case of Supernatural Affliction and its Treatment in North India.*

**Sunday, 1 April**

- 9.00am **Geoffrey Samuel (Cardiff University, Wales)**  
*Religion and Culture in Early North India: Regional Issues.*
- 10.15am Coffee/tea
- 10.30am **Elizabeth de Michelis (University of Oxford)**  
*A Survey of Modern Yoga Studies.*
- 11.45am **Knut Axel Jacobsen (University of Bergen)**  
*Rituals and Identity in the Tamil Catholic Diaspora in Norway.*
- 1.00pm Lunch, then departure**

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