

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

*Jesus College, the University of Oxford*

*14 March to 16 March, 2008*

**Friday, 14 March**

- 4.30pm Welcome, tea/coffee
- 5.00pm **Ithamar Theodor (University of Cambridge)**  
*Aesthetic Philosophy and Ascending Notions of Personhood in the Bhagavata Purana*
- 6.30pm Dinner
- 7.30pm **Julius Lipner (University of Cambridge)**  
*Icon and Mother? An Inquiry into India's National Song*

**Saturday, 15 March**

- 9.00am **James Hegarty (University of Cardiff)**  
*The Sanskrit Mahābhārata and the Construction of the Significant Past in South Asia*
- 10.10am Coffee/tea
- 10.40am **Ram-Prasad Chakravarthi (University of Lancaster)**  
*The Self in Advaita.*
- 11.50am **Shraddha Kumbhojkar (Tilak Maharashtra University, Pune, India)**  
*"Civilised people don't believe in these things!" - Whither Homo hierarchus?*
- 1.00pm Lunch
- 2.00pm **Reshaal Seresinghe (School of Oriental and African Studies)**  
*Does Buddhism Cause Prejudice and Discrimination Against HIV/AIDS Patients in Sri Lanka?*
- 2.40pm **Mark Owen (University of Winchester)**  
*Old Traditions New Techniques: The Bodily Preservation of Kyabje Ling Rinpoche*
- 3.20pm **Simona Galachi (Sergiu AL.-George Institute of Oriental Studies, Romania)**  
*Gender Talk in Neo-Hindu Movements – A Discourse Analysis*
- 4.00pm Tea/coffee
- 4.30pm **Kiyokazu Okita (University of Oxford)**  
*Mādhva or Gaudiya? The Philosophy of Baladeva Vidhyābhūṣaṇa's Prameya-ratnāvali*
- 5.10pm **Mahinda Deegalle (University of Bath Spa)**  
*Jathika Hela Urumaya in the Context of Peace Process*
- 6.30pm Dinner

7.30pm **Stephen Hughes (School of Oriental and African Studies)**  
*Play it again, Saraswathi: Gramophone, Religion and Devotional Music in Colonial South India*

**Sunday, 16 March**

9.00am **Lynn Thomas (Roehampton, London)**  
*Does the Age Make the King or the King Make the Age?*

10.10am Coffee/tea

10.40am **Hephzibah Israel (Lady Shri Ram College, University of Delhi)**  
*Protestant Translations and Divided Religious Identities in Colonial South India*

11.50am **Maya Warriar (University of Wales, Lampeter)**  
*Representations of Ayurveda in Britain: the politics of legitimacy and authenticity*

1.00pm Lunch, then departure

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