



2nd Conference on
God and Consciousness in Indian Traditions

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Antalya Hotel, Rishikesh, India
April 9-11, 2025

PROGRAM (Day 1)

April 9 - Morning

Chair: Alan Herbert

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- 8:30-9:15 **Keynote Talk:** Sri Aurobindo's Evolutionary Cosmopsychism: A Contemporary Defense
Swami Medhananda
- 9:15-9:30 **Coffee Break**
- 09:30-10:15 Kashmir Śaivism and the Panentheism of Karl Christian Friedrich Krause
Klara Hedling, Benedikt Paul Göcke
- 10:15-11:00 God and Consciousness in Jainism vis-à-vis Other Indian Traditions
Pankaj Jain
- 11:00-11:30 **Coffee Break**
- 11.30-12:15 The Notion of Cidākāśa, or the Space of Consciousness in Indian Literature and
Cosmopsychism as its Philosophical Rendering
David Monteserin Narayana

April 9 - Afternoon

Chair: Benedikt Paul Göcke

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- 14:00-14:45 **Keynote Talk:** A General Model for Monist-Realist forms of Vedānta Cosmopsychism
Ricardo Silvestre
- 14:45-15:30: God as a Universal Thought
Sumit Pandey, Ranjan K. Panda
- 15:30-16:00 **Coffee-break**
- 16:00-16:45 Śrīvidyā and the Combination Problem
R. Krishnaswamy and Tarinee Awasthi



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PROGRAM (Day 2)

April 10 - Morning

Chair: Ricardo Silvestre

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- 8:30-9:15 **Keynote Talk:** Exclusion and Fundamentality
Catherine Pruett
- 9:15-9:30 **Coffee Break**
- 09:30-10:15 From Shadows to Light? A Philosophia Perennis in Plato's Allegory of the Cave and the
Bhagavad Gītā
Martha Rumbelsperger
- 10:15-11:00 God and Consciousness in Indian Traditions
Aviva Robibo
- 11:00-11:30 **Coffee Break**
- 11.30-12:15 Panpsychism and Individuation: A Mādhva Gauḍīya Vedānta Perspective on
Consciousness
Kshitish Sharma

April 10 - Afternoon

Chair: Ricardo Silvestre

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- 14:00-14:45 **Keynote Talk (ONLINE):** Are Buddhas conscious agents?
Monima Chadha
- 14:45-15:30 Tagore's Quasi-Brahmo Deity and the Gītā's Puruṣottama: A Philosophical Exploration
Indrani Battacharjee
- 15:30-16:00 **Coffee-break**
- 16:00-16:45 Conception of God in the Medieval Age: A Comparative Study of St. Aquinas and
Udayanācārya from the Nyāya Darśana
Ananya Awasthi and Sanjeev Sikri



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PROGRAM (Day 3)

April 11 - Morning

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| 8:30-9:15 | Keynote Talk: Why Theism(s) Can Help us Unpack the Nature of Consciousness
<i>Loriliai Biernacki</i> |
| 9:15-9:30 | Coffee Break |
| 09:30-10:15 | Viśiṣṭādvaita Anti-emergentism
<i>S. Siddharth</i> |
| 10:15-11:00 | Let Sleeping Gods Lie: Consciousness and the Semantic Fluidity of God-Talk in Indian Traditions
<i>Dhruv Raj Nagar</i> |
| 11:00-11:30 | Coffee Break |
| 11.30-12:15 | The Quest for Cosmology: Exploring the Intersection of Ethics, Metaphysics, and Modern Science
<i>Shikha Chaubey</i> |

April 11 - Afternoon

Chair: Alan Herbert

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| 14:00-14:45 | Keynote Talk: The Uniqueness of the monotheistic conception of God in Mahapurush Srimanta Sankaradeva's "Eka Sarana Nam Dharma"
<i>Archana Barua</i> |
| 14:45-15:30 | Convergence of God and Consciousness: A Critical Inquiry
<i>Niharika Sharma, Lalit Saraswat</i> |
| 15:30-16:00 | Coffee-break |
| 16:00-16:45 | Divinity and Consciousness in Indian Monotheism: Exploring Jīva and Īśvara in Appayya Dikṣit's Siddhānta-Leśa-Saṅgraha
<i>Shivendra Vikram Singh</i> |