

Coffee Break Conference

Reading Sanskrit Texts: Deep Reading as an Analytical Method for Written, Oral, and Performative Texts

Sapienza University of Rome, 22–23 December 2025

Monday, 22 December

10:00–11:45

Divine Will and Human Surrender: Venkṭatanātha's Commentary on the Śaraṇāgatigadya
by Rāmānuja — Elisa Freschi (Toronto)

11:45–12:00 Coffee Break

12:00–13:45

Fortune-teller from the Deep South: readings of visual and textual sources around the figure of Kuratti.
Cristina Bignami (Milan)–Elena Mucciarelli (Groeningen)

13:45–14:45 Lunch Break

14:45–16:30

Gangadhara Kaviraj on the Carakasambhitā — Cristina Pecchia (Vienna)

16:30–16:45 Coffee Break

16:45–18:30

Rāma in 14th-century Nepal: Māṇikyā's Abhinavarāghavānandanātaka — Daniele Cuneo (Paris) and
Camillo Formigatti (Würzburg)

Tuesday, 23 December

10:00–11:45

Bhartṛhari's Vākyapadīya 3.1.11: Signification as Function — Marco Ferrante (Vienna)

11:45–12:00 Coffee Break

12:00–13:45

The Futility of Grammar. Extracts from the Vyākaraṇādhikaraṇa (Tantravārttika) 1.3.9 — Alessandro Gra-
heli (Toronto)

13:45–14:45 Lunch Break

14:45–16:30

Gender, Adjectives and Agreement in Pāṇini and His School — Artemij Keidan (Rome)
