The Atharvaveda and its South Asian Contexts

3rd Zurich International Conference on Indian Literature and Philosophy (ZICILP)

University of Zurich, 26–28 September 2019

This conference is a part of a current project, jointly conducted by the Department of Comparative Linguistics and the Department of Indian Studies at the University of Zurich, and funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation, which is producing a critical edition and annotated translation of three books of the Paippalāda-Saṁhitā of the Atharvaveda. It brings together scholars from around the world to present new linguistic, philological and historical research into the Atharvavedic traditions of South Asia.

Venue

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Day 1 — Thursday, 26 September 2019

13.30–13.45	**Welcome and Introduction**

Session 1   *Chair: Paul Widmer*

13.45–14.45	**Alexander Lubotsky, Leiden University**
	Linguistic Innovations in the Atharvaveda

14.45–15.15	**Thomas Zehnder, University of Zurich**
	Text-Critical Issues in the Paippalāda-Saṁhitā

15.15–15.45	**Coffee & Tea Break**

Session 2   *Chair: Oliver Hellwig*

15.45–16.15	**Jarrod Whitaker, Wake Forest University**
	How to approach the Atharvaveda theoretically (while avoiding the pitfalls of magic)

16.15–16.45	**Angelika Malinar, University of Zurich**
	Practical Atharvaveda in the Mahābhārata

16.45–17.15	**Robert Leach, University of Zurich**
	On Apsarases and Dogs

18.30	**Apéro Riche** (Lichthof/Atrium, Rämistrasse 59)

Day 2   Friday, 27 September 2019

Session 3   *Chair: Angelika Malinar*

9.15–10.15   **Shrikant Bahulkar, University of Pune**
The Śaunaka and Paippalāda Schools of the Atharvaveda:
A comparative study of their domestic rituals

10.15–10.45   **Roland Pooth, Independent Scholar**
The Funeral Ceremony described by the Paippalāda-Saṁhitā vs
the Śaunaka-Saṁhitā, interpreted from the perspective of their
textual differences

10.45–11.15   **Kristen de Joseph, Leiden University**
Fit for a Queen: *Purohitas*, Politics and the Notion of a Paippalāda
Rājavivāha

11.15–11.45   **Coffee & Tea Break**

Session 4   *Chair: Robert Leach*

11.45–12.15   **Kyoko Amano, Kyoto University**
Influence from the Atharvaveda on rituals in the Maitrāyaṇī Saṁhitā

12.15–12.45   **Tiziana Pontillo, University of Cagliari**
What does the *páñcaudana- ája-* actually represent in the Śaunaka-
and the Paippalāda-Saṁhitās? A tentative reading through the lens of
Jaiminīya-Brāhmaṇa 2.53-4

12.45–13.15   **Carmen Spiers, École pratique des hautes études**
The Draft-Ox as King: ŚS 4.11/PS 3.25 and the *gosava* of
the Brāhmaṇa texts

13.15–14.45   **Lunch** (Dozentenfoyer, ETH Zurich, Rämistrasse 101)

14.45–15.15   **Coffee & Tea Break**

Session 5   *Chair: Thomas Zehnder*

15.15–15.45   **Oliver Hellwig, University of Zurich**
Lexical Layers in the Atharvaveda? A Corpus-Linguistic Study of the 'Grand Divisions' in the Śaunaka-Saṁhitā

15.45–16.15   **Georges-Jean Pinault, École pratique des hautes études**
The particle *iva* in the Śaunaka- and Paippalāda-Saṁhitās of the Atharvaveda

16.15–16.45   **Laura Massetti, University of Copenhagen**
To fix like a chariot: On PS 4.15.6-7, ŚS 4.12.6-7

c. 19.00   **Conference Dinner**

Day 3   Saturday, 28 September 2019

Session 6   *Chair: Alexander Lubotsky*

9.30–10.30   **Werner Knobl, Kyoto University**
Syntactic and Stylistic Studies on the Atharvaveda

10.30–11.00   **Paul Widmer, University of Zurich**
A Matter of Dependency. Probing into noun phrase configurationality in Vedic

11.00–11.30   **Coffee & Tea Break**

Session 7   *Chair: Shrikant Bahulkar*

11.30–12.00   **Shilpa Sumant, Deccan College Pune**
Jātakarmādyannaprāśanakarmāṇi in the Karmapañjikā

12.00–12.30   **Julieta Rotaru, Södertörn University**
Change and Continuity: the *Saṃskāraprayogaratna*, an Ātharvaṇic Prayoga on Prenatal and Infancy Rites

12.30–13.00   **Arlo Griffiths, École Française d'Extrême-Orient**
Comments on the Conference