A Joint International Conference

CONTAINMENT, COLLECTION, AND ARRANGEMENT IN SOUTH ASIAN RELIGIONS

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A Call for Paper Proposals
by
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The Department of Christian Studies at the University of Madras, in collaboration with the Elon University Center for the Study of Religion, Culture, and Society (USA) invites proposals for CSRI’s (Conference of Study of Religions in India) upcoming meeting at the University of Madras on July 21-24, 2020. The conference theme is "Containment, Collection, and Arrangement in South Asian Religions." We invite proposals representing a range of disciplinary and methodological approaches that focus on the actual, metaphorical or conceptual storage, movement, or organization of objects and substances of significance in religious texts, ritual practices, institutional structures and/or individual behavior. Possible topics could include the organization of mūrtis in temple architecture; the disposition of materials in ritual; episodes of hiding, finding or losing sacred objects in Epics and other narrative traditions; philosophical or theological accounts of perception and memory; classificatory schemes that demarcate the structure of the human person (e.g., cakras, faculties), the cosmos and/or social and cultural institutions; monastic traditions of manuscript collection and organization, and so forth.

We welcome individual paper proposals of no longer than 250 words by February 1, 2020. Proposals must include a clear statement of a thesis or argument to be advanced and they must articulate a clear relationship to the conference theme. Abstracts that do not meet these criteria cannot be considered. Please send your proposal to Prof. Brian Pennington (Elon University) at bpennington4@elon.edu.

Registration fees:
Scholars from South Asia = INR 1,000
Scholars from outside South Asia: US $ 50
Students (MA and PhD) from South Asia = INR 500
Graduate students from outside South Asia = US $25

South Asian participants will remit their registration fees through on-line to the account of 'The Registrar, The University of Madras'. For further clarification and other queries, please write to mucsri2020@gmail.com

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