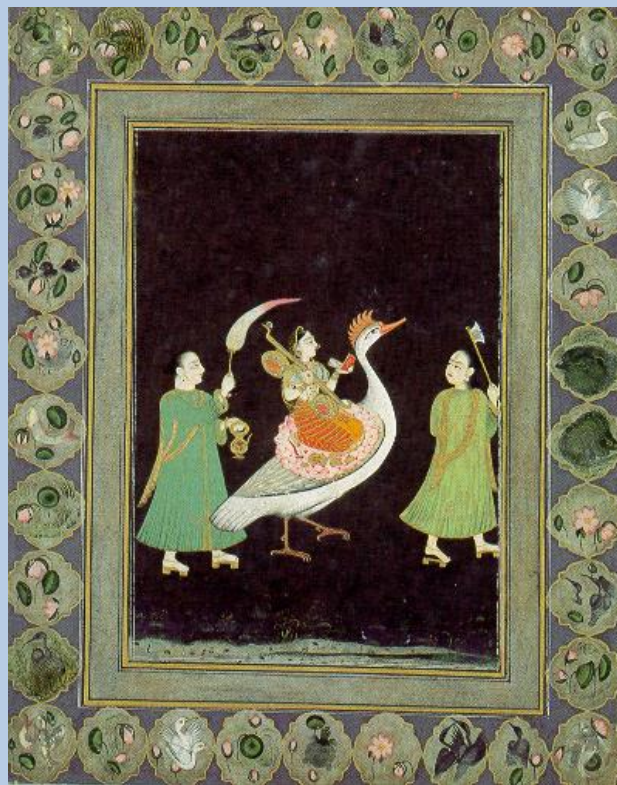


International Seminar

**Liminal Spaces, and Identity
Transformations
in Indian Cultural History**



19th-21st September, 2019

Dipartimento di Studi letterari, filologici e linguistici
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Thursday, September 19th, 2019

14:00 Opening remarks and inaugural speeches

Epic Metamorphoses

Chair: Martin Hříbek

14:30-14:55 Danielle Feller: Puṣpaka's metamorphoses in the *Vālmīki-Rāmāyaṇa*

14:55-15:20 Zuzana Špicová: "You are the same Śikhaṇḍinī": Narrative construction of Śikhaṇḍinī's (gender) identity in the *Mahābhārata*

15:20-15:45 Diletta Falqui: A *quête* for vengeance. Rudra's involvement in Ambā's ascetic path and gender transition

15:45-16:10 Danuta Stasik: The liminal on the battlefield of Laṅkā in the imagery of the *Rāmcaritmānas*

16:10-16.40 Coffee Break

On the Edge: Beyond Sacrality

Chair: Danuta Stasik

16:40-17.05 Gautam Chakrabarti: "Pouring water on Śiva": Towards a cultural history of a liminal Indic pilgrimage

17:05-17:30 Vera Lazzaretti: The haunted mosque. Memories of destruction and spatial ambiguities at Gyan Vapi

17:30-17:55 Zdeněk Štipl: Inculturation of Christianity as an attempt to create double identity of Indian Christians

17.55-18.20 Federico Squarcini: Semantic limits, somatic spaces. On 'ancient' topologies as interlocutors for 'modern' reflections

19:30 Dinner



Friday, September 20th, 2019

Liminoid Experiences in Poetry Codes

Chair: Giuliano Boccali

09:30-09:55 Alexander Dubyanskiy: A theme of self-humiliation in the poetry of Tamil *bhaktas*

09:55-10:20 Anna Trynkowska: Female adolescence in Indian lyric poetry

10:20-10:45 Ariadna Matyszkiewicz: On the sublime (and) beautiful in *Raghuvamśa*. Edmund Burke reads Kālidāsa

10:45-11:15 Coffee Break

Sovereignty in the In-betweenness

Chair: Tiziana Pontillo

11:15-11:40 Edeltraud Harzer: The liminality of *sthapati* as the leader of an aggressive sodality

11:40-12:05 Paola M. Rossi: Conquering the sun: Sovereignty and liminality in the Vedic *mahāvratā* rite

12:05-12:30 David Pierdominici Leão: “*To be or not to be*”, the Pāṇḍya said: Liminal dynamics in identity building from a Southern dynastic case

12:30-12:55 Chettiarthodi Rajendran: The novice on the threshold of royalty: Anxieties and apprehensions in *Kādambarī*

13:00-14:30 Lunch

At the threshold: Figures of Liminality

Chair: Alexander Dubyanskiy

14:30-14:55 Darya Vorobyeva: Heavenly musicians of cave temples as liminal beings of the sacral-profane boundaries

14:55-15:20 David Smith: The liminal pillar sculpture of the Sūrya temple at Modhera

15:20-15:45 Chiara Policardi: In between divine, human, and animal: The liminal nature of *yoginīs*

15:45-16.25 Lidia Sudyka – Ewa Dębicka-Borek: Narasiṃha, Śarabha, Gaṇḍabheruṇḍa and other hybrid creatures. The case of the Vīrabhadra Temple in Keladi (Part I&II)

16:25-16:55 Coffee Break

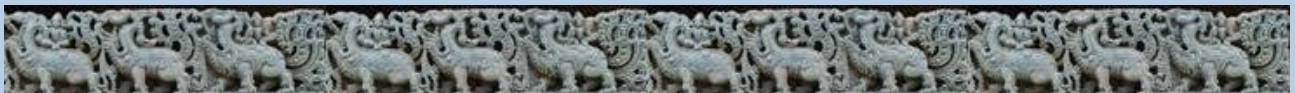
Feminine Liminality: Questions of Gender

Chair: Lidia Sudyka

16:55-17:20 Anita Maria Borghero: Choosing what should be left unsaid: Is it an outcome of grammatical issues or rather evidence of cultural transformations?

17:20-17:45 Tatiana Dubyanskaya: Unmarried... with children: Marginalized female characters in Hindi fiction

17:45-18:10 Sabrina Ciolfi: Gender stereotypes and Indian cinema. Mapping best practices for a gender sensitive filmmaking



Saturday, September 21st, 2019

Identity Transitions

Chair: David Smith

09:30-09:55 Hermina Cielas: Voices from the stone, figures on the stage. Origin and development of *avadhānī*'s identity

09:55-10:20 Marta Karcz: On the threshold of social changes – the translation into Sanskrit of “Choma’s Drum” by K. Shivaram Karanth

10:20-10:45 Alessandro Vescovi: R.K. Narayan's worldly appearance. A novelist between Hinduism and world literature

10:45-11:15 Coffee Break

Chair: Danielle Feller

11:15-11:40 Martin Hříbek: Liminality, magic realism, and Nabarun Bhattacharya’s prose

11:40-12:05: Weronika Rokicka: Bengali travel writers of the mid-20th century in search of an Asian identity

12:05-12:30 Valedictory session

13:00 Lunch

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