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# 19<sup>th</sup> World Sanskrit CONFERENCE 2025

JUNE 26-30, 2025  
KATHMANDU, NEPAL

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## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

### Esteemed Scholars and Participants,

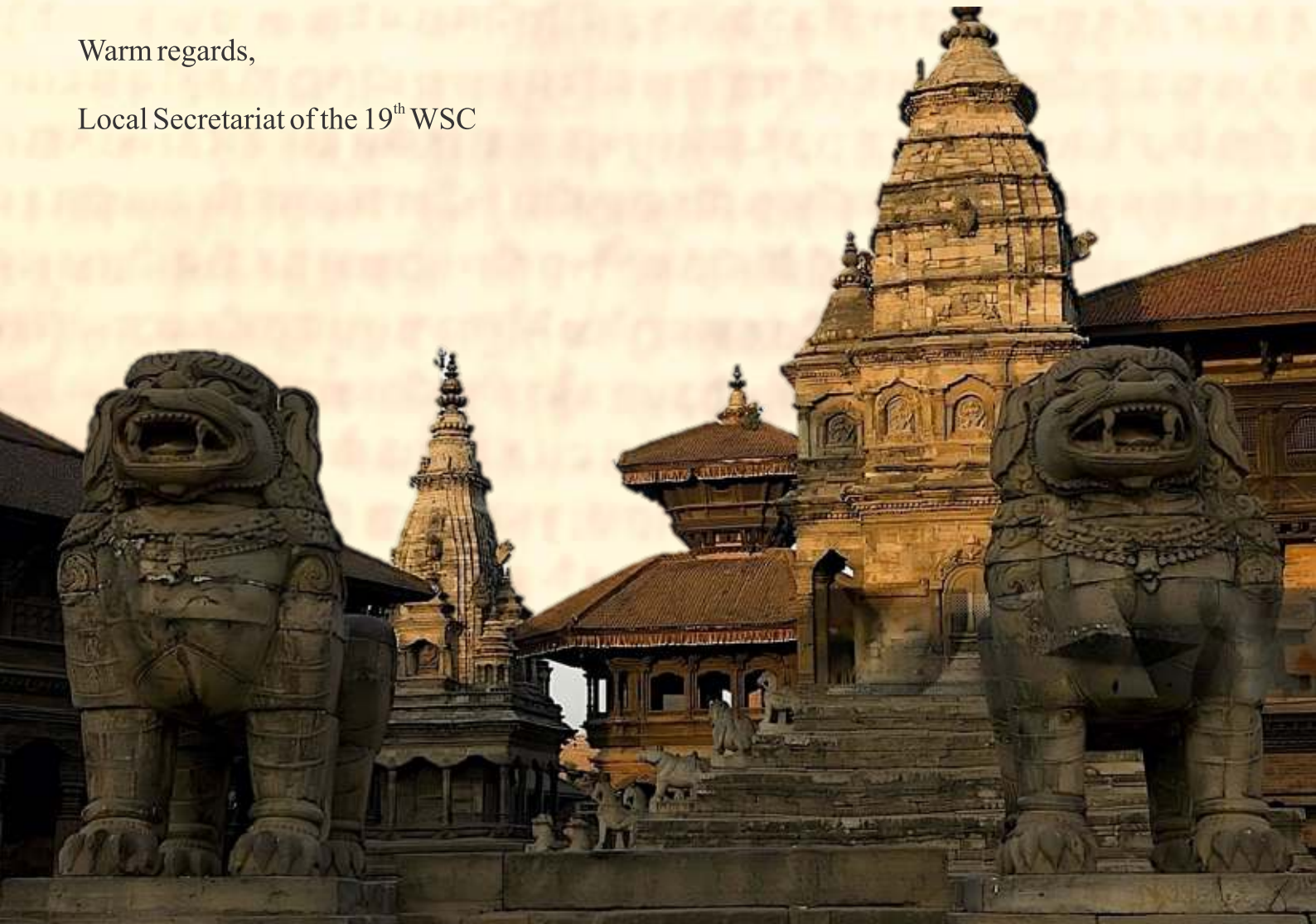
After thorough deliberation and in response to the expressed needs of the scholarly community, who found the December dates rather inconvenient to travel to Kathmandu, we have made the decision to postpone the 19<sup>th</sup> World Sanskrit Conference. **The conference will take place from June 26<sup>th</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025.**

In light of this change, **abstract submissions will remain open until August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024.** We encourage all interested participants to take advantage of this extended deadline. Detailed information regarding abstract submission (along with newly added special panels) and other crucial deadlines can be found in the third circular. Additionally, we are pleased to announce that **early-bird registration is open** on our website (with updated, reduced fees).

We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this rescheduling may cause and extend our gratitude for your understanding and continued support. **We look forward to welcoming you to the 19<sup>th</sup> World Sanskrit Conference in June 2025.**

Warm regards,

Local Secretariat of the 19<sup>th</sup> WSC



## CALL FOR INDIVIDUAL PAPERS (EXTENDED DEADLINE)

WSC2025 invites individual papers to be presented in one of the **28 thematic sections**, as well as the **added special panels**. Interested scholars are welcome to submit the abstract through the conference website at [www.nepalworldsanskrit.org](http://www.nepalworldsanskrit.org). In case of a technical difficulty, we suggest that the abstracts be mailed to the conference secretariat at: [info@nepalworldsanskrit.org](mailto:info@nepalworldsanskrit.org) and [worldsanskrit2024@gmail.com](mailto:worldsanskrit2024@gmail.com).

Each paper will be allotted a time of 20 minutes, with an additional 10 minutes for discussion. Papers may be delivered in English or Sanskrit. We encourage scholars who are presenting a paper in Sanskrit to provide a summary in English.

**In light of the postponement of the conference, the deadline for individual abstracts has been extended to 15 August 2024.**

## KEY DATES AND DEADLINES

Please note that these dates are tentative and may be subject to change. In order to receive up-to-date information, please make sure to visit the conference website ([www.nepalworldsanskrit.org](http://www.nepalworldsanskrit.org)) from time to time. We **strongly recommend subscribing** to the **conference mailing list**, in order to receive updates directly in your inbox.

<b>Registration opens (early-bird)</b>	<b>15 May 2024</b>
<b>Individual paper abstract deadline (extended)</b>	<b>15 August 2024</b>
Individual paper acceptance notification	15 November 2024
<b>Early bird registration closes</b>	<b>31 December 2024</b>
<b>Final registration for presenters</b>	<b>15 March 2025</b>
Conference opens	26 June 2025



## REGULAR SECTIONS

Each section has its committee members – experts who will be in charge of promoting and evaluating the abstract submissions, and nominating session chairs. The names of the committee members will be disclosed in the next circular.

### HERE ARE THE 28 REGULAR SECTIONS:

1. Veda, वेदः
2. Linguistics, भाषाशास्त्रम्
3. Vyākaraṇa, व्याकरणम्
4. Rāmāyaṇam, Mahābhāratam, रामायणं महाभारतं च
5. Purāṇas, पुराणानि
6. Tantra Studies, आगमास्तन्त्रं च
7. Ritual Studies, विध्यनुष्ठानविमर्शः
8. Poetry, Drama and Aesthetics, काव्यमलङ्कारश्च
9. History, Art, and Architecture  
कलास्थापत्यशास्त्रयोरितिहासः
10. Buddhist Studies, बौद्धविद्या
11. Jaina Studies, जैनविद्या
12. Scientific Literature, वैज्ञानिकं वाङ्मयम्
13. Religious Studies, धर्मविमर्शः-
14. Philosophy, दर्शनानि, तत्त्वशास्त्रम्
15. Vaiṣṇavism and Śaivism, वैष्णवमतं शैवमतं च
16. Sanskrit and Regional Languages, संस्कृतं प्रदेशभाषाश्च
17. Sanskrit Pedagogy, संस्कृतशिक्षाशास्त्रम्
18. Modern Sanskrit Writings, आधुनिकं संस्कृतसाहित्यम्
19. Law and Society, धर्मशास्त्रमर्थशास्त्रं च
20. Manuscriptology, पाण्डुलिपिविज्ञानम्
21. Sanskrit Epigraphy, अभिलेखशास्त्रम्
22. Yoga and Āyurveda, योगायुर्वेदौ
23. Computational Sanskrit and Digital Humanities,  
संस्कृतं विज्ञानतान्त्रिकी च
24. Jyotiṣa, ज्यौतिषम्
25. Nepal Studies, नेपालाध्ययनम्
26. Epic and poetry, काव्याध्ययनम्
27. Music and Classical Dance, सङ्गीतशास्त्राध्ययनम्
28. Sanskrit and other Classical Languages, संस्कृतं प्राच्यभाषाश्च

(Confined to: Indo-European and Middle Indic languages, Tibetan, and Chinese)

## SPECIAL PANELS

The conference will also feature a variety of special panels, of which a few deal with themes outside of the 28 regular sections. While most of these special panels already have a significant number of invited/confirmed speakers, which limits the accommodation of additional papers, those panels that are listed below are open for abstract submission. **Interested scholars are welcome to submit their individual abstracts to these 'open' special panels, by emailing their abstracts to the conference secretariat.**

CODE	SPECIAL PANEL TITLE	CONVENERS / PANEL ORGANIZERS
14A	Philosophy of Language in Classical India: Origins, Schools, Debates	Nataliya Yanchevskaya, Evgeniya Desnitskaya
23A	The Sanskrit GPT Landscape: Pedagogy in the face of AI	Sriram Subramanian
14B	Translation Workshop: Akalaṅka's Aṣṭaśatī and Its Non-Jain Interlocutors	Ana Bajželj, Anil Mundra

A comprehensive list of all the special panels, along with their conveners, will be made available in the upcoming months. In the meantime, for further information on the special panels, please contact the conference secretariat.



## REGISTRATION OPEN (with early-bird discounts)

We are currently in the **early-bird registration phase** i.e. all registrations confirmed before the 31<sup>st</sup> of December, 2024 will be subject to **discounted conference fees**. In order to register, please fill the registration form and complete the payment through the conference website:

<https://www.nepalworldsanskrit.org/registration/>

### Early-bird rates

Conference fees\* + IASS fees = Total cost (USD)

<b>Regular</b>	$\$278 + \$72 = \$350$
<b>SAARC Nationals (including Nepal and India)</b>	$\$203 + \$72 = \$275$
<b>Student (valid ID required)</b>	$\$175 + \$50 = \$225$

### Normal rates (after 31 December 2024)

<b>Regular</b>	$\$328 + \$72 = \$400$
<b>SAARC Nationals (including Nepal and India)</b>	$\$278 + \$72 = \$350$
<b>Student (valid ID required)</b>	$\$250 + \$50 = \$300$

### THE REGISTRATION FEE INCLUDES:

- Access to all conference events and cultural programs
- Vegetarian/vegan\* lunches for the full five days (26-30 June 2025)
- Inaugural and closing dinners (26 June, 30 June 2025)
- Tea/coffee breaks for the full five days
- Conference material (bag, stationary, printed program booklet, etc.)
- **3-year membership** of the International Association for Sanskrit Studies.

(Note: All confirmed presenters will be required to pay the registration fees before the 15<sup>th</sup> of March, 2025, to avoid cancellation of papers. Last-minute registration will be available only for non-presenting participants and guests.)

## REGARDING IASS MEMBERSHIP

The **International Association for Sanskrit Studies (IASS)** is the governing body that oversees the organization of the triennial World Sanskrit Conferences. For this reason, the conference registration is an occasion, for old members, to renew their membership, and for newcomers to gain membership of the IASS. Therefore, the WSC25 registration fees are inclusive of a three-year membership of the IASS, which is priced at 72\$ for regular members and 50\$ for students.



To learn more about the International Association of Sanskrit Studies, please visit the **website: [www.sanskritassociation.org](http://www.sanskritassociation.org)**

## IASS BURSARIES FOR WSC2025

The International Association of Sanskrit Studies is pleased to offer **five bursaries of US\$500 each to encourage postgraduate students to attend the WSC2025**. The bursary is intended to assist with travel and accommodation expenses. Any student currently enrolled in a postgraduate program may apply. Please send a letter of application, with one paragraph describing your research project, to the IASS Secretary-General: **[mccomas.taylor@anu.edu.au](mailto:mccomas.taylor@anu.edu.au)**. Your application should be accompanied by a letter of support from your supervisor.

**Deadline: 1 November 2024**



# “ACCOMMODATION IN KATHMANDU

We have been negotiating with various hotels and guest-houses near the conference venue, in order to provide reasonable rates to the participants. Further details, including a list of possible accommodations at a walking distance from the conference, will be communicated in future announcements. Please be sure to check the conference website ([www.nepalworldsanskrit.org](http://www.nepalworldsanskrit.org)) for up-to-date information.

## POETIC SYMPOSIUM, SCHOLARLY DISPUTATIONS, AND EXCURSIONS

We intend to organize the कविसमवायः (Poetic Symposium) and the शास्त्रचर्चा (Scholarly Disputations). Anyone interested to help in coordinating these events is requested to write to [worldsanskrit2024@gmail.com](mailto:worldsanskrit2024@gmail.com). Furthermore, we have been planning various excursions to temples, old town-squares, manuscript archives, and a potential sightseeing of the mountains! Specific details will be provided in eventual circular letters.

## ORGANIZERS

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