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Institute of Asian and Oriental Studies
Department of Indian Studies

New course offer

Introduction to Pāṇini's grammar

The Department of Indian Studies at the Institute of Asian and Oriental Studies offers an introductory course to the Indian grammatical text *Aṣṭādhyāyī* as part of the module „Sanskrit-Repetitorium“ in the **Spring term 2023**.

6 meetings on **Mondays, 12:15-13:45** 3 ECTS

The codification of classical Sanskrit by the Indian grammarian Pāṇini (4th century BCE) in his *Aṣṭādhyāyī* is the most ancient form of a systematic formalization of a language. Pāṇini's method is based on an elaborate grammatical metalanguage enshrined in the concise *sūtra* form. The course offers students an introduction to Pāṇini's grammatical methodology.

The basic rules of Pāṇinian grammar and their application will be explained and exemplified. The peculiarities of Pāṇini's grammar will be compared with the Western grammatical tradition.

The course is open to students with and without knowledge of the Sanskrit language.

