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# The Atharvaveda and its South Asian Contexts

3<sup>rd</sup> 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**

University of Zurich  
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# Day 1 Thursday, 26 September 2019

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## 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

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### 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 *pāñcaudana-āja-* actually represent in the Śaunaka-  
and the Paippalāda-Saṁhitās? A tentative reading through the lens of  
Jaiminiya-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

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- 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 *Samskāraprayogaratna*, an Ātharvaṇic Prayoga on Prenatal and Infancy Rites
- 12.30–13.00**    **Arlo Griffiths, École Française d’Extrême-Orient**  
Comments on the Conference