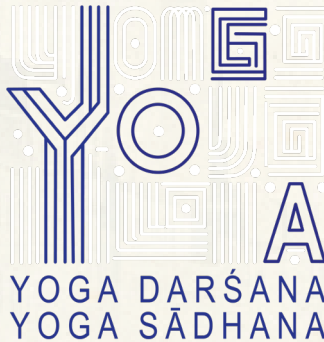


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# WEDNESDAY MAY 27

## Lobby

10:00 am -  
1:00 pm

*Registration & Welcome  
(Centre des Colloques - Campus Condorcet)*

## Auditorium 250

1:30 - 2:00 pm

Welcome & Opening Remarks  
Suzanne Newcombe, Raphaël Voix, Ruth Westoby,  
Pamela Warner, Amandine Wattelier-Bricout, Theo Wildcroft

2:00 - 3:00 pm

Plenary Session #1: Keynote Address:  
*How is Kuṇḍalinī Conceived When She First Appears in  
Seventh-Century Śaivasiddhānta Scriptures?*  
Dominic Goodall

## Foyer

3:00 - 3:30 pm

*Coffee Break*

## PARALLEL SESSIONS

3:30 - 5:30 pm

## Auditorium 250

*Session #2: Critical Edition of the Haṭhapradīpikā*

## Auditorium 150

*Session #3: Responses to Institutional Abuse*

## Room 3.01

*Session #4: Bodies & Care, Then & Now*

## Room 3.03

*Session #5: Localization: Yoga in France*

## Room 3.02

6:00 - 7:00 pm

Plenary Session #6: Book Launch: *Yoga Machine:  
Technology, Transhumanism and Transcendence*  
Mark Singleton

## Mezzanine

7:00 - 8:30 pm

*Vernissage of Dhun / Dhūnī – The Fires of the Name,  
followed by a Cocktail Dinner*

# THURSDAY MAY 28

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## PARALLEL SESSIONS

8:30 - 10:30 am

**Auditorium  
250**

*Session #7: New Research in Mantras & Yoga I*

**Auditorium  
150**

*Session #8: Round Table: Products & Pedagogies*

**Room 3.01**

*Session #9: Sex, Drugs, Gemstones & Fascists*

**Room 3.03**

*Session #10: Death & Yoga*

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**Mezzanine**

10:30 - 11:00 am

*Coffee Break*

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## PARALLEL SESSIONS

11:00 am - 12:30 pm

**Auditorium  
250**

*Session #11: New Research in Mantras & Yoga II*

**Auditorium  
150**

*Session #12: Jain Yoga*

**Room 3.01**

*Session #13: Yoga, Media and Messages*

**Room 3.03**

*Session #14: Adverse Yoga Experiences*

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**Foyer**

12:30 - 1:30 pm

*Lunch Break*

**Mezzanine**

1:30 - 2:00 pm

*Plenary Session #15: Body & Mantras: Performing Somatic Research*

Lucy May Constantini

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PARALLEL SESSIONS

2:00 - 4:00 pm

Auditorium  
250

Session #16: *New Research on Mantras & Yoga III*

Auditorium  
150

Session #17: *Shifting Worlds: Focal Practices*

Room 3.01

Session #18: *Navigation of Social Change*

Room 3.03

Session #19: *Menstruation in Yoga and Tantra*

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Mezzanine  
4:00 - 4:30 pm

*Coffee Break*

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PARALLEL SESSIONS

4:30 - 6:00 pm

Auditorium  
250

Session #20: *History of Kuṇḍalinī*

Auditorium  
150

Session #21: *Localization: Indian Regional Traditions*

Room 3.01

Session #22: *Localization: The Muslim World*

Room 3.03

Session #23: *Twentieth-Century Yoga*

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Auditorium  
250  
6:30 - 7:30 pm

Plenary Session #24: Film presentation: *The Yoga of Koraṅṭaka*  
Jason Birch and Jacqueline Hargreaves

# FRIDAY MAY 29

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## PARALLEL SESSIONS

8:30 - 10:30 am

**Auditorium  
250**

*Session #25: Yoga for Śaivas*

**Auditorium  
150**

*Session #26: Yoga in Contemporary India I*

**Room 50**

*Session #27: Maps, Mats, Meals & Marketing*

**Room 3.03**

*Session #28: Sites & Texts*

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**Mezzanine**

10:30 - 11:00 am

*Coffee Break*

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## PARALLEL SESSIONS

11:00 am - 12:30 pm

**Auditorium  
250**

*Session #29: New Research on Mantras & Yoga IV*

**Auditorium  
150**

*Session #30: Yoga in Contemporary India II*

**Room 50**

*Session #31: Worldviews and Contexts*

**Room 3.03**

*Session #32: Polarization*

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**Foyer**

12:30 - 1:30 pm

*Lunch Break*

1:00 - 2:00 pm

Guided tour of the Humathèque Research Library

**Mezzanine**

1:30 - 2:00 pm

Plenary Session #33: *Oceano Respiração: Live Participatory Performance*

Marissa Clarke

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PARALLEL SESSIONS

2:00 - 4:00 pm

**Auditorium  
250**

Session #34: *Echoes of the Yogasūtra*

**Auditorium  
150**

Session #35: *Roundtable Expanding Epistemologies*

**Room 50**

Session #36: *Yoga in the US Academy*

**Room 3.03**

Session #37: *Localization: Scandinavian Yoga*

**Mezzanine**

4:00 - 4:30 pm

*Coffee Break*

**Auditorium 250**

4:30 - 5:30 pm

Plenary Session #38: Keynote Address: “Sovereignty, Boycott, Struggle: Three Registers of Political Yoga”  
Sunila Kale and Christian Novetzke

5:30 - 6:00 pm

Closing Remarks & Thank yous  
YDYS 2026 Organizing Committee: Raphaël Voix, Suzanne Newcombe, Theo Wildcroft, Amandine Wattelier-Bricout, Ruth Westoby

7:30 pm -  
Midnight

Dinner cruise on the Seine  
Embarkation point: Quai d’Austerlitz, boat “Le Signature”

# SATURDAY MAY 30

## Room 100

10:00 am -  
12:00 pm

YDYS Meeting

2:00 - 4:00 pm

Guided tour (Off-Site):

Bibliothèque nationale de France: Special Collections of  
the Sanskrit Manuscripts

Custodia Foundation: Indian Miniatures Collection

# SUNDAY MAY 31

8:00 am -  
6:00 pm

Fontainebleau forest (Off-Site): Hiking on the '25 bosses'  
and/or Bouldering on the 'cul du Chien'

## ARTISTIC EVENTS

May 27-29

- Wednesday and Thursday 10:00 am - 6:00 pm
- Friday 10:00 am - 2:30 pm

## Room 3.02 / Mezzanine

*Dhun / Dhūnī – The Fires of the Name*

A MANTRAMS project exhibition curated by Kanika Pruthi,  
Prema Goet and Borayin Larios

## Mezzanine

Sound Installation: *Sounding the Goddess: associated  
rituals of kaḷarippayarr̥*

Lucy May Constantini

## Hall

**Editor's corner:**

- École Française d'Extrême Orient,
- Equinox Publishing,
- *Journal of Yoga Studies*,
- *South Asia Multidisciplinary Academic Journal*,
- Almora



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*Panels*

# Wednesday

MAY 27

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1:30 - 3:00 pm Auditorium 250

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Session #1: Keynote Address by Dr. Dominic Goodall: “How is *Kuṇḍalinī* Conceived When She First Appears in Seventh-Century Śāivasiddhānta Scriptures?”

Chair: Amandine Wattelier-Bricout (CNRS, Cesah)

3:30 - 5:30 pm Auditorium 250

Session #2: Critical Edition of the *Haṭhapradīpikā*

Chair: Isabelle Ratié (Collège de France)

- The *Haṭhapradīpikā*: Insights into Svātmārāma’s Methods and Purpose Made Possible by the New Edition  
**James Mallinson** (University of Oxford)
- Development of the Various Recensions of the *Haṭhapradīpikā*  
**Mitsuyo Demoto** (Philipps University of Marburg)
- Algorithms and Philology in Dialogue: Reconstructing the *Haṭhapradīpikā*  
**Nils Jacob Liersch** (Philipps University of Marburg)
- The *Weltanschauung* of Yoga (*yogadarśana*): Between Self Improvement and Natural Perfection  
**Jürgen Hanneder** (Philipps University of Marburg)
- The *Haṭhapradīpikā*’s Legacy in the Early Modern Period  
**Jason Birch** (School of Oriental and African Studies)

3:30 - 5:30 pm Auditorium 150

### Session #3: Responses to Institutional Abuse

Chair: Suzanne Newcombe (Open University)

- **Doubling-Down and De-Branding: Sustaining Kundalini Yoga After Revelations of Abuse**  
**Philip Deslippe** (University of California-Santa Barbara)
- **Spiritual Abuse and Sexualized Violence in Modern Transnational Yoga: Crossing the Boundaries of Knowing and Believing**  
**Jens Augspurger** (School of Oriental and African Studies)
- **Grassroots Organizing against a Perpetrator: A Case Study**  
**Amelia Wood** (School of Oriental and African Studies)
- **Educational Reform, Does it Work? Ten Years since the Australian Royal Commission**  
**Jacqueline Hargreaves** (School of Oriental and African Studies)

3:30 - 5:30 pm Room 3.01

### Session #4: Bodies & Care, Then & Now

Chair: Fabien Provost (CNRS, Cesah)

- **The Origins of Tantra in Europe: Constructed Authority, Claimed Authenticity and Creative Adaptation**  
**Tova Olsson** (Umeå University)
- **Netī - Ancient Remedy or Modern Health Trend?**  
**James Russell** (University of Leeds)
- **Rethinking the Practicing Body: Ethnographic Insights from Situated Iyengar Yoga Practice in Japan**  
**Endo Satoko** (University of Tokyo)
- **Rethinking Care Through Yoga: Yoga Therapy & Mindfulness between Authenticity, Authority, and Adaptation in Switzerland**  
**Valentina Salonna** (Lausanne University Hospital)
- **“Do you believe me because I look like that?”**  
**Firdose Moonda** (Independent Scholar)

3:30 - 5:30 pm Room 3.03

Session #5: Localization: Yoga in France

Chair: Véronique Altglas (Queen's University)

- **Yoga Teachers' Authority: Knowledge, Power and Professional Dynamics**  
**Clément Petitjean** (Université Paris I-Panthéon-Sorbonne, CRIDUP)
- **What Working in the Wellness Industry Means: The Example of Yoga Teachers in France**  
**Pierre Bataille** (Université Grenoble-Alpes)
- **Teaching Yoga Outside Cities: Profiles, Backgrounds and Social Predispositions**  
**Clément Cézarine** (Université Claude Bernard Lyon 1)
- **Yoga and Fame on Instagram: The Example of Influencers**  
**Eléonore Affre-Garcia** (Université Toulouse III)

6:00 - 7:00 pm Auditorium 250

Session #6: Book Launch: *Yoga Machine: Technology, Transhumanism, and Transcendence* by Mark Singleton

Chair: Elizabeth De Michelis (Cambridge University)

# Thursday

MAY 28

8:30 - 10:30 am Auditorium 250

## Session #7: New Research in Mantras & Yoga I

Chair: Jérôme Petit (BnF, GREI)

- **Measuring Mantras, Breath and Brahmanical Asceticism**  
**Finnian Moore Gerety** (University of Oxford)
- **OM in the *Dharmaputrikā Saṃhitā***  
**Christèle Barois** (ERC, GREI)
- **The Meaning of *svādhyāya* in the *Pātañjalayogaśāstra* and its Early Commentaries: Evidence from Unstudied Manuscript Sources**  
**Philipp Maas** (Leipzig University)
- **Mantra, Temple, and the Yoginī-Affiliated Goddesses of the *Devīpurāṇa***  
**Sandra Sattler** (University of Oxford)

8:30 - 10:30 am Auditorium 150

## Session #8: Round Table on Products and Pedagogies

Chair: Barbora Sojková (Oxford University)

- **Theo Wildcroft** (Open University)
- **Ananda Ceballos** (San Sebastian University)
- **Martha Henson** (King's College London)
- **Seth Powell** (Yogic Studies)
- **Ruth McNeil** (King's College London)
- **Jacqueline Hargreaves** (School of Oriental and African Studies)

8:30 - 10:30 am Room 3.01

Session #9: Sex, Drugs, Gemstones & Fascists

Chair: To be determined

- **Yogic Transformations through Tantric Sex: Sexual Abuse v. 'Religious Freedom'**  
**Amanda Lucia** (University of California-Riverside)
- **Tracing the Path of Soma: Traditions and Transformations of *amṛta* in Indic Philosophy and Religion**  
**Stuart Ray Sarbacker** (Oregon State University)
- **Diamond Medicine: Authority, Expertise, and Healing**  
**Patricia Sauthoff** (Hong Kong Baptist University)
- **The (Alt-)Right-Hand Path: The Biopolitics of Yoga and Fascism**  
**Emily Ward** (Loyola Marymount University)

8:30 - 10:30 am Room 3.03

Session #10: Death and Yoga

Chair: Silvia D'Intino (CNRS, Anhima)

- **Can A Yogin Anticipate Death? Exploring the Concept of *ariṣṭa* (signs of death) in the *Yogasūtra***  
**Susanta Bhattacharya** (University of Krakow)
- **Samādhi and No Breathing**  
**Matthew Clark** (School of Oriental and African Studies)
- **Yoga Philosophy as a Way of Death: Hariharānanda Āraṇya's *samādhi***  
**Doron Peisic** (Tel Aviv University)

11:00 am - 12:30 pm Auditorium 250

Session #11: New Research in Mantras & Yoga II

Chair: Emmanuel Francis (CNRS, Cesah)

- Myths and Colophons: Intertextual and Paratextual Strategies  
Asserting the Authenticity of Purāṇic Kavacas  
**Amandine Wattelier-Bricout** (CNRS, Cesah)
- History through Mantra: The Siddhānt Paṭal  
**James Mallinson** (University of Oxford)
- Yogic Dying in the Javanese-Balinese Śaiva Traditions  
**Andrea Acri** (EPHE, GREI)

11:00 am - 12:30 pm Auditorium 150

Session #12: Jain Yoga

Chair: Nalini Balbir (EPHE-GREI)

- Jain Reception of *haṭhayoga*: The Case of Acharya Sushil Kumar's  
Jain Yoga  
**Christopher Miller** (University of Zürich)
- *Ahiṃsā* in Practice: Jain Contributions to the Ethics of Yoga  
**Corinna May Lhoir** (University of Hamburg)
- Continuity and Adaptation: Authenticity, Authority, and the Making  
of Jain Yoga by Yaśovijaya  
**Alba Rodriguez Juan** (University of California-Riverside)

11:00 am - 12:30 pm Room 3.01

Session #13: Yoga, Media and Messages

Chair: To be determined

- Performing Yoga in Fiction: From ‘Yoghis to ‘rNal ‘byor pas’—with Reference to the Earliest Tibetan Novel in a European Language  
**Samuel Thévoz** (University of Vienna)
- Mystical Experiences Captured in Paintings: Adaptations of Hindu Visual Culture in the First Yoga School in Chile (1930-1940)  
**Macarena Gonzalez** (Pontifical Catholic University of Chile)
- Reviving True Hinduism through Yoga: Swami Nithyananda and the Pursuit of Authority  
**Jaroslav Zapart** (Jagiellonian University in Kraków)

11:00 am - 12:30 pm Room 3.03

Session #14: Adverse Meditation and Yoga Experiences

Chair: To be determined

- Kundalini Syndrome Narratives: Contemporary Accounts of Challenging Spiritual Practice Experiences  
**Jack Saxelby-Smith** (The Open University)
- The Kundalini Syndrome: Treatments at the San Francisco-based Kundalini Clinic  
**Marleen Thaler** (University of Graz)
- Kuṇḍalinī and the Many Spiritual Emergencies  
**Sravana Borkatoky-Varma** (University of Houston) & **Anya Foxen** (California Polytechnic State University)

2:00 - 4:00 pm Auditorium 250

### Session #16: New Research on Mantras & Yoga III

Chair: Véronique Bouillier (CNRS, Cesah)

- **Soft Powers: Affect and the Re-mediation of Gaṇeśa in Transnational Bhakti Yoga**  
**Borayin Larios** (University of Vienna)
- **Visual and Material Culture of Yogis and Mantra**  
**Seth Powell** (Yogic Studies)
- **Living through Mantras: Mantras among Contemporary Hindu Ascetics**  
**Daniela Bevilacqua** (University Institute of Lisbon)
- **Not Giving a Damn: Mexican Mantras for a Postmodern Yogic Path**  
**Adrián Muñoz** (The College of Mexico)

2:00 - 4:00 pm Auditorium 150

### Session #17: Shifting Worlds: Focal Practices

Chair: To be determined

- **Discerning Expertise is a Fundamental Human Skill**  
**Marcus Braun** (Institute of Biotechnology of the Czech Academy of Sciences)
- **On the (Extra)ordinariness of Belts and Blocks. What Can Extended Cognition Tell Us about the Use of Props in āsana Practice?**  
**Matylda Ciołkosz** (Jagiellonian University)
- **Tracing the Genealogies of Somatic Yoga**  
**Laura Von Ostrowski** (University of Hamburg)
- **Balancing Act: The Importance of Epistemological Equilibrium as an Enactive Skill for Yoga Transmission**  
**Theo Wildcroft** (Open University)

2:00 - 4:00 pm Room 3.01

## Session #18: Navigation of Social Change

Chair: To be determined

- **Connecting Dots: From a Search in Secret India, through Sheilism to Saint Culture**  
**Suzanne Newcombe** (Open University)
- **Yoga in the Times of Transition: The First Decade of Iyengar Yoga in Poland (1984-1994)**  
**Iwona Kozłowiec** (Independent researcher in Poland)
- **The Bricolage Roots of Yoga under the Polish People's Republic: Leon Zawadzki and the Dynamics of Cultural Transfer**  
**Agata Świerzowska** (Jagiellonian University in Krakow)
- **Omwashing & Yoga**  
**Sheena Sood** (Delaware Valley University)

2:00 - 4:00 pm Room 3.03

## Session #19: Menstruation and Yoga and Tantra

Chair: To be determined

- **From Ambiguous Power to Powerful Ambiguity: Menstruation among Tantra Practitioners in India**  
**Monika Hirmer** (University of Erlangen-Nuremberg)
- **Beyond Menstruation in Yoga and Jainism**  
**Ruth Westoby** (OCHS)
- **Case Study of Menstrual Practices from Hindu Women in Varanasi**  
**Daphnée Dion-Carrier** (Université Laval)
- **Bloating, Slowness, Heaviness: Menstrual Rhythms in the Ashtanga Movementscape**  
**Marissa Clarke** (University of Edinburgh)

4:30 - 6:00 pm Auditorium 250

Session #20: History of Kuṇḍalinī

Chair: Ruth Westoby (OCHS)

- **The *Ṣaṭcakranirṇaya*: A Kashmiri Yoga Text on the Rise of Kuṇḍalinī**  
**Nils Jacob Liersch** (Philipps University of Marburg)
- **Vivekananda's Ninth Auxiliary**  
**Scott Lamps** (School of Oriental and African Studies)
- **The Serpent in the Marketplace: Global Gurus and the Competition for Authentic Kuṇḍalinī**  
**Sravana Borkataky-Varma** (University of Houston) & **Any Foxen** (California Polytechnic State University)

4:30 - 6:00 pm Auditorium 150

Session #21: Localization: Indian Regional Traditions

Chair: Michal Panasiuk (Inalco)

- **From Manuscript to Book: A Bengali Witness to the Transmission of the *Śivasamhitā***  
**Peter Pasedach** (University of Hamburg)
- **Is There Another Lotus within the *Sahasrāra*?**  
**Lubomír Ondračka** (University of Oxford)
- **She Whose Speech is True: The Yoga Library and Œuvre of Om Prakash Swamigal**  
**Keith Cantù** (Harvard Divinity School)

4:30 - 6:00 pm Room 3.01

## Session #22: Localization: The Muslim World

Chair: Alexandre Toumarkine (Inalco, Cermom)

- **Breath, Rhythm, and Union: Dialogues of Yoga and Sufi Music in Pakistan's Spiritual Landscape**  
**Aziz Ullah** (SZABIST)
- **Mapping Discursive Shifts: Representations of Yoga in Turkish Public Discourse (1930s–2000s)**  
**Gülnihal Özdener** (Yildiz Technical University)
- **Quantum Method Yoga: Scientific Meditation and the Making of Modern Middle-Class Spiritual Selves in Bangladesh**  
**Akhi Hossain** (University of Tübingen) & **Carola Lorea** (University of Tübingen)

4:30 - 6:00 pm Room 3.03

## Session #23: Twentieth-Century Yoga

Chair: To be determined

- **Harnessing the Mind: Yoga, Hypnotism, and Relaxation Culture in 1950s Britain**  
**Victoria Addinall** (Independent Author in UK)
- **Kripalu Yoga and the Roots of Flow: Movement, *prāṇa*, and Absorption in Modern Yoga**  
**Adriana Maldonado** (Open University)
- **Come for the Stretching, Stay for the Gods: The Pedagogy, Politics and Power of the Gods in Modern Postural Yoga**  
**Samuel Horsley** (University of Edinburgh)

# Friday

MAY 29

8:30 - 10:30 pm Auditorium 250

Session #25: Yoga for Śaivas: The Śivadharma tradition (7th–16th centuries)

Chair: Hugo David (EFEO, GREI)

- Translating Yoga for Śaivas: the case of the *Civatarumōttaram*  
**Renato Davalos** (CNRS, Cesah)
- Who are the Śivayogins? An Investigation in Sanskrit Sources  
**Florinda De Simini** (University of Naples)
- Who are the Śivayogins? Notes from the Tamil South  
**Margherita Trento** (CNRS/IFP, Cesah)
- From *prāṇa* to *śakti*: The Emergence of the Central Channel in Tantric Yoga  
**Judit Törzsök** (EPHE)

8:30 - 10:30 pm Auditorium 150

Session #26: Yoga in Contemporary India I

Chair: Mark Singleton (School of Oriental and African Studies)

- Yoga as an Academic Discipline in Indian Public Universities: Practical Challenges, Political Issues  
**Raphaël Voix** (CNRS, Cesah)
- Sectarian Transmission of Yoga in Contemporary India: The Lakulish Yoga University (Ahmedabad)  
**Pamela Warner** (EHESS)
- The Political Evolution of Sri Aurobindo's Integral Yoga in Postcolonial India  
**Sudipta Mohanty** (EHESS, Cesah)

8:30 - 10:30 pm Room 50

Session #27: Maps, Mats, Meals & Marketing

Chair: To be determined

- The Map, the Territory, and the Reason for Travelling: Lessons from *Yogalands*  
**Paul Bramadat** (University of Victoria)
- Does the Mat Matter? Investigating the Materiality of Yoga Practice in the *Bhagavadgītā*  
**Adheesh Sathaye** (University of British Columbia)
- Are Onions Worse than Meat? Modernizing Yoga through Vegetarian Morality  
**Beatrix Hauser** (University of Bremen)
- Food for Non-Thought: The Evolving Role of Diet in Yoga Texts  
**Zoe Slatoff** (Loyola Marymount University)
- Logos and Lotuses: Authority and the Cultural Work of Marketing Yoga  
**Christa Kuberry** (FinAbility)

8:30 - 10:30 pm Room 3.03

Session #28: Sites & Texts

Chair: To be determined

- Bodymind as a Cognitive Tool in Pratyabhijñā Philosophy of Nondual Śaivism of Kashmir  
**Anna Freud** (School of Oriental and African Studies)
- Archaeologies of Ecstasy: Yoginīs and the Hidden Histories of Yoga  
**Vineet Gairola** (Indian Institute of Technology)
- ‘Yogic Bhakti’ in Early Modern Vernacular Nāth and Sant Literature  
**Hunter Hill** (University of Oxford)
- Selective Reception: Herman Walter and the Shaping of *haṭhayoga* in German Indology (1890–1935)  
**Anja Nikodem** (University of Tartu)

11:00 am - 12:30 pm Auditorium 250

Session #29: New Research on Mantras & Yoga IV

Chair: Saarthak Singh (EFEO, GREI)

- **Mantram, Posture and Siddhi in South Indian Martial Art**  
**Lucy May Constantini** (University of Vienna)
- **Swami Sivananda's Japa Yoga: Framing Mantra Practice as a Form of Yoga**  
**Gudrun Bühnemann** (University of Wisconsin Madison)
- **Sikh Kirtan Parampara and Maryada: Dueling Claims to Authority in Revival of Sikh Music Tradition**  
**Nirinjan Kaur Khalsa-Baker** (Loyola Marymount University)

11:00 am - 12:30 pm Auditorium 150

Session #30: Yoga in Contemporary India II

Chair: Nicolas Dejenne (Université Sorbonne Nouvelle-Paris 3)

- **Authenticity, Authority and Adaptation: Yoga, Bhakti and the Radhasoami Tradition**  
**Diana Dimitrova** (University of Montreal)
- **Mother Nation: The Healthy Female Body in Contemporary India**  
**Ida Pajunen** (University of Oxford)
- **Yoga between Authenticity and Commodification: Politics and Postcolonial Dynamics in Globalized Yoga Practices**  
**Anna Kraemer** (University of Cologne)

11:00 am - 12:30 pm Room 50

Session #31: Worldviews and Contexts

Chair: To be determined

- **Towards a Typology of Yogic Worldviews**  
**Janne Kontala** (Abo Akademi University)
- **Authenticity and Authority on the Margins: The Muslim Jogis (Yogis) as Tantric Healers, Bards, and Islamic Practitioners**  
**Mukesh Kumar** (University of Zurich)
- **Desmond Dunne's 'Yogism' of the 1960s: Psychologization and Secularization of Yoga**  
**Magdalena Kraler** (University of Vienna)

11:00 am - 12:30 pm Room 3.03

Session #32: Polarization

Chair: Theo Wildcroft (Open University)

- **Yoga, Mind and Body Relations: An Experience of Yoga in Argentinian Prisons**  
**Victoria D'hers** (University of Buenos Aires)
- **Altar of Fire: Authenticity and Agency in Visual Anthropology**  
**Sabbi Lall** (Harvard Divinity School)
- **Can Christians Practice Yoga?**  
**Allyson Huval** (Georgetown University)
- **Yoga, Fascists, Activists and Scholars: Asymmetries of Misinformation**  
**Daniel Simpson** (Independent Scholar)

2:00 - 4:00 pm Auditorium 250

Session #34: Echoes of the *Yogasūtra*

Chair: Thibaut D'Hubert (Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität)

- How did God Enter Yoga Philosophy?  
**Knut Axel Jacobsen** (University of Bergen)
- Ethics and the Authentication of Authority in Yogic Traditions  
**Brett Parris** (University of Oxford)
- Realizing the Self in Integration, Not Separation: Bhakti Appropriations of the Pātañjala Yoga Model of Liberation  
**Eileen Goddard** (University of California-Santa Barbara)
- Rājayoga in the 17th century  
**Jérôme Petit** (BnF, GREI)

2:00 - 4:00 pm Auditorium 150

Session #35: Round Table on Expanding Epistemologies

Chair: Suzanne Newcombe (Open University)

- **Ruth Westoby** (OCHS)
- **Theo Wildcroft** (Open University)
- **Dagmar Wujastyk** (University of Alberta)
- **Lucy May Constantini** (University of Vienna)
- **Borayin Larios** (University of Vienna)
- **Carola Lorea** (University of Tübingen)
- **Marissa Clarke** (University of Edinburgh)

2:00 - 4:00 pm Room 50

Session #36: Yoga in the US Academy

Chair: To be determined

- The Academic Study of Yoga  
**Christopher Chapple** (Loyola Marymount University)
- Building and Maintaining an Academic Yoga Studies Program at a Publicly Funded Community College  
**Kari Ross-Berry** (Southwestern College)
- Yoga Studies MA Program at Naropa University  
**Ben Williams** (Associate Professor, Naropa University)
- The Development of Sri Aurobindo Studies in Contemporary Academia: Texts, Archives, Institutions, and Transcultural Networks  
**Devdip Ganguli** (California Institute of Integral Studies, San Francisco)

2:00 - 4:00 pm Room 3.03

Session #37: Localization: Yoga in Scandinavia

Chair: To be determined

- Conspirituality in the Finnish Yoga Scene  
**Kia Andell** (Åbo Akademi)
- Yoga Practitioners in Finland  
**Måns Broo** (Åbo Akademi)
- Trans and Nonbinary In/Visibility in Finnish Yoga  
**Ella Poutiainen** (Åbo Akademi)
- Yoga in Norwegian Kindergartens: What Is It, and Who Is It For?  
**Marie Glasø Glein** (Queen Maud University College)

4:30 - 6:00 pm Auditorium 250

Session #38: Keynote address by Sunila Kale & Christian Novetzke:  
“Sovereignty, Boycott and Struggle: The Three Registers of  
Political Yoga”

Chair: Raphaël Voix (CNRS, Cesah)

Closing Remarks & Thank yous

YDYS 2026 Organizing Committee: Raphaël Voix, Suzanne  
Newcombe, Theo Wildcroft, Pamela Warner, Amandine Wattelier-  
Bricout, Ruth Westoby

7:30 pm - Midnight

Dinner cruise on the Seine - on registration (100 person max)

Embarkation point: Quai d'Austerlitz, boat “Le Signature”

# Saturday

MAY 30

10:00 am - 12:00 pm Room 100

YDYS Meeting to discuss:

- Futures YDYS Conferences,
- YogaResearch.org,
- Association Discussion

2:00 pm

Guided Visit to Two Parisian Research Institutions (Advance reservation required)

*Meeting Departure Point:*

*Metro Front Populaire in front of Centre des Colloques with Ananda Ceballos (Group A) and Pamela Warner (Group B)*

2:30 - 4:00 pm

- Group A:  
Visit to **Custodia Foundation: Indian Miniatures collection, with Rhea Sylvia Blok**
- Group B:  
Visit to **Bibliothèque nationale de France: Special Collections of the Sanskrit Manuscripts, with Jérôme Petit**

4:30 - 6:00 pm

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# Sunday

MAY 31

8:00 am

*Meeting Departure Point:*

*Gare de Lyon Hall 1, in front of "Voie M"*

All day

Hiking on the '25 bosses' and/or Bouldering on the 'cul du Chien'  
(by registration, no limit)