

Satsaṅga-Dīkṣā

EXPLORING A MODERN-DAY SCRIPTURE

Faculty of Divinity, University of Cambridge

Friday 17 January 2025

10:00 AM – 10:15 AM	Arrival and Coffee	
10:15 AM – 10:30 AM	Opening Remarks	
10:30 AM – 11:00 AM	<i>Satsaṅga-Dīkṣā: A Manual to Mokṣa</i>	Ankur Barua (University Senior Lecturer in Hindu Studies, Faculty of Divinity, University of Cambridge, UK) Tilak Parekh (PhD Candidate, Faculty of Divinity, University of Cambridge, UK)
11:00 AM – 11:30 AM	<i>Ājñā, Upāsanā, and Brahmabhāva: Ethical Subjectivity and the “Good Life” in the Satsaṅga-Dīkṣā</i>	Puja-Arti Patel (PhD researcher on the Vulnerable State project, Department of Sociology, University of Warwick, UK)
11:30 AM – 11:45	Break	
11:45 PM – 12:15 PM	<i>Satsaṅga-Dīkṣā and Ethical Finance</i>	Atul Shah FCA (Visiting Lecturer, School of Policy and Global Affairs, City University of London, UK) Thomas Awad (Graduate Student, Faculty of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, University of Oxford, UK)
12:15 PM – 12:45 PM	<i>Satsaṅga-Dīkṣā: Ritualised Readings and Material Forms</i>	Avni Chag (Assistant Professor of Hindu Studies, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, Netherlands) Kush Depala (PhD Candidate, South Asia Institute, University of Heidelberg, Germany)
12:45 PM – 1:15 PM	<i>Satsaṅga-Dīkṣā and Śrī Haribhaktivilāsa</i>	Mans Broo (Senior Lecturer, Department of Comparative Religion, Åbo Akademi University, Finland)
1:15 PM – 2:15 PM	Lunch	
2:15 PM – 2:45 PM	<i>Pragmatic Pluralism in the Satsaṅga-Dīkṣā: Understanding the Self to Respect the Other</i>	Kalpesh Bhatt (Assistant Professor, Classics, Philosophy, and Religion, University of Mary Washington, USA)
2:45 PM – 3:15 PM	<i>The Language of Vedanta in the Satsaṅga-Dīkṣā</i>	Arun Brahmabhatt (Assistant Professor, Religion, Syracuse University, USA)

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3:15 PM – 3:45 PM	<i>Ghar Sabha: A Micro-Collective Practice Prescribed in the Satsaṅga-Dīkṣā</i>	Aarti Patel (Assistant Professor, Religious Studies and South Asian History, Penn State University, USA)
3:45 PM – 4:00 PM	Break	
4:00 PM – 4:30 PM		Karen O'Brien-Kop (Lecturer in Modern Asian Religions, King's College London, UK)
4:30 PM – 5:00 PM	<i>Exploring the Satsaṅga-Dīkṣā as a Universal Religious Text</i>	James Hegarty (Professor of the Religions of South Asia, Cardiff University, UK)
5:00 PM – 5:30 PM	Keynote Address	Bhadreshdas Swami (Head, BAPS Swaminarayan Research Institute, New Delhi, India)
6:00 PM – 7:30 PM	Dinner	