

Indian Literature Lecture Series: First Talk

Introducing Early Buddhist Literature: The Pali Canon and the *Dhammapada*

Guest Speaker: Dr. Deepak K. Nair (Assistant Professor, Department of History, R.N.A.R. College, L.N. Mithila University, Bihar)

Date & Time: 07.10.2024, Monday, 13.30

Location: Öğrenci Merkezi Hy-Flex 09, Zoom

We are delighted to kick off our "Indian Literature Lecture Series" with Dr. Deepak K. Nair, who will explore the early Buddhist literary tradition, focusing on the Pali Canon and the Dhammapada. Dr. Nair's insights will bring to light the teachings of the Buddha, as captured in one of Buddhism's most cherished texts. The lecture series is part of our new elective course LIT470: Introduction to Indian Literature. All are welcome to take the class or audit it.

About the Lecture:

The 6th century BCE was a transformative period across the Indian subcontinent, with Buddhism and Jainism emerging as significant currents that challenged existing Brahmanical practices. Dr. Nair's lecture will guide us through the Buddha's discourses, compiled in the Pali Canon. The discussion will center around the Dhammapada, a collection of ethical verses that encapsulates the heart of Buddhist philosophy. This talk will explore the timeless principles found in the Dhammapada, highlighting its universal appeal and ongoing relevance.

Speaker Profile:

Dr. Deepak K. Nair completed his Ph.D. in Ancient History and Archaeology at Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. With a deep interest in ancient ceramics, Indian Ocean trade, Buddhism, and Indian art, Dr. Nair has published extensively in the fields of archaeology and environmental history. Currently, he serves as Assistant Professor and Head of the History Department at R.N.A.R. College, Bihar.

Why Attend?

This lecture offers a unique opportunity to explore early Buddhist texts through an expert lens. Join us to deepen your understanding of Buddhism's literary tradition and its place in the broader landscape of Indian literature.

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