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- Invited Sessions
- Round-Tables
- Society Meetings
- Plenary Sessions
- Endowed Lectures
- Symposia
- Student Sessions



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SECTIONS (Tentative)

1. Origins of Asian Philosophy
2. Philosophy in Asia: Contemporary Issues
3. Comparative Philosophy
4. Buddhism: Tradition, History and Philosophy
5. Vedic Hinduism: Retrospect and Prospects
6. Regional Traditions of Philosophy: Formation of Schools
7. The Social Issues: Their Philosophical Dimensions
8. Psychology in Asian Traditions
9. Philosophy and Culture in Asia
10. Philosophy and Politics in Asia
11. Asian Philosophy of Values
12. Philosophy and Literature
13. Philosophy of Religion in Asia
14. Philosophy of Science in Asia
15. Jainism: Tradition, History and Philosophy

ASIAN PHILOSOPHY

Prologue to the Congress

We are pleased to announce that the First Asian Philosophy Congress is scheduled to be held at the Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi, during March 6-9, 2010. We invite you to participate in it and join us in reflecting on the rich intellectual traditions of the East.

Asia is the land of many traditions and the home of several major religions of the world. Yet there is some distinctiveness about Asian philosophies. It is that Asian philosophies are intimately tied to life itself rather than removed from it. Philosophy is not understood in the sense of a purely intellectual pursuit. Rather it is laced with the beliefs and practices of people. Thus the intellectual tapestry in this part of the world is an interesting blend of thought and practices. For this reason it is sometimes misunderstood as religious thought and not philosophy proper. For example, the German philosopher Edmund Husserl denigrated the Indian, Chinese and other Asian Philosophies which he thought fostered a mythical-religious attitude that sets practical goals.

Asian philosophies are intrinsically applied. For example, we find in India philosophy embedded in multiple disciplines medical (*Caraka-samhita*), politics and economics (Kautilya's *Arthashastra*), art (Bharata's *Natyasastra*), law (Manu's *Dharma-sastra*) and so on. Philosophy is quintessentially a wisdom discipline. Its goal is improving human conditions and seeking perfection to the person.

In some ways, the exposure to Western thought, instead of expanding the base and scope of Asian philosophies tended to narrow their field. In the process, they seem to have lost their identity along with the erosion of their cultural base. This Congress is an attempt to explore the common roots of Asian thought and the manifest diversities as distinct branches growing out of the same roots. In this search for Asian identity we hope that we learn on the one hand the rich and yet diverse contributions of the constituent traditions of Asia and on the other hand their binding commonalities. The emerging perception of unity in diversity would, we hope, help build the intellectual bond that binds together the people of the continent.

The Indian Council of Philosophical Research (ICPR) took the initiative to organize the First Asian Philosophy Congress. This is not a one-time event but to be followed by successive conferences to be held in different countries of Asia. The co-sponsors of this event include UNESCO, NEW Delhi office, Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan (Deemed University), New Delhi, ICCR, New Delhi, Somaiya Institute, Mumbai, Nav Nalanda Mahavihara (Deemed University), Nalanda (Bihar) and other sister organizations.

The congress will consist of invited lectures and special symposia with presentations by eminent persons and researchers from various academic and research institutes across the Continent, as well as contributed papers by International scholars. The Congress will conclude with discussions to create the necessary institutional structure and a permanent secretariat for promoting Asian philosophies in perpetuity.

IMPORTANT DATES

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| Proposal Submission Deadline | 30th Dec 2009 |
| Registration Last Date | 15th Jan 2010 |
| Paper Submission Deadline | 30th Jan 2010 |
| On-line Registration Closing | 30th Jan 2010 |

For online registration and submission of abstract please log on - www.asianphilosophy.org

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SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACT

Participants are requested to send an abstract not exceeding 250 words mentioning the section of their choice to **Secretary General of the Asian Philosophy Congress by 30 January 2010** by e-mail : info@asianphilosophy.org

Registration Fee Schedule is given below:

| | Prior to | After the 30th Jan 2010 till 15th Feb. 2010 |
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| Delegate (Foreign) | \$. 150/- (USA) | \$. 200/- (USA) |
| Delegate (Foreign) Accompanying Person | \$. 150/- (USA) | \$. 200/- (USA) |
| Delegate | Rs.1000/- | Rs.1500/- |
| Student Delegate | Rs.750/- | Rs.1000/- |
| Accompanying Person | Rs.1000/- | Rs.1500/- |

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Section in which the paper is to be presented
Title of the paper (14 PT BOLD, CENTERED)
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Department Name, Institute Name and Address (10 Point, Normal), E-mail : (9-Point, Normal)
The one-page abstract should be typed in 12 point, Times New Roman, normal font, single line spacing MS word 2003 format.
Use A4 size paper with margins-top:1inch; bottom:1inch; left:1.25 inches; and right:1.25 inches.
Strictly following this format is essential to ensure uniformity in the printing of the abstract. The official language of the Conference is **ENGLISH** and all abstracts must be in English.

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THE FIRST ASIAN PHILOSOPHY CONGRESS 2010

MARCH 6-9, 2010

Name : Prof./Dr./Mr./Ms. Male Female

Affiliation:.....

Mailing Address : Pin/Zip:.....

Phone : Email : Fax:.....

Participation : Delegate Student From Industry

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Paper Presentation : No / Yes Oral Poster (For online Registration please visit : www.asianphilosophy.org)

Paper/ Lecture/ Title

Accommodation Required Yes No

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