



# Sanskrit Reading Room

Department of Languages and Cultures of South Asia & School of History, Religions and Philosophies, SOAS.

**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2018, 3-5pm**

**Session 9: Dr Vincenzo Vergiani**  
University of Cambridge

## *Excerpts from Bharṭṛhari's Vākyapadīya*

In this session we will read the first 44 verses of the *Sādhanaśamuddeśa*, from the third book of the *Vākyapadīya* of Bharṭṛhari. Dr Vergiani has been studying this text for many years and will shortly be publishing a translation and study, including the commentary of Helārāja.

Dr Vergiani will provide some context for Bharṭṛhari and present his views on language and knowledge. He will also introduce Pāṇini and the kāraka system, which is largely the topic of the chapter. We will read the text and have an opportunity for questions and discussion.

**Room Meet 116, Main Building, SOAS**

**Please note we will only be making this text available to session participants.**

**An audio-recording of the session will be made.**

**Brief Bio:** Vincenzo Vergiani is Senior Lecturer in Sanskrit at the Faculty of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, University of Cambridge. His main areas of research are the Sanskrit grammatical traditions and the history of linguistic ideas in ancient South Asia. In 2011-2014 he launched and directed the project "The intellectual and religious traditions of South Asia as seen through the Sanskrit manuscript collections of the University Library, Cambridge" (<http://sanskrit.lib.cam.ac.uk/>).

He has co-edited *Studies in the Kāśikāvṛtti. The section on pratyāhāras. Critical edition, translation and other contributions* (2009), *Bilingual Discourse and Cross-Cultural Fertilisation: Sanskrit and Tamil in Medieval India* (2013), and *Indic Manuscript Cultures through the Ages. Material, Textual, and Historical Investigations* (2017). At present he is working on the translation and study of the *Sādhanaśamuddeśa*, the chapter on the factors of action in the third book of Bharṭṛhari's *Vākyapadīya*.

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