



The Jagiellonian University Institute for the Study of Religions and
the SOAS Centre of Yoga Studies
invite you to participate in the international academic conference:

Yoga darśana, yoga sādhana: methods, migrations, mediations

Kraków, 18th-21st May 2022.

Call for papers

Yoga darśana, yoga sādhana: methods, migrations, mediations. This conference is aimed at reviewing and discussing recent developments in the field of Yoga Studies, following on from the first successful international yoga conference held under this name in 2016.

During the last five years we have witnessed an increasing amount of state-of-the-art research on yoga, employing methods from humanities, social sciences, and beyond. The application of new theories and methods to the study of yoga has been accompanied by the emergence of new research areas. Emerging areas of interest include explorations of the sociopolitical entanglements of yoga, social dynamics of yoga communities, local (especially non-anglophone) transformations of yoga, and technologies mediating the transmission of yoga.

We believe it is time once again to come together as an international community of academics to continue interdisciplinary dialogue on yoga in all of its manifestations. Together we will discuss the methods applied in yoga studies, the pathways of yoga's migration across the globe, the social and technological factors mediating its transnational flow, as well as yoga's role as a mediator in social relations and social change.

We plan to meet once again in the very centre of Kraków to share our research during face-to-face interactions, in a hopefully post-pandemic reality. However, we would like to make the conference accessible to those who are not able to attend in person. Please let us know if attending in person is not likely to be possible to you when you submit your abstract.

Keynote speakers:

The conference will feature keynote lectures by:

Amanda Lucia (University of California-Riverside), Meera Nanda (formerly IISER Pune) and Shameem Black (Australian National University)

We invite you to submit paper proposals related to, but not restricted to, the following thematic fields:

- Theories and methodologies in yoga studies
- Transnational flow of yoga
- Local variations of yoga
- Yoga and language - philology, linguistics, and textual analysis
- Yoga, the mind, and cognition
- Yoga and decolonisation
- Yoga and strategies of legitimisation
- Social dynamics in yoga milieus
- Access, affiliation and inclusion in yoga
- Power and abuse in yoga
- Scholar-practitioner challenges
- Yoga and nationalism
- Yoga, democracy, and social change
- Technologies of yoga
- Yoga and modern technology
- Change and challenges during the pandemic

Submission guidelines:

Please submit proposals through the event link on our conference website

<https://ydys2022.org/>

The time scheduled for paper presentations is 20 minutes, with 10 additional minutes for discussion and questions. Papers should be presented in English.

Each paper proposal should include:

- Name, affiliation, and degree(s) of the author/presenter
- Paper abstract in English (not longer than 1,400 characters with spaces or 250 words).
- Optionally, a short list of references (not included in the word limit)

Please do not submit multiple abstracts; only one abstract per person will be considered. We will group papers into sessions with thematic continuity where possible. Our submission deadline is 31st October 2021.

For questions and information please contact: ydys.confer@gmail.com

Proposals will be evaluated by the organising committee and you will receive a response by 31st December 2021.

Conference date: **18th-21st May 2022.**

Participation fees (payable upon paper acceptance, until 31st January 2022):

- Regular fee for presenters: 100 EUR / 460 PLN
- Reduced fee for presenters (students): 75 EUR / 345 PLN

We look forward to seeing you in Kraków!

The organising committee:

- Vicky Addinall, MA Candidate, SOAS University of London
- Matylda Ciołkosz, Assistant Professor, Institute for the Study of Religions, Jagiellonian University
- Borayin Larios, Assistant Professor, Department of South Asian, Tibetan and Buddhist Studies, University of Vienna
- Suzanne Newcombe, PhD, The Open University and Inform, based at King's College London
- Raphaël Voix, Anthropologist. Senior fellow at the CNRS, French Institute of India (UMIFRE 21 CNRS-MEAE), Pondicherry
- Ruth Westoby, MA, Doctoral Candidate, SOAS University of London
- Theodora Wildcroft, PhD, Co-ordinator, SOAS Centre for Yoga Studies
- Amelia Wood, MA, Doctoral Candidate, SOAS University of London