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Dipartimento di Lingue, Lettere e
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Visiting Scientist/Professor
Programme
PhD Course in Philological and
Literary, Historical and Cultural
Studies

2019 Indological Summer School

PĀṆINI'S SANSKRIT GRAMMAR:

FOCUS ON THE VEDIC DESCRIPTIVE PATTERN OF SUBSTITUTION

Venue:

via Is Mirrionis, 1 - Cagliari
Room n° 10 - Ground Floor

Dates:

3rd–15th June 2019

Timetable:

h. 9.30-11.00;
11.30-13.00;
15.00-16.30

Teachers:

Prof. Maria Piera Candotti, Dipartimento di Civiltà e Forme del Sapere, Univ. of Pisa, Italy
Prof. Malhar Kulkarni, Indian Institute of Technology, Univ. of Bombay, India (Visiting Prof. in Cagliari)
Prof. Tiziana Pontillo, Dipartimento di Lingue, Lettere e Beni Culturali, Univ. Cagliari, Italy

Course outline:

Pāṇini's grammar has intrigued and sometimes deeply influenced modern linguistics from its first receptions in Saussure and Bloomfield to the more recent acknowledgements of his importance as in Chomsky's 1965 definition of the *Aṣṭādhyāyī* as a "generative grammar, in essentially the contemporary sense of this term". In this course students will gain a grounding in the several sections of Pāṇini's grammar through intensive reading sessions which will concentrate on sequences of rules devoted to specific topics.

The original descriptive method adopted by Pāṇini will be the main focus, but the course will be punctuated by the testimony of earliest commentaries, aiming at leading the students to improve their specific skills in translating technical Sanskrit sources. Special attention will be paid to the complex substitution system (zero-replacement included) — with some hints on the importance of this model both within the larger background of Vedic technical literature and in comparison with other linguistic models.

No fees are requested.

No prior knowledge of Pāṇini's grammar is assumed, but a solid grounding in Sanskrit is requested.

Working material (in particular the *Aṣṭādhyāyī*) will be provided during the course in electronic or print form.

Admission: max. 15 students

Deadline for registration: the relevant form has to be filled and sent by **March 30th, 2019** to pontillo@unica.it
(<http://dipartimenti.unica.it/filologialetteraturaelinguistica/summer-school/>)