



Ancient Indian History as seen in the Oldest Indian Texts, **Rigveda & Sangam**

Common Room, 2 Divinity Ave., Cambridge, MA

Friday, May 5

*Workshop sponsored by
the Harvard Yenching Institute*

10:00—Welcome by Prof. Zhen Liu (Fudan University)
and Michael Witzel (Harvard University)

10:10—Lecture by Prof. P. Marudanayagam
(Central Institute of Classical Tamil, Chennai):
Poetry of Indirection: Tolkaappiyam and Sangam Classics

11:30—Lecture by Prof. Werner Knobl (Kyoto University):
Poetic Techniques of the Rigveda

14:00—Lecture by Prof. Eijiro Doyama (Osaka
University): *Translating Rigvedic India*

15:00—Lecture by Dr. Sudalaimuthu Palaniappan
(South Asia Research and Information Institute, Dallas):
*From Priestess to Performer: Understanding the
History of Tamil Temple Women*

16:00—Coffee Break & General Discussion

Saturday, May 6

*Continuation of the workshop
with public lectures*

15:00
Public Lecture by Prof. P. Marudanayagam
(Central Institute of Classical Tamil, Chennai):
Ancient Tamil Culture: its Uniqueness

16:00
Public Lecture by Jonathan Ripley (Harvard University):
On old Tamil literature

16:45
Public Lecture by Dr. Sudalaimuthu Palaniappan (SARII):
*Priest, Drummer, and George Hart:
Correcting Misinterpretations of Caṅkam Tamil Society*

17:30
Questions/Answers session

18:00
Conclusion