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WORKSHOP ON TAMIL EPIGRAPHY October 3 -14, 2005

We are pleased to announce our second workshop on Tamil Epigraphy. The two-week workshop will explore the techniques of reading and interpretation of Tamil inscriptions. This workshop is intended for students and researchers who have little or no previous experience with the discipline.

This workshop aims at studying a selection of Tamil epigraphic texts: Chola, Pallava, Pandya and Vijayanagara dynasties (7th to 16th centuries). Importance of inscriptions as source materials will be highlighted. Emphasis will be given to religious, historical and social issues that are raised in the various types of inscriptions. On the basis of different types of texts light will be shed upon the linguistic features of each one illustrating the corresponding morphological and syntactical characteristics. The affinity of inscriptional language with the Modern Tamil language will be considered. Some attention will be given to the philological study of the personal names.

The course will be taught by Appasamy MURUGAIYAN (EPHE).

Basic knowledge in Tamil is a prerequisite.

AGENDA:

The two-week workshop is programmed as follows: **the first week is compulsory** for all participants and the second week is optional since all the participants cannot extend their stay in Paris. Participants are free to choose.

First week: October Monday 3 till Friday 7, 2005 the workshop will be held from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. (Lunch break) and 14 p.m. to 16.30 p.m.

Second week: October Monday 10 till Friday 14, workshop will be held only in the morning from 9.30 a.m. till 12.30 p.m. The work will focus on discussions, linguistic analysis and translations.

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REGISTRATION:

Since this course is part of the regular seminars, no fee is required but registration is necessary. The participants arrange their own travel to Paris and accommodations. **Deadline for registration is 15 September 2005.** Send your registration and enquiries directly to A.Murugaiyan@wanadoo.fr