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FOURTH INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON TAMIL EPIGRAPHY 17 to 28 September 2007, Paris

We are pleased to announce our fourth international workshop on Tamil Epigraphy. The two-week workshop (**17 to 28 September 2007**) will explore the techniques of reading and interpretation of Tamil inscriptions. The historical and multidisciplinary importance of inscriptions will be highlighted. This workshop is intended for students and researchers who have little or no previous experience with the discipline.

Course coordinator: Appasamy MURUGAIYAN (EPHE-SHP)
Lectures will be given in English.

AGENDA:

Classes will be held from Monday till Friday, morning 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. (Lunch break) and afternoon 14.00 to 16.30 p.m.

First session: Introduction to Tamil epigraphy, introduction to Grantha writing system and the evolution of scripts in Tamil, issues in Tamil and Dravidian historical linguistics.

Second session: Will focus on reading and interpretation of selected inscriptions from Chola, Pallava and Pandya 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. We will arrange special lectures in the afternoon on topics related to Tamil and South Indian studies by invited specialists.

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REGISTRATION:

Since this course is part of the regular seminars, no fee is required but registration is necessary. The participants are requested to find financial assistance from their institution and have to arrange their own travel to Paris and accommodations.

The deadline for registration is 1 September 2007. Send your registration and enquiries directly to: a.murugaiyan@wanadoo.fr