21st INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF VEDANTA

PROGRAM

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10, 2013

Arrive in Dartmouth, MA. Check into Hotels

6:00 – 9:00 PM  INFORMAL SOCIAL AND SAMOSAS/PIZZA, INDIC CENTER CONFERENCE ROOM, VIOLETTE BUILDING, ROOM 201

THURSDAY, JULY 11, 2013

(All meetings will be held in the Woodland Commons Conference Complex)

8:00 – 5:00 PM  Conference Registration Desk Open – Woodland Commons Lobby

8:00 – 9:00 AM  BREAKFAST – WOODLAND LOBBY

9:00 AM  Invocation – Conference Room 1
Vedic Chanting – Gowri Chellappan and AVA students
Conch blowing - Koyel Ghosal

9:15 AM  Benediction:  Swami Yogatmananda, Vedanta Society, Providence, RI

9:20 AM  Welcome and Introduction:   Bal Ram Singh, University of Massachusetts Dartmouth, Conference Director

9:40 AM  Introduction to Honorable Rudrawatee Nan Ramgoolam: Pandit Ramsamooj, 3 R Foundations

9:45 AM  Conference Inauguration: Honorable Rudrawatee Nan Ramgoolam, Consul General of Trinidad and Tobago, New York

10:00 AM  Inaugural Lecture: Conference Room 1
Chair – Sukalyan Sengupta, UMass Dartmouth
Swami Tyagananda – Ramakrishna Vedanta Society of Boston
“Swami Vivekananda’s impact on the interfaith movement”

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10:45 AM  
**Keynote 1 Conference Room 1**  
Asim Chaudhuri, author of *Swami Vivekananda in America: New Findings*  
“Vivekananda: A quintessential servant-leader”

11:20 AM  
**Keynote 2 Conference Room 1**  
Brian Hatcher, Tufts University, Medford, MA  
“Vivekananda’s Practical Vedanta in relation to earlier modes of Brahmo vedantic-theism”

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**11:55 – 1:00 PM**  
**LUNCH – WOODLAND LOBBY**  

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**1:00 – 3:30 PM**

**Session I: Woodland Commons Conference Room 1**

**SWAMI VEVEKANANDA**

**Chair: Ashok Aklujkar, University of British Columbia**

1:00 – 1:30 PM  
Makarand Paranjape, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India  
“Swami Vivekananda and Neovedanta”

1:30 – 2:00 PM  
Swami Yogatmananda, Vedanta Society of Providence, RI  
“Swami Vivekananda’s harmonization of Vedanta and Science”

2:00 – 2:30 PM  
Jeffrey Long, Elizabethtown College, PA  
“Swami Vivekananda and Neovedanta”

2:30 – 3:00 PM  
Sukalyan Sengupta, UMass Dartmouth, MA  
“Swami Vivekananda’s unique style of dissemination of Vedanta”

3:00 – 3:30 PM  
Sukhnandan Singh*, Devasanskrit University, Haridwar, India  
“Uniqueness of Swami Vivekananda’s Vedanta & its relevance”


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 Session II: Woodland Commons Conference Room 3

VEDANTA & VARNA SYSTEM

Chair: Madhusudan Jhaveri, UMass Dartmouth

1:00 – 1:30 PM  Mr. Arnab Ghosal*, Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda University
“Brahmajnanina Eva Braahmanatvam: Vajrasuuchikopanishaddishaa”

1:30 – 2:00 PM  Shavika Mishra, Niraj Ramsamooj, Jasna Maidali, Pavitra Basnet, American Vivekananda Academy
“Vedantic Varna System as practiced in Nepal, Bhutan, and the Caribbean”

2:00 – 2:30 PM  Suresha*, Veda Vijnana Gurukulam
“Verna System In The Light Of Vedanta”

2:30 – 3:00 PM  Pravin Pralayankar*, IGNOU Regional Centre
“Does Bhagavadagita Allow Of Untouchability?”

3:00 – 3:30 PM  Dr. Shailesh Mehta*, Netradeep Eye Hospital
“Holistic vision and Integral living”

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3:30 – 4:00 PM  TEA/COFFEE BREAK – WOODLAND LOBBY

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4:00 – 5:30 PM  Panel Discussion 1: Conference Room 1

 Theme: Relevance of Swami Vivekananda’s message today

 Moderator: Sukalyan Sengupta, UMass Dartmouth, MA

 Panelists:
Swami Tyagananda, Ramakrishna Vedanta Society of Boston, MA
Asim Chaudhuri, Vivekananda scholar, Phoenix, AZ
Makarand Paranjape, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India
Brian Hatcher, Tufts University, Medford, MA
Rajiv Malhotra, Infinity Foundation, NJ

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Panel Discussion 2: Conference Room 3

Theme: Modern Perspective on the Origin of Indian Civilization

Moderator: Bal Ram Singh, University of Massachusetts Dartmouth

Panelists:
Girish Nath Jha, Jawaharlal Nehru University
Kunchapudi Srinivas*, Pondicherry University
Ashok Aklujkar, University of British Columbia
R.P. Singh, Jawaharlal Nehru University

6:00 – 7:00 PM Public Lecture Session 1: Conference Room 1

Chair: Makarand Paranjape, Jawaharlal Nehru University

Rajiv Malhotra, Infinity Foundation

7:30-8:30 PM DINNER – WOODLAND LOBBY

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FRIDAY, JULY 12, 2013

8:00 – 5:00 PM  Conference Registration Desk Open – Woodland Commons Lobby

8:00 – 8:30 AM  BREAKFAST – WOODLAND LOBBY

8:30 AM  Invocation – Conference Room 1
Vedic Chanting – Pavitra Muthu and Shanti Muthu

8:45 – 10:15 AM  Plenary Session 1 – Conference Room 1
Chair: Rama Rao Pappu, Miami University

8:45 – 9:30 AM  Ashok Aklujkar, University of British Columbia
“Rethinking the Early History of Vedanta”

9:30 -10:15 AM  Bina Gupta, University of Missouri, Columbia
“Social Implications of Advaita Vedanta Metaphysical Conception
of Reality as One”

10:15 – 10:30 AM  TEA/COFFEE BREAK – WOODLAND LOBBY

10:30 – 12:30 PM  Session III – Conference Room 1
INDIAN COSMOLOGY & PSYCHOLOGY
Chair: Daya Shankar Tiwary of University of Delhi

10:30 – 10:50 PM  Madhusudan Jhaveri, Center for Indic Studies, UMass Dartmouth
“Essential Cardinal Values of Growth and Harmony”

10:50 – 11:20 PM  Arup Jyoti Sarma*, Tripura University
“The Theory of Causation in Advaitavāda”

11:20 – 11:40 PM  S. R. Krishnamurthy*
“The Vedic Science of Cosmology”

11:40 – 12:00 PM  Ranjan Lata*, Jawaharlal Nehru University
“Bharatiya Srishtivigyana Aura Manovigyana: Samkhya, Yoga
Auraedanta Ke Sandabhabha Mem”

12:00 – 12:20 PM  Prashant Balkrishna Kulkarni, Pune-India
“Dasbodh: A Classic Spiritual Text by Samarth Ramdas Swami, that underlines
importance of Vedas and Vedanta

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Session IV- Woodland Commons Conference Room 3

YOGA & AYURVEDA
Chair: Jeffrey Armstrong, Vedic Academy of Science & Arts

10:30 – 10:55 AM  William Sands, Maharishi University of Management
“State of Yoga vs. Path of Yoga in Maharishi Mahesh Yogi’s Commentary on the Bhagavad-Gita”? 

10:55 – 11:20 AM Talluri Sitarama Haragopal
(Speaker: Vijay Chalivendra, UMass Dartmouth)
“Sanatsujaateeyam”

11:20 – 11:45 AM Paritosh Das*, Jawaharlal Nehru University
“Pranayama and Spirituality: Understanding from Hathayaspatiprakshya”

11:45 – 12:10 PM J.S.R.A. Prasad*, University of Hyderabad
“Holistic Approach of Health in Indian Traditions: The Case of Ayurveda and Yoga”

12:10 – 12:35 PM Madhusudan Jhaveri, Center of Indic Studies, UMass Dartmouth
“Universal Values to Guide a Family”

Session V: Woodland Commons Meeting Room

VARIOUS SCHOOLS OF VEDANTIC PHILOSOPHY
Chair: Raghunath Ghosh, University of North Bengal

10:30 – 10:55 AM Nabanarayan Bandyopadhyay*, Rabindra Bharati University
“Ramakrishna and the Philosophy of the Vedas and Upanishads”

10:55 – 11:20 AM Narayan Dutt Mishra*, Jawaharlal Nehru University
“Upanishatsu Rahasyavadastatprabhavitavicarashca”

11:20 – 11:45 AM Palash Ghorai*, Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda University
“Brrihadaranayakopinashida Savapanatatavam”

11:45 – 12:10 PM Kunchapudi Srinivas*, Pondicherry University
“The Metaphysics of the Beyond”

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12:30 PM

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12:30 – 1:30 PM  LUNCH – WOODLAND LOBBY

1:30 - 4:00 PM

Session VI- Woodland Commons Conference Room 1

SPIRITUALITY & SCIENCE: VEDANTIC PERSPECTIVE
Chair: Soma Basu, Rabindra Bharati University

1:30 – 2:00 PM  R.P.Singh, Jawaharlal Nehru University
“The Notion of Harmony: Vedanta Perspective ”

2:00 – 2:30 PM  Candace Badgett, Global Mother Divine Organization
“Vedanta and the Divine Feminine”

2:30 – 3:00 PM  Mamta Tripathi, Jawaharlal Nehru University
“Concept of Time, Space and Mind in Yogavāsiṣṭha”

3:00 – 3:30 PM  Raja Bandaru, American Academy for the Advancement of Sanskrit
“Purification of Mind”

3:30 – 4:00 PM  Mridul Kirti*, Independent Scholar
“Tyaktena Bhunjitha Idannamama

Session VII- Woodland Commons Conference Room 3

APPLIED ASPECTS OF VEDIC VALUES
Chair: Bhuwan Kumar Jha, University of Delhi

1:30 – 2:00 PM  Nirmala Acharya, Prava Nepal, Biraj Adhikari, Geeta Khanal, Chandra Basnet, American Vivekananda Academy
“American Vivekananda Academy (AVA) Educational Model: A Student’s Perspective”

2:00 – 2:30 AM  Yanu Pokhrel, Niru Chetri, Manisha Chetri and Yasodha Basnet, American Vivekananda Academy
“A Need for Vedic Education and its Assimilation in American Schools”

2:30 – 3:00 PM  Bal Ram Singh, Center for Indic Studies, UMass Dartmouth
“Applying the Knowledge of Yoga and Bhagavad Gita for Science and Health Education”

3:00 – 3:30 PM  R.Venkataraman
“Vedanta in Development of Personality”
3:30 – 4:00 PM  David Scharf, Maharishi University of Management  
“Maharishi Vedanta, Ontology and Fundamental Physics”

Session VIII- Woodland Commons Meeting Room

VEDANTA & CONSCIOUSNESS STUDIES  
Chair: Jerry Solfvin, UMass Dartmouth

1:30 – 1:55 PM  Shashidhara, Center for Scientific Spirituality  
“Ever present State a Scientific Solution to Individual & Global Peace”

1:55 – 2:20 PM  Raghunath Ghosh, University of North Bengal  
“The Advaita Concept of Countentless Cognition: Some Problems”

2:20 – 2:45 PM  Alok Kumar*, District Institute of Education and Training  
“Consciousness under the Phenomenological Microscope: San Kara’s Position”

2:45 – 3:10 PM  Devalina Saikia*, Jawaharlal Nehru University  
“Intuitive Knowledge: Insights from Nyayamanjari and Yogasutras”

3:10 – 3:35 PM  Harish Kukreti*, Jawaharlal Nehru University  
“Shrimadbhaagavad Mahaapuraanasya Vaidikopajivyam  
Puraanavaishishyyanca”

3:35 – 4:00 PM  Maheswara Prasad Kasinadhuni  
Viswa Roopa Darshan Vedantic View of the Universal Vision

4:00 – 4:30 PM  TEA/COFFEE BREAK – WOODLAND LOBBY

4:30 – 6:00 PM  Public Lecture Session II – Conference Room 1

Chair: Madhu Jhaveri

Jeffery Armstrong, Vedic Academy of Science & Arts  
“Vedanta, the Devas and the Removal of Sectarianism from Vedic Culture”

Pandit Ramadheen Ramsamooj, 3 R Foundation and UMass Dartmouth “Vedic Educational Model for Current Times”

6:00 – 7:00 PM  Cultural Program –William MacLean Campus Center Auditorium

7:30 - 8:30 PM  DINNER – MacLEAN CAMPUS CENTER

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SATURDAY, JULY 13, 2013

8:00 – 5:00 PM  Conference Registration Desk Open – Woodland Commons Lobby

8:00 – 9:00 AM  Breakfast – Woodland Commons Lobby

8:30 - 8:45 AM  Vedic Chanting & Invocation – Conference Room 1
Pandit Ramadheen Ramsamooj

8:45 - 10:15 AM  Plenary Session II- Conference Room 1
Chair: R. P. Singh, Jawaharlal Nehru University

Rama Rao Pappu, Miami University
“Religious Conversion: Gandhian-Vedantic Perspectives”

T. S. Rukmani, Concordia University
“Sisupala's Moksa in the Bhagavata Purana: A Critique”

10:15 - 10:30 AM  TEA/COFFEE BREAK – WOODLAND LOBBY

10:30 – 12:35 PM  Session IX- Woodland Commons Conference Room 1

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY IN ANCIENT INDIAN TEXTS
Chair: Girish Nath Jha, Jawaharlal Nehru University

10:30 – 10:55 AM  Soma Basu, Rabindra Bharati University
“śūnava giraḥ: Physical Sciences in the Rigvedic Maruts, the generators of speech”

10:55 – 11:20 AM  Daya Shankar Tiwary, University of Delhi
“Agricultural Science in Sanskrit Literature with Special Reference to
Krishiparashara”

11:20 – 11:45 AM  B. N. Sreedhar*
“Vedic Mathematics”

11:45 – 12:10 PM  Umesh Kumar Singh*, Banaras Hindu University
“Vimanashastra Aura Usaki Pramanikata”

12:10 – 12:35 PM  Suman K. S.*, Jain University
“AyurvedajyoutishashastrayaoH angaangibhaavaH”

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Session X- Woodland Commons Conference Room 3

VARIOUS SCHOOLS OF VEDANTIC PHILOSOPHY II
Chair: Shankarji Jha, Panjab University

10:30 – 10:55 AM  R. Subhalakshmi*, Banaras Hindu University
“Vyakaranadarshane Advaita Samiksha”

10:55 – 11:20 AM  Pramod Kumar Agrawal*, Linguistic Society of India
“Understanding Vedanta by Application of Phonosemantics”

11:20 – 11:45 PM  Dilip Kumar Jaiswal, Delhi University
“Psychological Dimension of Ānanda_Mīmāṁsā in Taittirīya–Upanisad”

11:45 – 12:10 PM  Lal Jadusingh, Independent Scholar
“Indic Non-Dual Traditions and Monotheism Contrasted and the Necessity for Dialogue between Dharmic Traditions”

12:10-12:35  Bhuwan Kumar Jha
Call for Shuddhi—Vedantic model of purification

Session XI- Woodland Commons Meeting Room

INTERPRETAION OF KEY TEXTS OF INDIAN INTELLECTUL TRADITION
AND VEDANTA & ART & MUSIC
Chair: Satya Parayitam, UMass Dartmouth

10:30 – 10:55 AM  Janakisharan*, Shree Somanth Sanskrit University
“Nyaayadarshane Saadhanacatushtayavimarsah”

10:55 – 11:20 AM  Arijit Gupta*, Banaras Hindu University
“Influence of Advaita Vedanta on Sanskrit Rasa Theory”

11:20 – 11:45 AM  Baldev Ram Khandoliyan*, Jawaharlal Nehru University
“Vedāntic View of Kālidās and Deep Ecology”

11:45 – 12:10 PM  Natalia R.Kravchenko* & Vladimir Zaitsev*, National Museum Institute
“Sacredness in the Visionary Universe of Nicholas Roerich”

12:10 – 12:35 PM  Shanti Muthu, Yoga for Happiness, Providence, RI
“Yoga and Indian Dance: Paths to Vedanta”

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Session XII- Woodland Commons Conference Room 1

VARIOUS SCHOOLS OF VEDANTIC PHILOSOPHY-III
Chair: William Sands, Maharishi University of Managment

1:30 – 1:55 PM Shankarji Jha, Panjab University
“Vṛtti (psychosis) in Advaita Vedanta”

1:55 – 2:20 PM Kumar Nochur
“A Survey of the Upanishadic Vidyas”

2:20 – 2:45 PM Smit Gadhia, Jawaharlal Nehru University
“Māyā as mulādvidya (ignorance) in kevalādvaita of ankara and as ontological reality in the Bhakti Vedānta school of Swaminarayan”

2:45 – 3:10 PM Raja Bandaru, American academy for the advancement of Sanskrit
“Road to Happiness”

Session XIII- Woodland Commons Conference Room 3

APPLYING VEDANTA TO MODERN SOCIETY
VEDANTA & INTERFAITH DIALOGUE
VEDANTIC PEDAGOGY
Chair: TS Rukmani, Concordia University

1:30 – 1:55 PM Kamesh Ramakrishna Aiyer*
“Dharma in the Mahabharata as a response to Ecological Crises: A speculation”

1:55 – 2:20 PM Sastry Kumara Swamy Kuppa
“Vedanta and Pedagogy – A Perspective”

2:20 – 2:45 PM Gaichuimeilu Palmei, Jawaharlal Nehru University
“Interfaith dialogue between Vedanta and Christianity on the concept liberation”

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2:45 – 3:10 PM  Satya Parayitam, Center for Indic Studies UMass Dartmouth  
"Wisdom, integrity, and ethics: Lessons from Scriptures and Epics of Ramayana and Mahabharata"

**Session XIV- Woodland Commons Meeting Room**

**VARIOUS SCHOOLS of VEDANTIC PHILOSOPHY**  
**Chair: David Scharf, Maharishi University of Management**

1:30 – 1:55 PM  Adarasupally Nataraju, Assam University  
“Reflexivity and Intentionality of Consciousness”

1:55 – 2:20 PM  Ira Schepetin, New York  
“The Vedantic Sentences Are the Only Means To the Knowledge of the Nondual Self”

2:20 – 2:45 PM  Nalini Devi Misra, Gauhati University Campus  
“Impact of Vedānta thoughts on the teachings of great Vaiṣṇavite Guru ankardeva of Assam”

2:45 – 3:10 PM  Vivek Karmakar*, Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda University  
“Dishatasrīrshatavadah”

3:15 – 3:30 PM  **TEA/COFFEE BREAK – WOODLAND LOBBY**

3:30 - 5:30 PM  **Session XV- Woodland Commons Conference Room 3**  
**HISTORY, VEDANTA & INDIAN CULTURE**  
**Chair: Candace Badgett, Maharishi University of Management**

3:30 – 3:50 PM  Ravi K Jata*  
“Jambudvipa Planet Earth”

3:50 – 4:20 PM  Devaj Ramsamooj, Tanka Regmi, Saradha Gimirey, Anjana, American Vivekananda Academy  
“Historical Journey and Vedic Practice of the Himalayan countries of Nepal and Bhutan from non-foreign rule to Refugees”

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4:20 – 4:40 PM Shankarji Jha, Panjab University
    “Native Place of a Great Advaitin, Mandana Misra”

4:40 – 5:00 PM Ved Mitra Shukla, University Of Delhi
    “Advaita Vedanta in Socio Political Practices of Mahatma Gandhi”

5:00 – 5:20 PM Sanjay Saxena
    “Who commands discipline & authority to know Vedas”

**Session XVI- Woodland Commons Meeting Room**

**LANGUAGE STUDIES, DIGITAL LIBRARIES, ELECTRONIC ACCESS & SEARCH FOR THE TEXTS of VEDANTIC TRADITION**
*Chair: Nalini Devi Misra, Gauhati University*

3:30 – 4:00 PM Girish Nath Jha, Jawaharlal Nehru University
    “Digital Libraries, Electronic Access and Search for the Texts of Vedantic Tradition”

4:00 – 4:30 PM Sobha L., Anna University
    “Computational Analysis of Sanskrit Documents for a Robust Search Engine”

4:30 – 5:00 PM Peter M. Scharf, The Sanskrit Library, and Universite Paris Diderot
    Vedanta texts at the Sanskrit Library

5:00 – 5:30 PM BVK Sastry*, Yoga Samskrutham University
    “Electronic Phylogeny of Vedanta Texts”

**Panel Discussion 3-Woodland Commons Conference Room 1**
An Experiment with SALT Education Model – American Vivekananda Academy

*Moderator: Bal Ram Singh, Center for Indic Studies, UMass Dartmouth *

Pandit Ramadheen Ramsamooj, 3R Foundation and Center for Indic Studies
Larry Myatt, Consultant, Charter Schools
Karen Cabral, Teacher, AVA School
Yanu Pokhrel, AVA student
Tanka Regimi, AVA student
Shavika Mishra, AVA student

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5:30 PM  VALEDICTORY SESSION –WOODLAND COMMONS

5:30 – 5:40 PM  Vedic Chanting and Invocation

5:40 – 6:20 PM  Keynote 3 Conference Room 1

  Chair: Girish Nath Jha, Jawaharlal Nehru University

Jerry Solfvin, Center for Indic Studies, UMass Dartmouth
The Vedic Cure for the Loss of the Sense of Mystery in Western Science

6:20 – 6:35 PM  Valedictory address - Swami Yogatmananda, Providence Vedanta Society

6:35 – 6:45 PM  Vote of Thanks – Sukalyan Sengupta, Center for Indic Studies, UMass Dartmouth

6:45-7:45 PM  DINNER – WOODLAND LOBBY

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9:00 – 10:30 AM  Panel Discussion 4- Indic Center Conference Room

Vedanta in Academia, Business, Health, and Society

Moderator: Satya Parayitam
Charlton College of Business & Center for Indic Studies, UMass Dartmouth

Raj Kumar, Center for Indic Studies, UMass Dartmouth
Mamta Tripathi, Center for Sanskrit Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University
Candace Badgett, Maharishi University of Management
Ved Mitra Shukla, University Of Delhi
Jeffery Armstrong, Vasa Vedic Academy of Science & Arts
Sanjay Saxena, New England Gayatri Parivar

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