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## Center for Indic Studies Seminar

### *“Pravratti and Nivratti in Hindu Thought”*

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DATE: FRIDAY, Dec. 4, 2009

PLACE: Library Browsing Area

TIME: 12 (noon) – 1PM

Refreshments: 11:45am



The twin concepts, *Pravratti* (*P*; engagement/projection) and *Nivratti* (*N*; disengagement/retraction) pervade all aspects of Hindu thought. According to the Hindu world-view, space and time move in *P-N* cycles. We will see how the concepts of *P* and *N* permeate Hindu cosmology, eschatology, sacred literature, and history. It is important to understand that Hinduism is currently in a *P* period; a period of expansion of domain and influence after a dismal *N* period that lasted several centuries. We will talk about the very foundations of the Vedantic world-view and show how *P-N* cycles fit within the broader structure of Hindu thought.

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