

# Symposium on the Origin of Indian Civilization

**July 8-9, 2011**

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## **Friday, July 8, 2011**

8:00 - 9:00 AM Registration and Continental Breakfast

9:00 - 9:15 AM *Welcome and Introduction* Bal Ram Singh, PhD  
University of Massachusetts  
Dartmouth

### **Session I:** Chair - Dr. Girish Jha

9:15 - 10:00 AM *Dialectics of Power and Civilization with Special Reference to Indic Civilization*  
RP Singh, PhD  
Jawaharlal Nehru University,  
New Delhi

10:00 - 10:45AM *An Analysis of the Concept of Sacredness in Indus Art*  
Nalini Rao, PhD  
Soka University of America

10:45 - 11:15 AM Break

11:15 - 12 noon *Science Not Ideology: Paradigms for Prehistory*  
NS Rajaram, PhD  
University of Massachusetts  
Dartmouth

12:00 - 1:30PM Lunch

### **Session II:** Chair - Dr. Nicholas Kazanas

1:30 - 2:15 PM *Age of the Vedic Rishis with Planetarium Software*  
Narhari Achar, PhD  
Memphis University

2:15 - 3:00 PM *South Asian Archaeology: Late Prehistoric Cultural Continuity or Discontinuity*  
James Shaffer, PhD  
Case Western Reserve University,  
Cleveland, OH

3:00 - 3:30 PM Break

### **Session III:** Chair - Dr. Narahari Achar

3:30 - 4:30 PM *Panel Discussion - Meaning of Arya and Aryan-Dravidian Divide in India* Elst, Jha, Rajaram, others

6:00 - 8:30 PM Dinner and interactions

## Saturday, July 9, 2011

8:00 - 9:00AM	Registration and continental breakfast	
9:00- 9:15 AM	Announcements	Bal Ram Singh, PhD University of Massachusetts Dartmouth
	<b>Session IV:</b> <i>Chair - Dr. NS Rajaram</i>	
9:15 - 10:00 AM	<i>Origin of Indian Civilization: Critical Analysis of the Contributions of Linguistics</i>	Angela Marcantonio, PhD University of Rome
10:00 - 10:45AM	<i>The Origin of the Indic Languages: The Indo-European Model</i>	James Clackson, PhD Jesus College, Cambridge, UK
10:45 - 11:15 AM	Break	
	<b>Session V:</b> <i>Chair - Dr. Angela Marcantonio</i>	
11:15 - 12 noon	<i>Origin and development of Indian languages and common linguistic area</i>	Girish Nath Jha, PhD Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi
12:00 - 1:30PM	Lunch	
1:30 - 2:15 PM	<i>Rigvedic-All inclusiveness</i>	Nicholas Kazanas, PhD Omilos Meleton, Cultural Institute
2:15 - 3:00 PM	<i>The latest theories on the deep roots of Indo-European</i>	Koenraad Elst, PhD Belgium
3:00 - 3:30 PM	Break	
	<b>Session VI:</b> <i>Chair - Dr. James Clackson</i>	
3:30 - 4:30 PM	<b>Panel Discussion</b> - <i>Impact of the Origin of Indian Civilization to the modern world</i>	Kazanas, Marcantonio, Shaffer, Singh, others
4:30 - 5:00 PM	Conclusion	
6:00 - 8:00 PM	Dinner	Ayurshri