



TEL AVIV UNIVERSITY  
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אוניברסיטת תל-אביב

הפקולטה למדעי הרוח ע"ש לסטר וסאלי אנטין  
החוג ללימודי מזרח אסיה

## Reading Aśvghoṣa across Boundaries

### *International Conference*

**December 20 2015**

All lectures will take place at Tel Aviv University,  
Entin Faculty of Humanities,  
Gilman Building, room 496

**Organizer:**

**Roy Tzohar** (Tel Aviv University)

## Program

### December 19

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19:00 Welcome Dinner for Participants off-campus

### December 20

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8:30-9:00 Gathering

9:00- 9:15: Greetings

#### Opening Session: Reading *Aśvghoṣa*

9:15 – 13:00

Chair: **Galia Pat Shamir** (Tel Aviv University)

**Gary Tubb** (university of Chicago)

*Aśvghoṣa's Poetic Works and the Early History of Kāvya Literature.*

**Patrick Olivelle** (university of Austin, Texas)

*Aśvghoṣa's Apologia : Brahmanical Ideology and Female Allure*

**David Shulman** (Hebrew University, Jerusalem)

*Two Laments : Saundarananda Cantos 6 and 7*

11:15 – 11:30 Break

**Roy Tzohar** (Tel Aviv University)

*A Tree in Bloom or a Tree Stripped Bare : Ways of Seeing in the Buddhacarita*

**Eviatar Shulman** (Hebrew University)

*Aśvghoṣa's Viśeṣaka : The Saudarananda and its Pāli "equivalents"*

13:00- 14:30 Lunch on campus for participants

**Afternoon Session: Aśvghoṣa in the Asian Realm**

14:30 – 17:45

Chair: **Meir Shahar** (Tel Aviv University)

**Richard G. Salomon** (University of Washington, Seattle )

*The Sincerest Form of Flattery: On Imitations of Aśvaghōṣa's Mahākāvyas*

**Shenghai Li** (Harvard University; AIS, Hebrew University)

*The Nirvāṇa of the Buddha and Aśvaghōṣa's Buddhacarita in China*

16:00-16:15 Coffee Break

**Andrew Ollett** (Harvard University)

*Make It Nice: Kāvya in the Second Century*

**Thomas M. Hunter** (University of British Columbia)

*Processions, Seductions, Divine Battles: Aśvaghōṣa at the foundations of Old Javanese literature*

**Round Table Discussion**

17:45 – 19:00

Respondents:

**Janet Gyatso** (Harvard University),

**Charles Hallisey** (Harvard University)

19:30 Dinner off campus for Participants