

Das Zentrum für Jaina Studien (Center for Jaina Studies) am Fachbereich für Geschichts- und Kulturwissenschaften und die Abteilung Kunstgeschichte Südasiens des Kunsthistorischen Instituts lädt ein zu einem Vortrag über die kanaresische Literatur im südlichen Indien unter besonderer Berücksichtigung der Jaina Religion:

## PROF. DR. HAMPA NAGARAJAIAH (Bangalore)

## Importance of Kannada Literature with special reference to Jainism

Prof. em. Dr. Nagarajaiah, Hampa, one of the major litterateurs of Karnataka, has authored more than 80 books in Kannada and English. His writings, spread over four decades, cover a wide range of topics embracing different disciplines and fields of research. Some of his books have been translated into English, Gujarati, Hindi, Marathi, Rajasthani, Tamil, Tulu, and Telugu. He has taught under-graduate and post-graduate classes for over 38 years. He has served Kannada Sāhitya Parishat, 95 year old premier literary Institute in Karnataka, as General Secretary as well as President. With 'hampanā' as his nom de plume, he is a recipient of a number of State and National Awards. Contemporary literati have honoured him with seven festschrifts. SVASTI, the eighth Felicitation Volume, brought out on his 75th Birthday, has been edited by Prof. Nalini Balbir, University of Paris, France.

Dr. Nagarajaiah has presented papers at the National and International Congresses and Symposia and delivered Endowment and Foundation Lectures in various universities. The presidentship of the International Conference on Jainism, 2010, at Mysore is the crowning glory of his scholastic journey.

He is also a Member on the Advisory Board of the Centers for Jaina Studies in the Universities of Berlin, London, and Miami. His contribution to the study of Jainology in particular is significant and seminal.

## Zeit: Mittwoch, den 27. Juni 2012, 8.30 Uhr c.t. Ort: Kunsthistorisches Institut, Koserstr. 20, Raum 320

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