

## 7<sup>th</sup> Classical Tamil Summer Seminar in 2009

Organised by the centre of the École Française d'Extrême-Orient  
in Pondicherry, 3<sup>rd</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> of August 2009

Next year Tamil in Winter will once again be Tamil in Summer, for the simple reason that we are planning a double event, that is, a seminar followed by a workshop. The whole month thus will be devoted to Tamil bhakti, devotional literature. Out of two weeks seminar, one will be occupied by Shaiva texts, and here we have chosen Kāraikkālammaiār, probably the earliest part of the Tirumurai, and certainly not the easiest. Depending on speed we might be able to cover Tiruviraṭṭai Maṇimālai and quite a bit of Tiruvālaṅkāṭṭu Mūttatiruppatikam. The second week will focus on Vaishnava literature. Out of the oeuvre of Aṅṅāḷ we might want to look into the Nācciyārtirumōḷi, less well-known than the Tiruppāvai. For the final two weeks, then, scholars will read and discuss particular texts chosen by them in order to elucidate different aspects of internal and external chronology of Tamil bhakti texts. On the one hand we are faced with the issues of linguistic development (morphology plus syntax) and of intertextual relationship and literary affiliation, on the other hand bhakti texts are reflected in inscriptions and they did have an impact on iconographical representation.

For full details see [http://www.efeo.fr/CTSS\\_2009/index.htm](http://www.efeo.fr/CTSS_2009/index.htm)

The announcement of the bhakti workshop is found on a separate web site:  
[http://www.efeo.fr/en/recherche/indologie\\_8.shtml](http://www.efeo.fr/en/recherche/indologie_8.shtml)