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# A Lasting Vision: Dandin's *Mirror* in the World of Asian Letters conference

December 13-17, 2015

All lectures will take place at the Israel Institute for Advanced Studies, room 128,  
on the Edmond J. Safra, Givat Ram Campus

## Organizers:

**Yigal Bronner** (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

**Charles Hallisey** (Harvard University)

**David Shulman** (Academy of Sciences and Humanities, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

# Program

## Sunday, 13 December

08:30 - 09:00 Gathering, Refreshments

09:00 - 09:15 Greetings

09:15 - 12:30 Opening Session: Dandin's *Mirror*: The Text and the Question

Chair: **David Shulman** (Academy of Sciences and Humanities, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

**Yigal Bronner** (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Patterns in a Hall of *Mirrors*: Preliminary Report

**Andrew Ollett** (Harvard University)

Sanskrit as a metalanguage for literature in Dandin's *Mirror*

**Gary A. Tubb** (University of Chicago)

*Yamaka* in Dandin's Poetics

12:30 - 14:00 Lunch

14:30 - 17:30 Afternoon Session: Tamil-Speaking Dandin(s)

Chair: **Yigal Bronner** (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

**David Shulman** (Academy of Sciences and Humanities, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem),

**Jennifer Clare**

Tamil Theory After Dandin: Language, Poetics, and the Nature of Sastra in the 16th-century *Maranalankaram*

**Anne Monius** (Harvard University)

According to Tantiyar: Paraphrasing the  
*Kavyadarsa* in the Viracoliyam and Its  
Commentary

**Jean-Luc Chevillard** (CNRS, Université Paris  
Diderot Paris 7)

On the Prehistory and Early History of  
Alankarasastra in Tamil

18:00 - 20:30 Reception at the institute followed by a Sarod  
Concert by Tom Hunter and Ram Hadar

### Monday, 14 December

09:00 - 12:30 Morning Session: The *Mirror* in Sri Lanka  
Chair: **Helen Creese** (University of Queensland)

**Dragomir Dimitrov** (University of Marburg)

The Jewel Mind and His Studies of the Kavyadarsa

**Alastair Gornall** (Singapore University of  
Technology and Design)

Mad Peacock Devotees and the Cloudlike Buddha:  
The Interweaving of Poetics and Devotion in the  
*Subodhalankara*

**P.B. Meegaskumbura** (University of Peradeniya),

**Charles Hallisey** (Harvard University)

From Textual Community to Tradition: The  
*Kavyadarsa* in Sri Lanka

12:30 - 17:00 **Lunch**  
followed by museum tour

17:00 - 19:00 **Charles Hallisey** (Harvard University),  
**H.V. Nagaraja Rao** (Oriental Research Institute,  
Mysore)

Evening session: A Dandin Chavruta: A  
Roundtable Discussion of Three figures from the  
*Mirror*

19:00 - 21:00 Dinner for participants at the Institute

**Tuesday, 15 December**

- 09:00 - 12:30 Morning Session: Dandin in Karnataka  
Chair: **Andrew Ollett** (Harvard University)  
**Sarah Pierce Taylor** (University of Pennsylvania)  
The Afterlife of the *Way*: Reading Old Kannada Poetry in Light of Srivijaya  
**Deven Patel** (University of Pennsylvania)  
The *Mirror* Reflected in the *Way*: Ornaments in the *Kavirajamarga* and the *Kavyadarsa*  
**Gil Ben Herut** (University of South Florida)  
The King's Embellishments and Embellishment of the King: Patronage and Poetics in the Kannada *Udayadityalankara*
- 12:30 - 14:00 Lunch
- 14:00 - 18:30 Afternoon Session: The *Mirror* in Central and Eastern Asia  
Chair: **Meir Shahar** (Tel-Aviv University)  
**Pema Bhum** (Latse Library),  
**Janet Gyatso** (Harvard University)  
Beyond the Gossip: The *Kavyadarsa*, the Dalai Lama, and Mr. Smart Tibetan  
**Vesna A. Wallace** (University of California at Santa Barbara)  
Dandin's *Kavyadarsa* in Mongolia  
**Victor H. Mair** (University of Pennsylvania)  
Mirror Metaphor in Chinese Literature  
**Shenghai Li** (Harvard University)  
Kukai's *Bunkyo hifuron* and Traces of Dandin in East Asia
- 19:00 - 21:00 Group dinner on campus

## Wednesday, 16 December

- 09:00 - 12:30 Morning Session: Dandin in the Sanskrit Scholastic Tradition  
Chair: **Shenghai Li** (Harvard University)  
**Lawrence McCrea** (Cornell University)  
Dandin and the Kashmiris  
**Whitney Cox** (University of Chicago)  
Reading Dandin in Hoysala Kannanur  
**Luther Obrock** (University of Pennsylvania)  
Form as Polemic: Intellectual Debates and the Legacy of the *Kavyadarsa* in South India
- 12:30 - 14:00 Lunch
- 14:00 - 17:30 Afternoon Session: The in *Mirror* in Burma and the Bay of Bengal  
Chair: **Jennifer Clare**  
**Thibaut D'Hubert** (University of Chicago)  
Riddles and Rhetoric from Pala Bengal to Konbaung Burma: Dandin and Dharmadasa  
**Christian Lammerts** (Rutgers University)  
Dandin in Burma: Preliminary Insights on the Transmission and Reception of the *Kavyadarsa* and Sanskrit Texts  
**Aleix Ruiz Falqués** (University of Cambridge)  
The *Subodhalankara* in the *Manisaramanjusa*, a 15th-century Abhidhamma work from Burma
- 18:30 - 20:15 **Dinner followed by a session at Eucalyptus restaurant**
- 20:15 - 22:15 **Charles Hallisey** (Harvard University)  
The Modern Dandin: A Round Table Discussion

## Thursday, 17 December

- 08:45 - 10:45      Morning Session: Dandin in the Indonesian Archipelago  
Chair: **Ronit Ricci** (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)  
  
**Helen Creese** (University of Queensland)  
Sastra and Prayoga in Old Javanese Kakawin Litreature  
  
**Thomas Hunter** (University of British Columbia)  
In Plain View, a reappraisal of the figures of speech of the Old Javanese Ramayana
- 11:00 - 13:00      Concluding Discussion  
Chair: **David Shulman** (Academy of Sciences and Humanities, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)
- 13:00 - 14:30      Lunch
- 19:00 - 21:30      **Dinner followed by a reading of Tibetan Poetry at a café, Tmol Shilshom**  
  
**(not part of the official conference, but highly recommended)**