



**THE 30th OXFORD SPALDING SYMPOSIUM**

**ON INDIAN RELIGIONS**

Harris Manchester College

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

15-17 April, 2005

**Friday, 15 April**

**4.30pm** Welcome, refreshments

**5.00pm** Dr Alleyn Diesel ( University of KwaZulu-Natal , South Africa )

*Walking in the Mother's Footsteps: Dravidian Virgin Goddesses as Empowering Role Models for Women*

**6.30pm Dinner**

**7.30pm** Professor Pratap Kumar ( School of Religion and Theology, University of KwaZulu Natal, South Africa, and Academic Director of the Oxford Centre for Hindu Studies)

*The Study of Hinduism: How did we get to where we are?*

**Saturday, 16 April**

**9.30am** Dr Valerie Roebuck ( University of Manchester)

*Dhammapada and Dharmapada: Early Buddhist Wisdom Literature?*

**10.45am Refreshments**

**11. 15am** Professor Ian Harris (St. Martin's College, Lancaster and Documentary Centre of Cambodia, Phnom Penh)

*Buddhism, "Buddhist law", and war crimes in Cambodia*

**12.45pm Lunch**

**2.00pm** David Azzopardi ( School of Oriental & African Studies, University of London )

*Buddhism, Community and Identity on Websites Produced by Members of the Sinhalese Diaspora*

**2.45pm** Dr Matthew Clark ( School of Oriental & African Studies, University of London )

*The Curious History of the Dasanami-Samnyasis*

3.30pm Refreshments

**4.00pm** Dr Simon Brodbeck ( School of Oriental & African Studies, University of London )

*Observations on the idea of non-attached action (asakta karman) in the Mahabharata.*

**5.15pm** Dr Kathleen Taylor ( School of Oriental & African Studies, University of London )

*Myth and Magic in Theosophy*

6.30pm Dinner

**7.30pm** Jameela Siddiqi (Novelist and Broadcaster)

*Ecstasy: Indian Music in the Devotional Context*

**Sunday, 17 April**

**9.30am** Dr Alex McKay (Research Fellow, Wellcome Trust Centre for the History of Medicine at University College, London)

*In Search of Mount Kailas: the Kailas mountains of the Indian Himalayas.*

10.45am Refreshments

**11.15am** Professor Gavin Flood ( University of Stirling)

*Self and Text in Hindu Tantra*

12.45pm Lunch, then departure

2.00pm Spalding Symposium Committee meeting