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We are pleased to announce the next Friends of the Kern Institute lecture, entitled

Śobhākareśvara on Metaphor without Similarity

by Dr Somdev Vasudeva (Kyoto University / IAS, Leiden)

Friday 17th February 2017, 16.00h—17.30h

Time: 16.00h—17.30h, drinks afterwards

Place: Leiden University, Matthias de Vrieshof 3, room 104 (“The Verbarium”)

Śobhākareśvara on Metaphor without Similarity

In the late twelfth century Kashmirian *alanākāra* rhetoricians dominated the field of Sanskrit aesthetics. Śobhākareśvara is perhaps the last innovative voice of this tradition who had a major impact on the development of aesthetics in the rest of India. In his discussion of metaphor (*rūpaka*) Śobhākareśvara breaks with an earlier consensus to propose that a similarity between two entities is not an essential feature making a metaphorical identification possible.

Dr Somdev Vasudeva

Dr Somdev Vasudeva received his PhD from Oxford University for his work on the Yoga of the *Mālinīvijayottara* in 2000. Since then he has been a Postdoctoral Researcher at the EFEO in Pondicherry in South India and has held Sanskrit teaching positions at UC Berkeley, at Columbia University in New York, and at Kyoto University in Japan. He is currently Gonda Fellow at IAS in Leiden. His main areas of research are Esoteric Yoga and Sanskrit Poetry and Aesthetics.

