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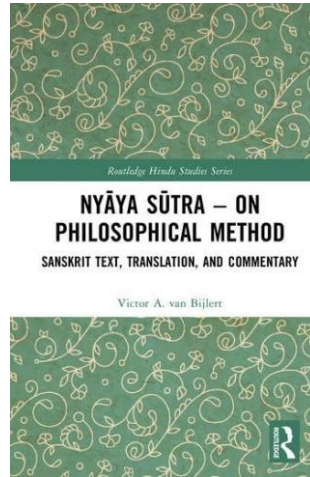
Book Presentation: Nyāya Sūtra – On Philosophical Method: Sanskrit Text, Translation, and Commentary

by Victor A. van Bijlert (retired), Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

Date : Wednesday, September 18, 2024

Time : 15.30h

Venue : Leiden University, Lipsius 1.48. The lecture will be followed by **drinks** in the LIAS common room of the (new) Herta Mohr Building (first floor).



Abstract

In this lecture Victor van Bijlert will discuss his findings regarding the Nyāya Sūtra and the way this basic text of the Nyāya school of thought used older sources. The main thesis of the book is that the Nyāya Sūtra was not a somewhat rambling handbook on epistemology and logic fused with a lot of so-called polemics against other schools. Rather, he regards the text as a consistent treatise whose primary interest was to base metaphysics and soteriology on philosophical debate informed by empiricism and rationality.

<https://www.routledge.com/Nyaya-Sutra---on-Philosophical-Method-Sanskrit-Text-Translation-and-Commentary/vanBijlert/p/book/9781032758381>

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