INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOL
IN SPOKEN SANSKRIT
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Dr. Sadananda Das is widely known as an excellent speaker and experienced teacher of spoken Sanskrit. He has taught seventeen summer school courses in spoken Sanskrit at Heidelberg University, three at Lausanne University, and three at the Australian National University, beside five courses in advanced spoken Sanskrit at Florence University, at the Centre of Sanskrit Studies in Barcelona, at the Jñāna Pravāha Centre for Cultural Studies in Varanasi and at the Śādvala Centre for Sanskrit Studies in Goa. This year’s course will take place at Leipzig University for the third time. In the past years, the course has attracted students and scholars of Indology and related fields from across the globe.

Contents and methods

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Prerequisites

Knowledge of English and basic knowledge of Sanskrit (at least 4 semesters) as well as the ability to read Devanāgarī script. The course will be taught in Sanskrit.

Timetable

09:00 to 16:30 on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 09:00 to 12:30 on Wednesday and Saturday.