

Oxford Conference of Academic Exploration of Bhakti in Indian Philosophy
Schedule for April 16th, 17th and 20th, 2026

Day 1: Hybrid Session

| Ranade's Bhakti Session - Chair - Prof. Sthaneshwar Timalsina | | | | |
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| Date | UK Time | India Time | Name | Paper Title |
| 16-Apr | 10.00 am | 2.30 pm | Dr Fozia Tenvir | Introduction |
| 16-Apr | 10.10 am | 2.40 pm | Dr Ashwini Mokashi | Purpose of the Conference |
| 16-Apr | 10.30 am | 3.30 pm | Dr Jitendra Sharma | Ranade's Beatific Mysticism and Neuroscience of Bhakti |
| Short Break | | | | |
| 16-Apr | 11.20 am | 3:50 PM | Adv Maruti Zirali | Concept of Bhakti by R.D. Ranade |
| 16-Apr | 11.40 am | 4.10 pm | Dr Ashwini Jog | Life Through the Lens of Philosophy - R.D. Ranade |
| 16-Apr | 12.00 pm | 4.30 pm | Prof Priya Vaidya | Philosophy of Mysticism of Gurudev Ranade |
| 16-Apr | 12.20 pm | 4:50 PM | Dr Ashwini Mokashi | Consciousness, Bhakti and Ranade: A Relational Model of Happiness |
| 16-Apr | 12.40 pm | 5.10 pm | Prof Sthaneshwar Timalsina | Chair Remarks |

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| Lunch Break |
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| Love and Bhakti Session - Chair - Swami Atmapriyananda | | | | |
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| Date | UK Time | India Time | Name | Paper Title |
| 16-Apr | 2.00 pm | 6.30 pm | Prof Ankur Barua | The God of Love and the Love of God |
| 16-Apr | 2.20 pm | 6.50 pm | Prof Vikas Baniwal | Dialogic Bhakti in Martin Buber and Upaniṣadic Thought |
| 16-Apr | 2.40 pm | 7.10 pm | Prof Namita Nimbalkar | Bhakti in Practice in Janabai and Bahinabai's Works |
| 16-Apr | 3.00 pm | 7.30 pm | Dr Sunil Lohar | Image as Intermediary: Bhakti, Philosophy and the Formation of Darshan |
| 16-Apr | 3.20 pm | 7.50 pm | Prof Vasundhara Chaudhary | Bhakti in Aurobindo |
| 16-Apr | 3.40 pm | 8.10 pm | Swami Atmapriyananda | Remarks by the Chair |

| Krishna Bhakti Session - Chair - Dr Ramesh Pattni, OBE | | | | |
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| Date | UK Time | India Time | Name | Paper Title |
| 16-Apr | 4.20 pm | 8.50 pm | Prof Nina Petek | Bhakti between Overwhelming Transcendence and Intimate Presence |
| 16-Apr | 4.40 pm | 9.10 pm | Prof Neeti Singh | Locating Krishna in the Scope and Aesthetics of Bhakti |
| 16-Apr | 5.00 pm | 9.30 pm | Dr Pooja Gupta | Bhakti, Action, and Knowledge in the Bhagavad Gītā |
| 16-Apr | 5.20 pm | 9.50 pm | Dr Aditya Maharaj | Scientific Spirit in Bhakti – Sri Ramkrishna Tradition |
| 16-Apr | 5.40 pm | 10.10 pm | Swami Japasiddhananda | Sri Ramakrishna and the Science of Bhakti |
| 16-Apr | 6.00 pm | 10.30 pm | Dr Ramesh Pattni, OBE | Remarks by the Chair |

Day 2: Hybrid Session

| Keynote Session | | | | |
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| Date | UK Time | India Time | Name | Paper Title |
| 17-Apr | 10.00 am | 2.30 pm | Prof Diwakar Acharya | Bhakti Across Religio-philosophical Traditions of India |

Short Break

| Philosophy of Bhakti Session - Chair - Prof. Diwakar Acharya | | | | |
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| Date | UK Time | India Time | Name | Paper Title |
| 17-Apr | 11.00 am | 3.30 pm | Prof Balaganapathi Devarkonda | Bhakti Beyond Emotion and Metaphor |
| 17-Apr | 11.20 pm | 3.50 pm | Dr Madhavi Narasale, Dr Chinmayi Deodhar | Theorizing Bhakti Through the Compositions of Chokhamela |
| 17-Apr | 11.40 am | 4.10 pm | Dr Sopan Shinde | Kirtan as Embodied Knowledge System in Maharashtra |
| 17-Apr | 12.00 pm | 4.30 pm | Dr Paromita Roy | Swami Vivekananda's Bhakti - Yoga |
| 17-Apr | 12.20 pm | 4.50 pm | Dr Nicolas Boin Principato | Rethinking Bhakti Through Kabir |
| 17-Apr | 12.40 pm | 5.10 pm | Prof Diwakar Acharya | Remarks by the Chair |

Lunch Break

| Modern Applications of Bhakti in Philosophical Counseling and Practical Ethics - Panel Discussion | | | | |
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| Date | Time | India Time | Name | Panel Discussion |
| 17-Apr | 2.00 pm (BST) 9.00 am (EST) | 6.30 pm | HE Keshav Swami Prof Rick Repetti Dr Ashwini Mokashi | |
| | | | Mr Kshitij Jain | Moderator |

| Relational Bhakti Session - Chair - Prof John Lowe | | | | |
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| Date | UK Time | India Time | Name | Paper Title |
| 17-Apr | 3.00 pm | 7.30 pm | Prof Mahesh Deokar | Bhakti In Buddhism |
| 17-Apr | 3.20 pm | 7.50 pm | Ms. Ananya Dutta | Dyed in the Colour of the Divine: Mirabai and Kabir |
| 17-Apr | 3.40 pm | 8.10 pm | Dr Ashariya Gadhavi | Children of the Goddess |
| 17-Apr | 4.00 pm | 8.30 pm | Dr Prachi Gupta | Freedom and the Individual - Community Relationship |
| 17-Apr | 4.20 pm | 8.50 pm | Dr Dilip H.R., Dr Ramakrishna Upadrasta | The Bhakti of Labor - Vachanakaras |
| 17-Apr | 4.40 pm | 9.10 pm | Prof John Lowe | Remarks by the Chair |
| 17-Apr | 5.00 pm | 9.30 pm | Valedictory Function | Bhakti Sangeet by Sathvika Krishnan Gratitude Expressions |

Day 3: Online Session

| Poet-Saints Session - Chair - Prof Imre Bangha | | | | |
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| Day | UK Time | India Time | Name | Paper Title |
| 20-Apr | 9.00 am | 1.30 pm | Ms. Sakshi Nadkarni | Jasmines in Bloom - Tukaram |
| 20-Apr | 9.15 am | 1.45 pm | Ms. Manisha Shukla | Kabir in Living Bhakti Tradition |
| 20-Apr | 9.30 am | 2.00 pm | Mr. Vismay Prashant Jadia | Vatsalya-Bhakti |
| 20-Apr | 9.45 am | 2.15 pm | Mr. Vaskar Mohan Kar | Vedanta and Bhakti |
| 20-Apr | 10.00 am | 2.30 pm | Mr. Nachiket Paradkar | Bhakti and Withdrawal in Samarath Ramadas |
| 20-Apr | 10.15 am | 2.45 pm | Mr. Souparno Bhattacharya | The Bhakti Revolution Bengal Forgot |
| 20-Apr | 10.30 am | 3.00 pm | Ms. Radha Mehta | From Dvaita to Advaita |
| 20-Apr | 10.45 am | 3.15 pm | Ms. Nancy Yadav | Devotion and Excess |
| 20-Apr | 11.00 am | 3.30 pm | Prof. Imre Bangha | Remarks by the Chair |

| Regional Bhakti Session - Chair - Prof Nina Petek | | | | |
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| Day | UK Time | India Time | Name | Paper Title |
| 20-Apr | 11.30 am | 4.00 pm | Ms. Pornima Rajkarne and Dr Deepti Navaratna | Calling Mauli – Varakari Bhakti |
| 20-Apr | 11.45 am | 4.15 pm | Ms. Neelam Kumari | Cognitive Philosophical Framework of Bhakti |
| 20-Apr | 12:00 PM | 4.30 pm | Mr. Dhanush D.R., Mr. Himanshu Pandey, Mr. Dathatreya B. | Sharanagati – loss of autonomy? |
| 20-Apr | 12.15 pm | 4.45 pm | Mr. Gokul Jayan | Kerala Bhakti Tradition |
| 20-Apr | 12.30 pm | 5.00 pm | Ms. Yukti Sharma | Inscribing the Divine: Ramnami Body |
| 20-Apr | 12.45 pm | 5.15 pm | Ms. Ashwini Barve, Dr. Jayashree Gajjam | Ethico-Epistemological Study of the Vārkaris |
| 20-Apr | 1.00 pm | 5.30 pm | Mr. Nivid Desai | Reading Narsinh Mehta and Dayaram |
| 20-Apr | 1.15 pm | 5.45 pm | Ms. Ranjini Majumdar, Ms. Divija Motwani | Love in the Bhakti Tradition |
| 20-Apr | 1.30 pm | 6.00 pm | Prof Nina Petek | Remarks by the Chair |

| Sufis and Shaktas Session - Chair - Dr Fozia Tenvir | | | | |
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| Day | UK Time | India Time | Name | Paper Title |
| 20-Apr | 2.00 pm | 6.30 pm | Mr. Tameesham Pandya | Kabir, Tulsidas and Rahim |
| 20-Apr | 2.15 pm | 6.45 pm | Ms. Irtiza Farooq and Mr. H A Tantray | A Woman Mystic's voice |
| 20-Apr | 2.30 pm | 7.00 pm | Dr Mohd Rehamatullah | Indian and Persian Ideas in Pranami Literature |
| 20-Apr | 2.45 pm | 7.15 pm | Ms Sayani Konar | Epistemology of Time in Bhakti Philosophy |
| 20-Apr | 3.00 pm | 7.30 pm | Mr. Sahin Shaikh | Bhakti as Living Philosophy |
| 20-Apr | 3.15 pm | 7.45 pm | Ms. Sonal Jakhar | Rise of Female Agency in Neo-Vaishnavism |
| 20-Apr | 3.30 pm | 8.00 pm | Mr. Anubhav Jain | Attachment to the Divine |
| 20-Apr | 4.00 pm | 8:15 PM | Dr Fozia Tenvir | Remarks by the Chair |