Advanced Sanskrit

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Syllabus: Download

In this course, we will read the original Sanskrit text of *Tarkabhāṣā* (chapter on inference), an introduction to Buddhist logic by Mokṣākaragupta. This text is a "summary not only of the main theories of the Buddhist tradition of epistemology and logic but also of the main systematic themes to which its theoretical concepts have been applied." In this course, students will develop their ability to read Sanskrit and learn about Buddhist logic and thoughts of Indian philosophy. Basic knowledge of Sanskrit is required, but students may refer to Tibetan, English, and Japanese translations as appropriate.

Syllabus

1 Lecture Topic (1): *Tarkabhāṣā* or "*The Language of Logic*" of Mokṣākaragupta, and Introduction to Buddhist Logic. Lecture Topic (2): Reading of *Tarkabhāṣā*.

2 Lecture Topic: Reading of *Tarkabhāṣā*. Question: What is the difference between inference for oneself and inference for others?

3 Lecture topic: Reading of *Tarkabhāṣā*. Question: What are the three conditions of the logical marks? What is *vyāpti*?

4 Lecture Topic: Reading of *Tarkabhāṣā*. Question: What are *anvaya* and *vyatireka*? Why are both *anvaya* and *vyatireka* necessary?

5 Lecture Topic: Reading of *Tarkabhāṣā*. Question: The syllogism consists of two parts. What are they?

6 Lecture Topic: Reading of *Tarkabhāṣā*. Question: What is the logical mark as essential identity?

7 Lecture Topic: Reading of *Tarkabhāṣā*. Question: What is the logical mark as effect?

8 Lecture Topic: Reading of *Tarkabhāṣā*. Question: What is the logical mark as non-cognition?