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नजदीकी मेट्रो स्टेशन : केन्द्रीय सचिवालय, गेट सं०-2 एवं जनपथ गेट सं०-1 और 4

प्रवेश एवं पार्किंग नि:शुल्क

### ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Dr. Lauren Bausch is an assistant professor at Dharma Realm Buddhist University in California, where she teaches Sanskrit, Indian Classics, and Buddhism. She completed her Ph.D. in Sanskrit in the Department of South and Southeast Asian Studies at the University of California at Berkeley in 2015. Her dissertation, *Kosalan Philosophy in the Kāṇva Śatapatha Brāhmaṇa and the Suttanipāta*, explored causality and modes of knowing in late Vedic and early Buddhist texts. Her areas of scholarly interest include early Indian literature and philosophy, with special attention to both Brāhmaṇa-texts and early Buddhism.

### ABSTRACTS

#### On Being Firmly Established in the Brāhmaṇas and Āraṇyakas

In *Sacrifice in the Brāhmaṇa-texts*, G.U. Thite affirmed that the sacrificer strives to be firmly established both temporally (*samsthā*) and spatially (*pratiṣṭhā*). This paper focuses exclusively on the latter. The concept of *pratiṣṭhā* occurs frequently in the Brāhmaṇas, where it refers to a firm foundation, basis, ground, or support. In his article “Pratiṣṭhā,” Jan Gonda remarked that the meaning of this term is straightforward. But on what is one firmly established? This paper takes a closer look at what it means to be firmly established in heaven and earth and in *prajā* (offspring) and *paśus* (cattle). Analyzing passages for being firmly established spatially in the Brāhmaṇas and Āraṇyakas sheds light on man’s original nature and why he seeks stability by means of the ritual and at the same time cosmic-offering. While man in his body and sense organs is a holding place for *brahman*, the Vedic sacrificer endeavors to become firmly established in the full expanse of his being.

#### Varṇa as Internal Powers in Vedic Texts

In *Crossing the Lines of Caste*, Adheesh Sathaye characterizes Viśvāmītra as a *brāhmaṇa* in the *R̥gveda* and as both a *brāhmaṇa* and a *ṣatriya* in the Brāhmaṇa texts. In the *R̥gveda*, he is a famous purohita to whom numerous hymns are attributed. However, in the Pañcaviṃśa Brāhmaṇa (21.12.1-2), Viśvāmītra is called the king of the Jahnus (*viśvāmītro jāhnavo rājā*) and when he saw a particular rite, he attained *rāṣṭram*. In the Aitareya Brāhmaṇa (7.13-18) Śunaṣṣepa calls Viśvāmītra a prince (*rājaputra*) is promised a twin inheritance: to be a *ṣatriya* with the Jahnus lineage and a *brāhmaṇa* with the Gāthins. Finally, in the *Jaiminīya Brāhmaṇa* (2.219), Viśvāmītra wished for his offspring to attain *rājyam*. After directly seeing a special *stoma* equated with royal power (*ṣatram*), his offspring attained *rājyam* and were consecrated. Sathaye concludes, “during most of the Vedic period being both a Brahmin and a Ṣatriya was not such a social impossibility” (36). In *Classifying the Universe*, Brian Smith defines *varṇa* as a classificatory scheme to order and connect different parts of the cosmos. This paper examines *varṇa* taxonomies in Vedic texts to suggest that the possibility of having a dual *varṇa* in the Vedic period was due to the understanding of *brahman*, *ṣatram*, and *viś* as inherent powers, often incorporated in the body, which refashioned older Vedic mythology and religious goals.



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