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Religious and Social Selves: Dimensions and  
Dynamics of Relationality in Indian bhakti

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Bhakti, the devotional participation in the Divine, represents one of the major strands in Hinduism. Taking a pragmatist-phenomenological approach that will be shown to be congenial to bhakti itself, the focus of the lecture will be on modes of articulation, the genres of expression and the social forms of assemblage. Thus, bhakti will be presented as an interactional triangle between an individual (prominent) bhakta (practitioner of bhakti), the Divine, and other bhaktas. This kind of analysis will allow to raise questions about relationality and individualisation and about the "permeability" of selves, understood both as premise and goal.

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