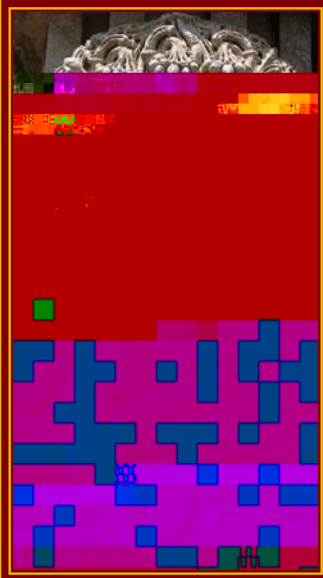


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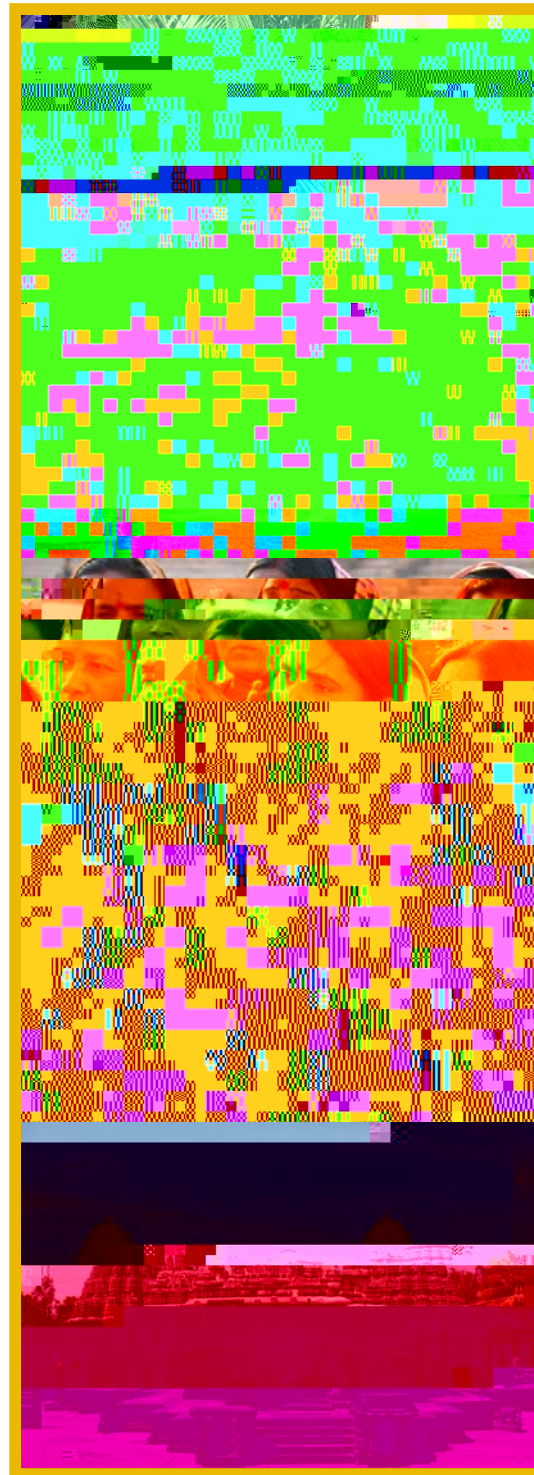
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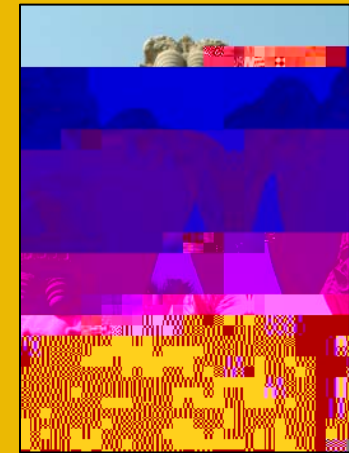
*"It is unlikely that Hinduism was ever a static religion. Even in recent memory it has witnessed the growth of two cults which are adaptations of old forms....[T]he ritual behaviors of the Hindus will, hopefully, continue to be as chaotic as it is today."*

Dilip Chakrabarti, "The Archaeology of Hinduism"



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Shrivatsa Goswami and Margaret H. Case.

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December 27: Flight to Bangalore, India

December 28: Arrive in Bangalore, bus to Coorg

December 29-30: Orientation, welcome dinner, Siva temple

December 31: Bus to Mysore; Chorad and teaci Orientation,

The On-Site seminar is based in Mysore, in the state of Karnataka, south India. This storied former capital of the Mysore kingdom remains central to several historical Hindu and artistic traditions. The town still supports a rich, active, and religiously-diverse atmosphere. The great Hoysala monuments (10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> centuries) are very close-by, and the capital complex of the Vijayanagara Empire (14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> centuries) is an overnight train ride away. Some of the earliest rock-cut and constructed Hindu temples in all of India are also within range (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> c.). Both the Vijayanagara (Hampi) and the Pattadakal groups of monuments are recognized by UNESCO as World Heritage sites. December-January in Karnataka is ideal in terms of climate, so Mysore will comfortably allow us to develop a sense of the diversity of Hindu religious practice, and the evolution of artistic practice which developed alongside ritual requirements.

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