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INTRODUCTION

The 10th International Conference on South Asian Languages and Linguistics (ICOSAL) took place at Moscow State University and Moscow University for the Humanities on 5–7 July 2012 and featured presentations on a wide range of topics in South Asian languages, linguistics, and literatures. The present volume unites a selection of the linguistics and language-related papers. There are plans for presenting other papers in a separate volume, to be published in Moscow with the support of the Embassy of the Republic of India to the Russian Federation.

The contributions to this volume cover a broad range of topics, from issues in the history of the early indigenous Sanskrit and Tamil traditions of grammar and linguistic philosophy to South Asian writing systems, from the grammar and typology of South Asian languages to historical developments. The contributors come from many different countries, on three different continents, and reflect a great diversity of scholarly traditions and frameworks.

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