



Photo: Florinda De Simini, at Thiruvavaduthurai

## Intellexus Guest Reading Session

Tuesday, November 5

13:00-15:00

Alsterterrasse 1, Rm. 106 & Zoom

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**Mantras in the Śivadharm Universe:  
Readings from the *Śivadharmasāstra*, the *Śivadharmottara*  
(with the commentary *Śivadharmavivaraṇa*),  
and the *Vāyavīyasaṃhitā***

During this session, we will read portions of the *Śivadharmasāstra* and the *Śivadharmottara*, accompanied by a prose commentary, focusing on the topic of the five- and six-syllabled mantras, which these texts promote as all-powerful for the Śaiva community. If time permits, we will also explore some of the most notable parallels to these works, attesting to their popularity and impact on Śaiva communities up to modern times.