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## THE FLEXIBLE TEXT: PATANJALI'S YOGA SUTRAS PAST AND PRESENT

A public conversation about the ways yoga students, teachers and scholars use the Yoga Sutras. Scholars Shyam Ranganathan and Meera Kachroo will give brief, provocative presentations to stimulate broader conversation. CSRS director Paul Bramadat will host the event.



**SHYAM RANGANATHAN**

### **THE YOGA SŪTRA, INTERPRETATION AND WHITE SUPREMACY**

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### **DO THE YOGA SUTRAS HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH YOGA?**

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**TUESDAY JUNE 28  
9:30-11:00AM PT**

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**MEERA KACHROO**



In this talk, I will explore how the West shows up in Yoga Studies, how it constitutes an irrational advantage for Eurocentric individuals, and a barrier to entry for BIPOC, including Patañjali, the author of the Yoga Sūtra.

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**SHYAM RANGANATHAN**



Are the Yoga Sutras philosophically aligned with modern postural yoga? The text is adaptable, enigmatic, and interpreted freely. Unfortunately, the text has almost nothing to do with our modern ideas of mental and spiritual wellbeing! This talk presents the Yoga Sutras in the light of cultural concerns like nostalgia, decolonization, and authenticity.

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