

Reason/Rationality Versus Wisdom/Mysticism in Jainism and Indian Thought

Thursday, November 14, 2024 | 4:00 PM Lecture | Reception to follow

The Club & Guesthouse, Betty Elings Wells Pavilion

Hosted by Dr. Anil Mundra, Bhagvan Vimalnath Chair in Jain Studies and South Asian Religions

Distinguished visiting professor Jayandra Soni (fmr. University of Marburg, Germany) will be giving the inaugural lecture of the Bhagvan Vimalnath Endowment in Jain Studies and South Asian Religions at UC Santa Barbara.

RSVP requested to Jill Johnson jill.johnson@ucsb.edu by Nov 8. Parking will be available in Lot 23.



About Jayandra Soni

Jayandra Soni retired in May 2012 from the Department of Indology and Tibetology at the University of Marburg, Germany, where he had taught Indian languages (Sanskrit, Hindi, and Gujarati) and Indian philosophy from 1991-2012. From South Africa, where he did his B.A. at the University of Durban, Westville in 1972, Soni received his Ph.D. at Banaras Hindu University, India in 1978 and attended McMaster University, Canada, for his second Ph.D. (1987). He now lives in Innsbruck, Austria, teaching at the University of Innsbruck. [See his website for further details and publications.](#)

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About Anil Mundra

Anil Mundra serves as the inaugural Bhagvan Vimalnath Chair in Jain Studies and South Asian Religions and an assistant professor in the Department of Religious Studies at UC Santa Barbara. He obtained his Ph.D. in the Philosophy of Religions from the University of Chicago Divinity School. His research focuses on how South Asian philosophers navigate religious diversity, especially in Sanskrit texts on the classical Jain theory of non-one-sidedness (anekānta-vāda).

