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### Announcement of SI-3

The next conference in the Swadeshi Indology Conference Series, titled "Tamil Nadu – The Land of Dharma" was formally announced in May 2017.



There are 6 main themes which will be examined in a scholarly and unbiased manner at this conference which is slated to be held at the end of this year. The themes will be examined from a Swadeshi standpoint and methods include: use of archaeological data, interpretation of original texts, interpretations from dharmic practices such as art forms, oral traditions, rituals, etc. The time frame for submitting abstracts ended on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2017 and participants are being sent comments on their submitted abstracts. The next stages will be submission of full papers, review and final selection for presentation at the conference. The details and the Call for papers can be accessed [here](#).

### Rajiv Malhotra speaks at the Embassy of India in Washington

On May 19<sup>th</sup> 2017, Rajiv Malhotra gave a talk at the Embassy of India in Washington on the topic "India's (Unacknowledged) Contributions to Mind Sciences".

In his talk, Rajiv pointed out the immense contributions from the dharma traditions which have been made to the field of mind sciences, psychology, consciousness studies

and so on. He pointed out that these contributions have largely gone unacknowledged and that Indians themselves had very little knowledge of them. He dwelt at length on the tendency on the part of westerners to appropriate things from the dharma traditions that they find important to their research, without adequately acknowledging the sources.



He has coined a term for this as [Digestion](#). He also talked about his [UTurn theory](#) that many westerners turning to dharma go through which facilitates this process of digestion. The event was followed by a question and answer session too. The video can be seen [here](#).

Comments from Facebook page

**Ravi Nune:** The crux of Rajiv Malhotra's argument is academic dishonesty in the west. How they rip-off ideas and concepts from different cultures and claim them as their own. Not even giving a foot note in most occasions. These same "researchers" and "academics" would be furious and file a protest or even go to court if one of their own, or especially if a non-westerner had claimed credit of their original work.

**Suresh Kammar:** Rajivji, eagerly awaiting your books on this massive digestion of our knowledge assets (as you like to call) into western paradigms, which are going unacknowledged by them. Indian readers will



be eternally grateful for your herculean efforts and the painstaking research you put into your books in digging out the truths and to set the record straight. Sadly the Indian government is a mere spectator, twiddling its thumbs when the need of the hour is to pro-actively take initiative and set direction for future course.

### **Rajiv Malhotra in conversation with Brooke Boon, Founder of 'Holy Yoga'**

Rajiv had a very fascinating and illuminating conversation with a lady named Brooke Boon who is the founder of a movement/organisation teaching what she calls 'Holy Yoga'. This conversation showcases how the UTurn and Digestion happen as simultaneous phenomena among most Westerners taking to dharma and its practices.



Very respectfully, Rajiv tries to understand Ms. Boon's idea of starting her Christian version of Yoga which she calls Holy Yoga and what are her motivations in selectively appropriating Yogic paradigms adapted to Christian thought. We can clearly see how during the course of the very respectfully crafted but challenging questioning by Rajiv, Ms. Boon seems to become increasingly unsure and uncomfortable. After the conversation is over, Rajiv does a brilliant analysis of the conversation and deconstructs the methodology of Christians and the church that have been perfected over centuries. The entire fascinating exchange can be viewed [here](#).

Comments from Facebook page

**Tamilarasan Karapiah:** She was clearly uncomfortable when Rajivji put her on the spot

and was trying to wriggle out by being diplomatic. But the take down by Rajivji after the interview on their modus operandi absolutely tears their mask to shreds. Make no mistake these guys are about digestion and evangelism.

**Shubhanshu Verma:** Rajeev ji's strategy was incredible....he made that lady expose her own self and used her own statements as an evidence against them.....used their ways against them.....incredible.....gave us a whole new view point as how to how to tackle these people.....

### **Rajiv Malhotra in conversation with BJP member and Rajya Sabha MP Dr. Subramanian Swamy**

Rajiv had a very lively and informative discussion with Dr. Subramanian Swamy in early June when Dr. Swamy was on a brief visit to the US. They had very frank and wide-ranging discussions on various events happening in India at the present time. They dwelt on the fraud that the highly rated media house NDTV had committed over the years, on the ongoing controversy regarding the ban on marketplace selling of cattle for slaughter and the fake outrage in the form of beef fests this move entailed, on the ouster of Raghuram Rajan from the RBI and so on. The fresh and engaging discussion of about an hour went viral on Facebook and currently has about 520 thousand views.



On YouTube, the video has chalked up a viewership of a little over 73000 so far. The video can be seen [here](#).



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## Comments from Facebook

[Ram Ohri](#): Congrats for this very informative discussion. Many more such interactive discourses are needed to wake up the slumbering Hindus.

[Manish Murudkar](#): Both of you are the worst nightmare of pseudoseculars and people like Wendy. God bless you both. You are the Krishna of Kailyuga, I respect both of you a lot. May the blessings of Lord Shiva be upon you forever.

There were many other interesting videos that were made this quarter. The entire list is below.

[Dr Subramanian Swamy In Conversation with Rajiv Malhotra](#)

[Discussion with Suzin Green, a Kali Worshipper & Yoga-based Life Coach](#)

[In Conversation with Vivek Agnihotri, A Patriotic Filmmaker](#)

[Rajiv Malhotra in Conversation with Brooke Boon, Founder of 'Holy Yoga'](#)

[India's \(Unacknowledged\) Contributions to Mind Sciences: Rajiv Malhotra](#)

[Discussing the Digestion of Yoga with a White Hindu](#)

[Rajiv Malhotra In Conversation with Meenakshi Jain](#)

[Did the "Art of Living" Event Destroy The Yamuna, as Alleged?](#)

[Keynote Speech by Rajiv Malhotra: "Hindu Contributions to Humanity"](#)

[Princeton University's Parth Parihar Interviews Rajiv Malhotra](#)

[Kashmir Violence and the Legal Hounding of Madhu Kishwar](#)

[Let's Debate the Politics of Social Sciences](#)

[Decolonizing the Indian Civil Services](#)

[Rajiv Malhotra Darshan with Puri Shankaracharya to discuss common interests](#)

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