

THE DEPARTMENT OF RELIGIOUS STUDIES IS PROUD TO PRESENT
THE *ADARSH DEEPAK LECTURE*

Angkor Wat and Hindu Temples in the Khmer Empire

Professor Vasudha Narayanan, University of Florida



The story of Hinduism is incomplete without taking into account the history of Hindus in South East Asia. Vasudha Narayanan's talk on the Hindu temples in Cambodia will focus on Angkor Wat and the temples built for Vishnu and Shiva in the Khmer empire between the 9th and 12th centuries CE. These temples, located in Thailand, Laos, and Cambodia, selectively portray narratives from Hindu epics and sacred texts and also attest to widespread knowledge of Hindu architectural norms, alignment of buildings to astronomical phenomena, and an integration of many branches of knowledge.

Friday, April 3, 2009

Open Reception at 7:00 PM / Talk at 7:30 PM
(Light Refreshments will be served)

Putah Creek Lodge at UC Davis

ABOUT THE SPEAKER:



Vasudha Narayanan is a Distinguished Professor of Religion at the University of Florida and a past President of the American Academy of Religion (2001-2002). She was educated at the Universities of Madras and Bombay in India and at Harvard University. Her fields of interest are the Sri Vaishnava tradition; Hindu traditions in India, Cambodia, and America; visual and expressive cultures in the study of the Hindu traditions; and gender issues. She is currently working on Hindu temples and traditions in Cambodia. She is the author or editor of seven books and over ninety articles, chapters in books, and encyclopedia entries.

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