

Summer school on Sanskrit theatre Kutiyattam in Kerala, India 21-30 August 2025

This summer school is designed for students of Sanskrit and Indian culture who wish to gain first-hand experience of classical Sanskrit theatre as it is still performed in Kerala in the local tradition of Kutiyattam. Participants will attend a 10-day festival of Kutiyattam theatre, featuring performances of the fourth act of *Pratimānāṭaka* ("The Play of Images"), attributed to Bhāsa, and an abridged version of Mahendravarman's one-act Sanskrit comedy *Mattavilāsa* ("The Play of a Drunkard"). These will be presented by the music and theatre ensemble Nepathya. Daily performances will be complemented by reading sessions of the original Sanskrit plays, actor-led explanations of the acting techniques (*abhinaya*), as well as moments of discussion about the plays.



The summer school is open to BA and MA students. The ECTS points and the examination comply with the study and examination regulations of the particular degree program.

The performances will take place in Moozhikulam, situated 10 km from Cochin International Airport. Participants are asked to make their own travel arrangements. Different types of accommodation are available nearby upon request. A symbolic fee of 50 € will be asked to support the artists.

The number of places being limited, participants are advised to apply as soon as possible with a letter of motivation.

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