

# PERIYAR INTERNATIONAL

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Germany Chapter

*Cordially invites you to the*



International  
Conference on

**PERIYAR**  
**SELF-RESPECT**  
**MOVEMENT**



Cologne, Germany 2017

at University of Cologne, Germany,

**on July 27, 28 & 29 - 2017**

**Commemorating the 91<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of  
Self-Respect Movement, 1926**

Venue : **University of Cologne**, "Alte Botanik", Gyrhofstr. 15 Horsaal XXXI

**Thursday - 27<sup>th</sup> July, 2017**

Time : 4.00 p.m. - Tea & Snacks

## INAUGURATION

Time : 4.30 p.m.

Welcome by : **Prof. Dr. Ulrike Niklas**,  
Chair Person,  
Periyar International,  
Germany Chapter.

Presided over by : **Dr. K. Veeramani**,  
Chancellor,  
Periyar Maniammai University,  
Thanjavur,  
Tamil Nadu, India.

Inaugurated by : **Hon'ble Michael Selvanayagam**,  
Deputy Mayor,  
Croydon Municipal Corporation,  
United Kingdom.

## BOOK – RELEASE

- **Gott und Mensch – Periyar E.V. Ramasamy** (Translated Tamil Version of 'கடவுளும் மனிதனும்' in German)
- **Periyar E.V. Ramasamy – Eine Kurzbiographie**  
(Translated Version of 'PERIYAR E.V.RAMASAMY- Biographical Sketch' in German)
- **Periyar Self-Respect** by Prof. A.Ayyasamy
- **Inscriptions at Periyar Memorial**
- **Periyar Self-Respect Movement** – Compilation of Articles, published in 'Revolt' (1928 & 1929)

Address by : **Dr. Soma Ilangovan**,  
President, Periyar International USA.,  
: **Dr. Sithanandam Sadhasivam**,  
Maryland, USA.

Evening : Screening of "**Periyar**" Feature Film

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**Friday - 28<sup>th</sup> July, 2017**

## **PAPER SESSION - I**

Time: 9.30 a.m. – 11.00 a.m.

Moderator: **Dr. K. Veeramani**

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| 1. | Self-Respect – A Unique and Great Tool of Social and Human Liberation – A Historical Analysis | <b>Prof. Dr. S.S.Sundaram</b> |
| 2. | 'Cuyamariyatai' – A Link to Ilattamil Resistance Movement?                                    | <b>Prof. Dr. Peter Schalk</b> |
| 3. | The Emperor is naked – Considerations on Rationality, Critique and Political Activism         | <b>Dr. Chr. Unrau</b>         |

*Tea break: 11.00 a.m. – 11.25 a.m.*

## **PAPER SESSION - II**

Time: 11.30 a.m. – 1.30 p.m.

Moderator: **Dr. Soma Ilangovan**

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| 4. | Rationalism in India through the Ages   | <b>Sven Wortmann</b>               |
| 5. | The Constitution of the Body Politic – An Essay on the Spirit of European Political Ideas | <b>Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Leithold</b> |
| 6. | Self Respect and Humanity   | <b>Rev. Fr. Dr. S.J.Emmanuel</b>   |
| 7. | Doctrine of Self-Respect – Humanist Outlook of Periyar                                    | <b>Dr. D. Jeyakumar</b>            |

*Lunch Break: 1.30 p.m. – 2.25 p.m.*

## **PAPER SESSION - III**

Time: 2.30 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.

Moderator: **Dr. Lakshman Tamil**

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| 8.  | Periyar and Women Empowerment   | <b>Dr. Saroja Ilangovan</b>  |
| 9.  | Periyar Self-Respect Movement – The Instrument for Social Change                      | <b>Prof. Dr. S. Devadoss</b> |
| 10. | Atheist Philosophers: F. Nietzsche and Periyar E.V. Ramasamy – A Comparative Analysis | <b>V. Kumaresan</b>          |

*Tea break: 4.00 p.m. – 4.25 p.m.*

## **INTERACTIVE SESSION**

*(Proceedings in Tamil & English)*

Time : 4.30 p.m. – 6.00 p.m.

President : **Dr. K. Veeramani**,  
President, Dravidar Kazhagam

Initiation by : Kavignar **Kali. Poonkundran**,  
Vice President, Dravidar Kazhagam

Speech by : Kavignar **Latharani**  
Periyar Library, Kuwait

Topic of Interaction : **Social Revolution – Implementation of Resolutions – First Madras Provincial Self-Respect Conference since 1929**

*(Delegates will discuss and deliberate)*

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**Saturday - 29<sup>th</sup> July, 2017**

## **PAPER SESSION - IV**

Time: 9.30 a.m. – 11.00 a.m.

Moderator: **Prof. Dr. Ulrike Niklas**

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| 11. | Periyar and Self-Respect - An Indomitable Impact in Indian History | <b>Advocate A. Arulmozhi</b>    |
| 12. | Impact of Self-Respect Movement in Tamil Nadu                      | <b>M. Vijayanand</b>            |
| 13. | Social Justice   | <b>Olivannan Gopalakrishnan</b> |

*Tea Break: 11.00 a.m. – 11.25 a.m.*

## **PAPER SESSION - V**

Time: 11.30 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.

Moderator: **Mr. Michael Selvanayagam**

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| 14. | Gender Exploitation in South India and the Rise of the Self-Respect Movement | <b>Latharani Poongavanam</b> |
| 15. | Students and Self Respect  | <b>A.Kalaiselvan</b>         |

### **Review of Papers**

### **International Essay Competition - Announcement of Winners**

### **Closing Session**

*Lunch Break: 1.00 p.m. – 1.40 p.m.*

## **Conferment of K.Veeramani Award for Social Justice**

Time : 1.45 p.m. – 3.15 p.m.

Welcome Address by : **Dr. Lakshman Tamil,**  
Dallas, Texas, USA

Award Presentation by : **Dr. Soma Ilangovan,**  
President, Periyar International, USA

Conferment of Award to : **Hon'ble Michael Selvanayagam**  
Deputy Mayor, Croydon Municipal Corporation,  
United Kingdom.

Felicitation by : **Dr. K. Veeramani,**  
Chancellor, Periyar Maniammai University,  
Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu, India

*Tea : 3.15 p.m. – 3.40 p.m.*

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