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To Her Excellency the Ambassador of India
ROME

Dear Ms Neena Malhotra,

this is to inform you that the Scientific Committee of the Italian Association for Sanskrit Studies (A.I.S.S.) has met today online in plenary session in order to take a final decision regarding the award for the best dissertation on indological subjects in the period 2018-2020.

The Scientific Committee is composed of:

Prof. Raffaele Torella, Rome Sapienza (President)
Prof. Giuliano Boccali, Milan Statale
Prof. Antonio Rigopoulos, Venice Ca' Foscari
Prof. Francesco Sferra, Naples L'Orientale
Prof. Cinzia Pieruccini, Milan Statale
Prof. Tiziana Pontillo, Cagliari
Prof. Marco Franceschini, Bologna

The Scientific Committee has unanimously awarded the dissertation by Dr. Chiara Livio, entitled "Kingship, Poetry, and Devotion in a Medieval Kāvya from Kashmir: Mañkha and His *Śrīkañthacarita*", defended on Dec. 12th 2020 at Rome Sapienza, Doctoral Course on Civilizations of Asia and Africa.

The dissertation (Supervisor: Prof. Raffaele Torella; Co-supervisor Dr. Daniele Cuneo, Paris Sorbonne) presents a critical edition and a copiously annotated English translation of a few cantos of Mañkha's *Śrīkañthacarita* (XII c. CE). This dissertation, based on ample manuscripts evidence and thorough historical and philological research, sheds fresh light on a famous work of classical Indian literature.



The Italian Association for Sanskrit Studies expresses deep gratitude to the Indian Embassy for granting the award amount of €2000.

With grateful thanks and warm regards,

Prof. Raffaele Torella
Italian Association for Sanskrit Studies
President