Kannada, the Dravidian language of the South Indian state of Karnataka, is a classical Indian language and distinguished by its rich literary history. Today, Kannada is spoken by about 50 million people.

In this course, besides the classical literary genre Champu, Shatpadi poetry will be introduced. Selected major texts of classical Kannada, viz. Janna’s Yashodhara Charite (chapters 3 and 4), Kumaravyasa’s Bharata, Raghavanka’s Harishchandra Kavya and Chamarasa’s Prabhulingalile will be read and studied. The Reader “Classical Kannada Poetry and Prose” by C.N. Ramachandran and B.A. Viveka Rai, published in 2015, will be used as a basic text.

Participants are expected to possess basic reading and writing skills of Kannada before attending the course. In case of any doubts please do not hesitate to contact Anna Aurelia Esposito (anna.esposito@uni-wuerzburg.de).

Fee: The course is free of cost, but participants may be requested to pay for teaching materials.

Teacher: The course is taught by Prof. Dr. B.A. Viveka Rai, who is a retired professor of Kannada Literature and Folklore at the University of Mangalore. Since 2010, he is a regular guest professor at the Chair of Indology, University of Würzburg, teaching modern and classical Kannada, as well as courses on the culture and literature of Karnataka.

Time and Place:
January 15th until 19th 2018, Monday to Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
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Please register!
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