



RESEARCH LECTURE

PUBLICITY, SECRECY AND ESOTERICISM IN THE CONTEMPORARY TANTRIC MAṆḌALĪ



Throughout its history, the rituals of the Śrīvidyā tradition have been called *rahasya* (“secret”) and its teachings a *gupta vidyā* (“hidden knowledge”). In striking contrast to these intimations of secrecy, its insignia and *mantras* are now widely publicized and promoted across south India. This talk explores the apparent contradictions of an esoteric tradition in its encounters with modern life: publicity, publication, and shifting publics.

Dr. Meera Jo Kachroo (University of Saskatchewan) will present this talk as part of her week as a visiting scholar with the OSU Center for the Study of Religion.

Wednesday, September 18
4 – 5:30 pm
198 Hagerty Hall

