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The Nārāyaṇīya: Reconsidering an Epic Text and its Contexts

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The *Nārāyaṇīya* stands alongside the *Bhagavadgītā* as one of the most important religious-philosophical texts of the Mahābhārata. Both texts demonstrate not only the complex intertwining of narrative and instructive levels in the epic, but also the Mahābhārata's importance as a document of a crucially transformative period in Indian cultural, intellectual, religious and sociopolitical history.

Nearly twenty years on from the publication of *Nārāyaṇīya-Studien*, which focused on the composition, the textual history, the embedment of the text in the epic, and its relationship to texts such as the *Bhagavadgītā*, this conference aims to rekindle an interest in this important text. It aims not only to reconsider some of the results and issues raised in *Nārāyaṇīya-Studien*, but

also to draw together recent research on the text and the contexts within which it was composed as well as on the history of its reception.

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