



## GEORG BÜHLER LECTURES

# WHAT WOULD A VEDIC LAWCODE LOOK LIKE?

**STEPHANIE JAMISON**

*University of California Los Angeles*

### WELCOME

**Melanie Malzahn** | Department of Linguistics, University of Vienna,  
Dean of the Faculty of Philological and Cultural Studies

### Moderation:

**Hannes Fellner** | Department of Linguistics, University of Vienna  
**Nina Mirnig** | Institute for the Cultural and Intellectual History of Asia,  
Austrian Academy of Sciences

---

To honor Bühler's extraordinary achievements in the field of Indian law and his particular interest in the prehistory of the dharma texts, this talk will explore the evidence – and lack of evidence – for legal provisions and legal language in Vedic texts, from the Rigveda through the Brahmanas. It will attempt to identify what areas of the later dharma literature have embryonic counterparts in Vedic – principally marriage and family law – and trace the developments associated with these institutions from their Vedic forms into the dharma texts proper.



**Stephanie Jamison** received her PhD in Linguistics from Yale University in 1977, specializing in historical and Indo-European linguistics. Since 2002 she has been Professor (Distinguished Professor 2014) of Asian Languages and Cultures and of Indo-European Studies at the University of California, Los Angeles. She publishes widely in Indo-Iranian and Indo-European linguistics, poetics, ritual, mythology, and law, with special focus on Vedic Sanskrit. With Joel Brereton, she produced the first complete English translation in over a century of the oldest Sanskrit text: *The Rigveda: The Earliest Religious Poetry of India* (Oxford University Press 2014).

The event can be followed via live stream.

To register, please use the QR code or visit

<https://www.oeaw.ac.at/veranstaltungen/anmeldung/buehler-lectures-vedic-lawcode>

After registering, you will receive the log-in details via email.

**CONTACT:** Natalie Kapfer-Rupp, BA  
Austrian Academy of Sciences  
T: +43 1 51581-3633 | [natalie.kapfer-rupp@oeaw.ac.at](mailto:natalie.kapfer-rupp@oeaw.ac.at)



Photos: Shutterstock, privat

We would like to inform you that photos and film recordings (image and sound) will be made during the lecture.