

# 1<sup>st</sup> International Wayang Conference

## International Wayang Workshop

on

**Iravān: Origin and Transformations in South and Southeast Asia**

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In the Sanskrit and Old Javanese traditions, Iravān (Iravāt) is the son of Arjuna and Ulupī (Ulupuy).<sup>1</sup> When Arjuna will realize to *lumakvāvaṇavaśa* as the shape of his agreement with Nārada and his journey arrived in Gaṅgādāvāra, Arjuna performs purifying himself to Āditya worship.<sup>2</sup> At the moment appeared a princess. Asked about the aim and the purpose of her arrived, the princess explains to him following;

*There is a Snake sprung from the Airāvata, Kauravya by name, and I am his daughter, O Pārtha, Ulūpī of the Snakes. I saw you descend into the river to bathe, and I was driven out of my mind by Love. Make me happy today, scion of Kuru, I am churned by the Bodiless God for your sake! Make this matchless maiden happy today, in secret, by the gift of yourself.*<sup>3</sup>

The above information we can identified that the princess who came to Arjuna named Ulūpī. At the first time Arjuna met did a woman so during his exile. He was making endeavor his *brahmacarī*, but if Arjuna didn't marry her, Ulūpī has let to suicide.<sup>4</sup> Arjuna made a legal justification for his pure promise only tie with Draupadī.<sup>5</sup> This is Arjuna in the function as hero weak protected, by clearly release the same negative consequence his actions. As nāga, Ulūpī is the figure of fertility who to the earth. She give a birth a son Iravāt, who inherent the figure of fertility to him.<sup>6</sup> After the unidentified time, Iravān came to Kurukṣetra battlefield at the day of his death.

In the 1<sup>st</sup> International Wayang Conference, we plan to hold an International Workshop on July 16-17, 2009 and will focus on the topic of ***"Iravān: Origin and Transformation in South and Southeast Asia."*** Session and paper proposals dealing with the study of this topic

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<sup>1</sup> John Dowson, 1961, *A Classical Dictionary of Hindu Mythology and Religion, Geography, History, and Literature*. London: Routledge & Kegan Paul Ltd., (page 128).

<sup>2</sup> Gusti Putu Phalgunadi, 1990, *The Indonesia Mahābhārata; Ādīparva, The First Book*. New Delhi: International Academy of Indian Culture & Aditya Prakashan, (page 284, cf. Mbh. I, CCVI: 8).

<sup>3</sup> J.A.B. van Buitenen, 1980, *The Mahābhārata I. The Book of the Beginning*. Chicago & London: The University of Chicago Press.

<sup>4</sup> Mbh. I. CCVI: 29. (<http://www.sacred-texts.com/hin/mbs/mbs01>)

<sup>5</sup> *ibid*, Mbh. I. CCVI: 31.

<sup>6</sup> Ruth Cecily Katz, 1990, *Arjuna in the Mahābhārata: Where Krishna is, there is Victory*. Delhi: Motilal Banarsidass.

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through various academic disciplines are invited. The papers can be submitted on the following suggested sub-themes (but not limited to these only) include:

- Iravān in the Sanskrit Tradition
- Iravān in the Tamil Tradition
- Iravān in the Himalaya Tradition
- Iravān in the Old Javanese Kakavin
- Iravān in the Old Javanese Parva
- Iravān in the Malay Tradition
- Iravān in the Vietnam Tradition
- Iravān in the Cambodia Tradition
- Iravān in the Laos Tradition
- Iravān in the Burma Tradition
- Iravān in the Thailand Tradition
- Iravān in the Sunda (Wayang) Tradition
- Iravān in the Cirebon Tradition
- Iravān in the Jogjakarta (Wayang) Tradition
- Iravān in the Surakarta (Wayang) Tradition
- Iravān in the Bali (Wayang) Tradition
- Iravān in the Banjar (Wayang) Tradition

Other papers are also welcomed covering the study of Iravān in the other tradition in the region. We also plan to open Centre for Jogjakarta Wayang Tradition Studies at Universitas Gadjah Mada.

For information, our committee will provide accommodations for 4 days (on July 15-19 2009) for 15 participants. We hope that we could receive the submission of the abstract on June 13, 2009 and the submission of the proposed presentations on June 3, 2009.

We also invite the workshop participants at Opening Ceremony and Cultural Oration (on July 15, 2009), Javanese Exorcism (on July 18, 2009), the whole night Wayang Purwa Performance (on July 18, 2009) with the story: The Birth of Iravān (*Irawan Lair*) by Ki Radyo Harsono of Muntilan, Central Java.

We have received five abstracts and still wait for your other-ones.

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