

**Intertextualities:  
Texts across languages, Languages across texts  
Scholarly Symposium**

July 9-10, 2026

This scholarly symposium will be held in association with the 12th Early Modern Bhākhā/Brajbhāṣā Workshop in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, from July 12-21, 2026. We welcome papers addressing the intertextual relations that can inform our understanding of 'early modern' (ca. 1400-1850 CE) texts in the range of languages known as *bhākhā*, or *hindavī*, or in dynamic relation to one or more of these languages. (We are open to earlier periods as well, with work that can inform our understanding of vernacular linguistic developments, such as in Apabhraṃśa.) The conference embraces diverse perspectives and approaches, with the overarching goal of allowing for exchange and collaboration to enhance how we understand texts and languages in context and in contact in early modern South Asia.

The Symposium will primarily be held in person at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, just prior to the Early Modern Bhākhā/Brajbhāṣā Workshop. Priority will be given to those participants who plan to participate in both the Symposium and the Workshop. Recognising various structural and logistical barriers to international travel, we will provide a dual-delivery mode, with some entirely online sessions, as well as in-person sessions. After all submissions are received, the academic committee will make the decision of how to balance in-person/online attendance and the structure of panels.

**Submission Guidelines**

Individual paper proposals (not panel proposals) must be submitted by 1 August 2025; notifications will be sent by 1 September 2025.

- **Submissions should include:**
  - Paper title
  - Author's name and institutional affiliation
  - Email address
  - Preferred mode of presentation (in-person/online)
  - 3-5 keywords
  - Abstract: Maximum 300 words

We are seeking funding to support the Symposium. A CAD\$200 registration fee will be required for non-student participants in the two (possibly extended to three days, in accordance with the interest expressed and schedule constraints). If we are successful in gaining funding, housing will be subsidized and a travel bursary will be available for students.

Please submit your proposal(s) to: [ubc.bhakhaworkshop@gmail.com](mailto:ubc.bhakhaworkshop@gmail.com)

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