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Projects within NETamil:

- A critical edition, study and English translation of the *Paripāṭal*, together with the ancient gloss by Parimēlaḷakar (together with Erin McCann and Suganya Ananda-kichenin).

Biographical data:

Hugo David is a researcher at the Pondicherry Centre of the École française d'Extrême-Orient, which he joined in 2015. His main area of research is the history of Indian philosophical systems and traditions of linguistic analysis, with a focus on Sanskrit grammar, poetics and Vedic exegesis. His doctoral thesis, submitted in 2012 at the École pratique des Hautes Études (Paris), consisted of a critical edition, French translation and study of the *Śābdanirṇaya* ("An Inquiry into Verbal Knowledge") by the 10th-century Advaitin Prakāśātman. Before joining the EFEO, he was active at the University of Cambridge (2013-14) and at the Institute for the Intellectual and Cultural History of Asia in Vienna (2015).

Main publications:

- "A Contribution of Vedānta to the History of Mīmāṃsā. Prakāśātman's interpretation of 'verbal effectuation' (*śabdabhāvanā*)"; p. 79-105 in Mirnig, N.; Szántó, P.-D. and Williams, M. (eds). *Puṣpikā: Tracing Ancient India through Texts and Traditions. Contributions to Current Research in Indology*. Vol. 1. Oxford: Oxbow books, 2013.
- "Action Theory and Scriptural Exegesis in Early Advaita-Vedānta (1): Maṇḍana Miśra on *upadeśa* and *iṣṭasādhanatā*"; p. 269-316 in Eltschinger, V. and Krasser, H. (eds). *Scriptural Authority, Reason, and Action. Proceedings of a Panel at the 14th World Sanskrit Conference, Kyōto, September 1-5, 2009*. Vienna: ÖAW-Verlag, 2013
- "Nouvelles tendances dans l'étude de la Mīmāṃsā"; *Bulletin de l'École française d'Extrême-Orient* 99 (2012-2013): 395-408 (published in 2014).

- “Theories of Human Action in Early Medieval Brahmanism (600-1000): Activity, Speech and Desire”, *Journal of Value Inquiry* 49 (2015): 567-595.
- “Time, Action and Narration: on some Exegetical Sources of Abhinavagupta’s Aesthetic Theory”; *Journal of Indian Philosophy* 44.1 (2016): 125-144.
- “Les définitions de l’énoncé dans la tradition sanskrite: entre grammaire et exégèse”; to be published in April, 2017 in the special issue of the journal *Langages* entitled *L’énoncé dans les traditions linguistiques* (chief editor: V. Raby).
- “Les origines du Vedānta comme tradition scolastique: état du problème, nouvelles hypothèses”; to be published in May, 2017 in the *Bulletin de l’École française d’Extrême-Orient* 102.
- “Action Theory and Scriptural Exegesis in Early Advaita-Vedānta (2): Maṇḍana Mīśra’s Excursus on the Buddha’s Omniscience”; to be published in McClintock, S., Lasic, H., McAllister, P. and Kellner, B. (eds). *Proceedings of the 5th International Dharmakīrti Conference*. Vienna: ÖAW-Verlag (written in 2015).
- “The birth of Uttara-Mīmāṃsā: a New Look at the Early History of Vedānta from a Hermeneutic Point of View”; to be published in the collective volume *Les scolastiques indiennes: naissances, développements, interactions*, edited by Émilie Aussant and Gérard Colas (written in 2016).