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**Among Āśrams and Melā:  
In search of Sādhus  
and Yogic practices in India**

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In this talk we are going to discuss ethnographic work among ascetics (sādhus, bābās) in India. After a practical introduction on how to undertake this kind of research, we will enter the field of the Kumbh Melā and of various āśrams to describe four main traditional ascetic orders (the sampradāyas of Daśanāmīs, Nāths, Rāmānandīs, and Udāsīns) stressing differences and similarities. In the end, we will analyse some of their practices: austerities and yoga sādhanā. The aim of the talk is to provide a wide understanding of contemporary Hindu asceticism and to question the information we usually find in textual sources.