

Asian Languages & Literature

Asian 203 A Autumn 2014 Course

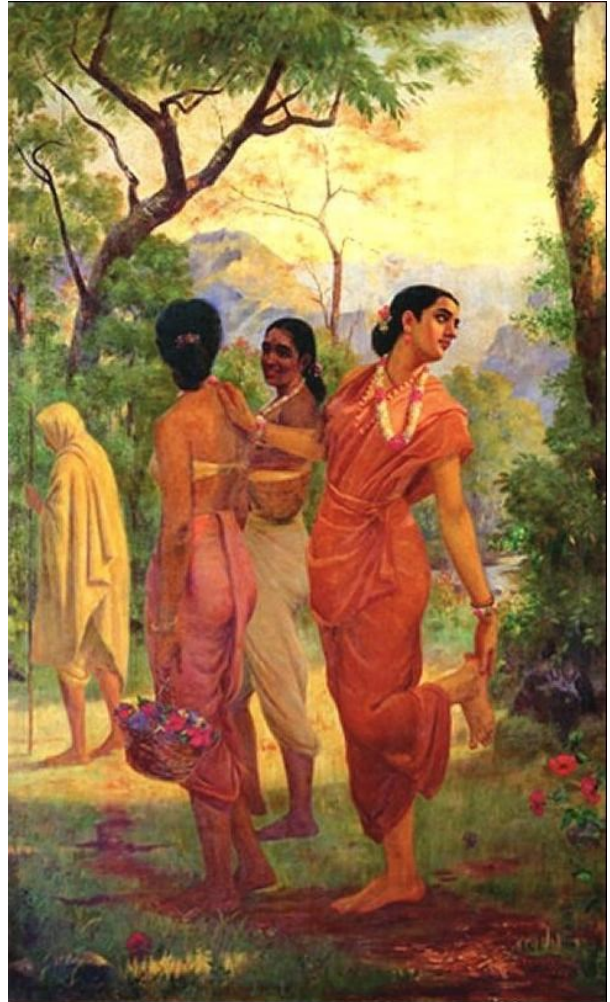
Literature and Culture of Ancient and Classical India

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**Tuesday & Thursday
1:30-3:20
+ Friday Quiz Section
1:30-2:20 or 2:30-3:20**

**5 Credits
I&S/VLPA**

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Shakuntala looking back to glimpse Dushyanta from Kālidāsa's *Abhijñānaśākuntalam*

This course introduces the classical literature of India and the South Asian subcontinent in its cultural and historical context. Readings will be based on classic texts representing the Hindu and Buddhist tradition translated from Sanskrit and Prakrit, the classical and vernacular languages of ancient India. They will include specimens of the epic, dramatic, and poetic traditions, such as the *Mahābhārata* epic and the poetry of Kālidāsa. Close readings and discussions of the texts will reveal the aesthetic and ethical principles of the rich culture of classical India.

No prerequisites are required.