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Seminar on the Personal Library of a European Polymath: The Gros Collection

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Professor François Gros, who retired as the Director of the Ecole Française d'Extrême Orient, Pondicherry, India is one of the leading doyens of Tamil Studies worldwide. In the course of what might be described as a 19th-century scholarly career which moved from anthropology to the study of Southeast Asia and then South Asia he amassed an extraordinary collection of rare works on South India and its reception in France. The core of his library, housed originally at the Rue François Gros in Lyon, France is an irreplaceable collection of rare works in Tamil, consisting of dictionaries, religious works, fiction, ethnographic accounts, the catalogues of private collections etc. In 2017 he generously donated this core collection of about 9000 works to the University of Toronto, where it is currently being catalogued and digitized in a project jointly headed by Lana Soglasnova and Srilata Raman. In this seminar we hope to share some of the treasures of this collection with you.

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