

# Humor is Serious Business

Irony, Sarcasm and other techniques  
for mobilising religious, cultural and epistemic capital

3rd to 5th July 2023 | Groningen | Oude Boteringestraat 38 | Zittingzaal

## July 3rd, 2023: 15:00–18:45

15:00-15:15 | Opening comments: Elena  
Mucciarelli

### Panel 1

15:15-18:45 | *Sarcasm as a rhetorical device  
in philosophical texts: Why?*

Chair: Elisa Freschi. Speakers: Alessandro  
Graheli; Andrej Klebanov; Andrew Ollett;  
Elisa Freschi.

19:00 | Screening of bhana performance & borrel/drinks

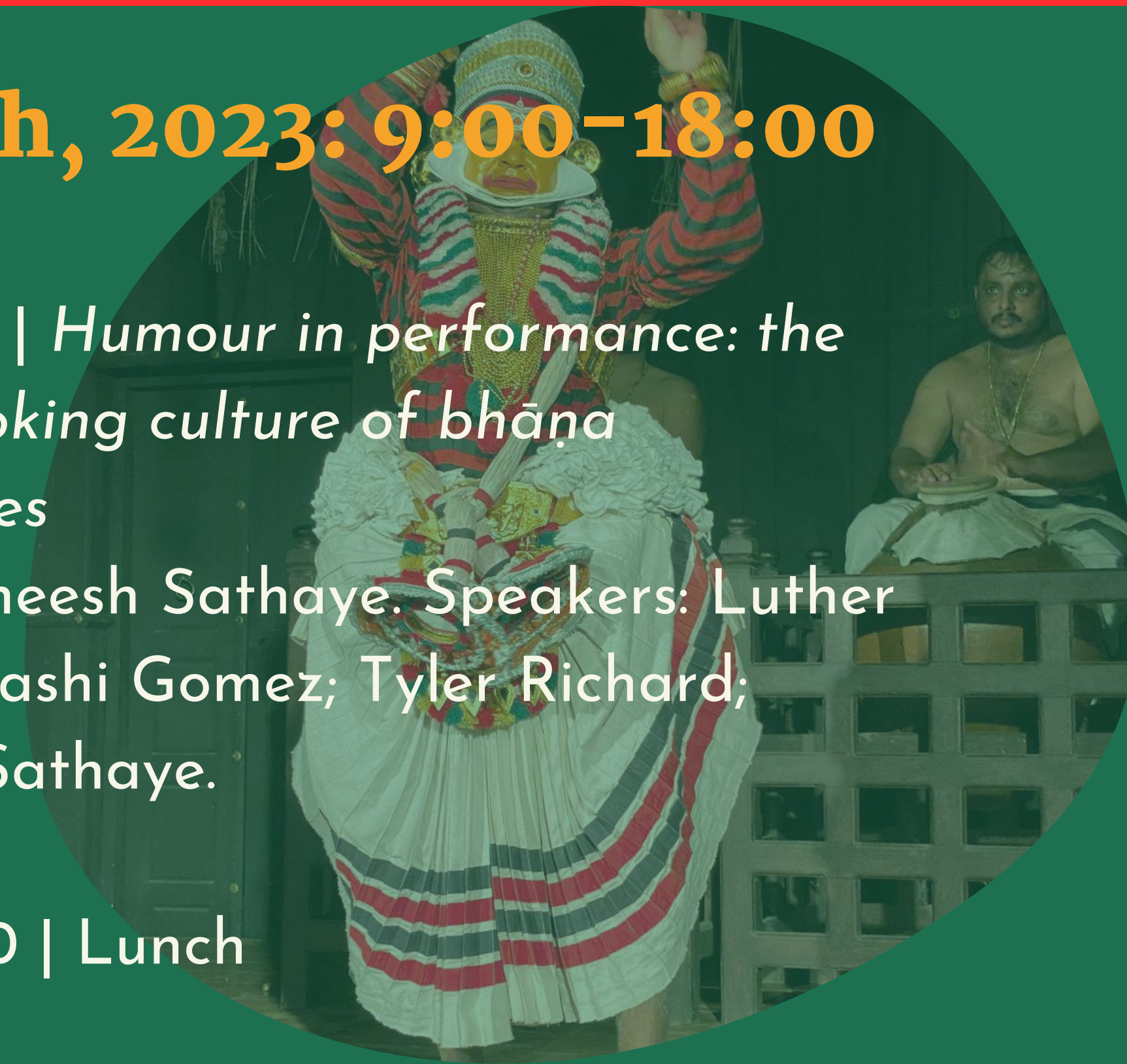
## July 4th, 2023: 9:00–18:00

### Panel 2

9:30-13:00 | *Humour in performance: the  
Sanskrit joking culture of bhāṇa  
monologues*

Chair: Adheesh Sathaye. Speakers: Luther  
Obrock; Kashi Gomez; Tyler Richard;  
Adheesh Sathaye.

13:00-15:00 | Lunch



## July 4th, 2023: 9:00-18:00

### Panel 3

15:00-18:30 | *Humour as aesthetic practice*

Chair: Daniele Cuneo / Camillo Formigatti.

Speakers: David Shulman; Sudha Gopalakrishnan; Christophe Vielle.



## July 5th, 2023: 9:30-18:00

### Panel 4

9:30-12:30 | *Syncopating god - Without missing a bit: Religious irony as a technique to challenge, domesticate, and alienate god(s)*

Chair: Elena Mucciarelli. Speakers: Yakir Paz; Andrew Irving; Jarosław Zapart.

12:30-14:30 | Lunch break

### Panel 5

14:30-18:00 | *Humour as socio-political practice: The double nature of sarcasm, irony and other techniques to create elitarian discourses and challenge normative practices*

Chair: Cristina Bignami. Speakers: Piotr Borek; Cezary Galewicz; Elena Mucciarelli; Fabio Mangraviti.