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Political Economy of Computational Work in History: The case of the Vernacular Math Traditions in India

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Introduction by prof. **Pietro Omodeo**

If counting, measuring and weighing were central to computational practices at work and in learning, how could we reconstruct histories of mathematics as history of socio economic practices performed by people, as part of their working lives. Ours is a project to attempt such histories and to retrieve historical sources that would make such histories possible, in the Indian subcontinent. For now, we will focus on the two South Indian regions, speaking Tamil and Malayalam. We will share our main concerns, ideas and action plan of our work in the coming years, while discussing existing historiographies of mathematics in relation to our work. We see this as an opportunity to invite suggestions and feedback to ways in which we could take our work forward.



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