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## Six “orthodox” systems

- Nyāya
- Vaiśeṣika
- Sāṅkhya
- Yoga
- (Pūrva)Mīmāṃsā
- (Uttara)Mīmāṃsā / Vedānta

## Three “heterodox” systems

- Buddhism
- Jainism
- Lokāyata (“Materialism”)

## Some problems

- Limitations in scope (Grammar, Śaiva Siddhānta & Pratyabhijñā, Navyanyāya)
- Diversity of the emic classifications
- Problems with the concepts of “orthodox(y)” and “heterodox(y)” (*[n]āstikya* or *[a]vaidikatva* ?)
- Fails to reveal what Indian philosophy is in practice

## *Qu'est-ce que la philosophie indienne?*

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## First part – philosophical problems

Ten chapters:

1. The Self (*ātman*)
2. The external world/object (*bāhyārtha*)
3. The Other
4. Knowledge, error, and truth (*pramāṇa/prāmāṇya*)
5. Scriptural authority (*āgama*)
6. Language
7. The Universals (*jāti/sāmānya*)
8. God (*iśvara*)
9. Time (*kāla*)
10. Space (*diś*)

## Introduction

Is there philosophy in India?

- Recent approaches in Medieval philosophy (A. de Libera, J. Marenbon)
- The “Hadot” approach

The *darśanas*, orthodoxy and heterodoxy; R. Guénon/J. Herbert/Aurobindo

- *darśana, ānvīkṣikī, parīkṣā*

On Yoga

Reason and attitudes toward reason

- The “mainstream” approach; the Buddhist case
- The Bhartṛhari / Śaṅkara approach
- Scepticism and radical “materialism”

Some specificities of Indian philosophy

- The question of practical philosophy, and politics
- Empiricism
- Grammar vs. Mathematics ?