Gender and Cosmology in Tamil
Preferential Marriages with Kin

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Dr. Isabelle Clark-Deces, Professor in the Department of Anthropology, Princeton University, is an expert on Tamil ritual. This talk suggests that South Indian preferential marriages with close kin encode ideas about the creative forces responsible for the order and continuity of the world as well as ideas about the place of men and women in the world.