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SUNY Oneonta, 108 Ravine Parkway, Oneonta, NY 13820. *Jñānarāja's Critique of  
Bhāskarācārya's Siddhāntaśiromaṇi.*

Jñānarāja, an astronomer from Maharashtra, India, wrote an astronomical treatise, the *Siddhāntasundara*, around 1500 CE. It was the first major work to appear after the *Siddhāntaśiromaṇi* of Bhāskarācārya from 1150 CE, well known for its depth and comprehensiveness. Writing at the beginning of the early modern period, Jñānarāja was perpetuating an ancient tradition of astronomy while addressing the needs of his times. While influenced by the *Siddhāntaśiromaṇi*, especially by the idea of *vāsanā* (mathematical demonstration), Jñānarāja was also critical of some of its assumptions and formulae. For example, Jñānarāja rejects a particular formula because it breaks down on equinoctial days, producing the mathematically meaningless result  $0/0$ . The talk will focus on Jñānarāja's use and critique of Bhāskarācārya's *Siddhāntaśiromaṇi*. Attention will be paid to the different times and milieux of the two astronomers in shaping their treatises. (Received September 13, 2014)