

Philology, Philosophy and the History of Buddhism: 60 Years of Austrian–Japanese Cooperation

Symposium, 18–19 November 2019

Abstract (English and German)

The year 2019 marks the 150th anniversary of Austria having established diplomatic relations with Japan. Research conducted in Austria on the history of religions and philosophies in South Asia and Tibet has been significantly shaped by cooperation and exchange with Japanese scholars and institutions, both at the University of Vienna and at the Austrian Academy of Sciences. Cultivated now for already sixty years, Austrian–Japanese relations in these fields have been rooted in a shared interest in the history of Buddhism, as well as a focus on philological research. Among other things, these long-standing contacts led to the establishment in 1999 of the Numata Chair for Buddhist Studies at the University of Vienna. The symposium “Philology, Philosophy and the History of Buddhism”, being generously supported also by the Bukkyō Dendo Kyōkai (Society for the Promotion of Buddhism), will reflect on the history of Austria–Japan cooperation in research on Buddhist philosophical and religious literature in India and Tibet, present the results of ongoing cooperative projects, and serve as a forum for discussing future plans.

Im Jahr 2019 feiert Österreich das 150jährige Jubiläum der Aufnahme diplomatischer Beziehungen zu Japan. Zusammenarbeit und Austausch mit japanischen Wissenschaftlern und Institutionen prägten auch in besonderem Maß die in Österreich betriebene Forschung zur Philosophie- und Religionsgeschichte Südasiens und Tibets, sowohl an der Universität Wien als auch an der Österreichischen Akademie der Wissenschaften. Die bereits über 60 Jahre hinweg gepflegten wissenschaftlichen Beziehungen in diesem Bereich gründen in einem geteilten Interesse an der Geschichte des Buddhismus, sowie in der die japanische und österreichische Forschungstradition verbindenden philologischen Arbeitsweise. Aufgrund dieser lange währenden Kontakte konnte unter anderem 1999 an der Universität Wien der „Numata Chair for Buddhist Studies“ eingerichtet werden. Das ebenfalls von der Bukkyō Dendo Kyōkai (Society for the Promotion of Buddhism), großzügig unterstützte Symposium „Philology, Philosophy and the History of Buddhism“ reflektiert die Geschichte österreichisch-japanischer Kooperationen bei der Erforschung der philosophischen und religiösen Literatur des Buddhismus in Indien und Tibet, stellt Ergebnisse aktueller Kooperationsprojekte vor und dient als Forum für die Diskussion von Zukunftsplänen.

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10:00-10:30	<p>Welcome</p> <p><i>Prof. Dr. Klaus-Dieter Mathes</i> (Department of South Asian, Tibetan and Buddhist Studies ISTB, University of Vienna)</p> <p><i>Prof. Shōryū Katsura</i> (President of the Society for the Promotion of Buddhism BDK; Research Fellow at the Research Institute for World Buddhist Cultures, Ryūkoku University)</p> <p><i>Prof. Dr. Ernst Steinkellner</i> (Institute for the Cultural and Intellectual History of Asia IKGA, Austrian Academy of Sciences)</p>
Session 1	
10:30-11:00	<p><i>Yasutaka Muroya</i> (IKGA/Vienna) Towards a Sanskrit reconstruction of the sixth chapter of the <i>Pramāṇasamuccaya</i></p>
11:00-11:30	<p><i>Horst Lasic</i> (IKGA/Vienna) Jinendrabuddhi on structure and meaning in <i>Pramāṇasamuccaya</i>, chapter 5</p>
11:30-12:00	<p><i>Toshikazu Watanabe</i> (Kokugakuin University/Tōkyō) Dignāga on the fallacies of the thesis</p>
12:00-13:30	Lunch
Session 2	
13:30-14:00	<p><i>Taiken Kyūma</i> (Mie University) Reconsidering the decline of Buddhism in India: A progress report on the Vihāra project</p>
14:00-14:30	<p><i>Klaus-Dieter Mathes</i> (ISTB/Vienna) and <i>Seiji Kumagai</i> (Kyōto University) The nature of mind in Mahāmudrā, Tathāgatagarbha and related systems</p>
14:30-15:00	<p><i>Pascale Hugon</i> (IKGA/Vienna) and <i>Kazuo Kano</i> (Komazawa University/Tōkyō) The gateway to Tibetan scholasticism: A new collaborative project</p>
15:00-15:30	Break
Session 3	
15:30-16:00	<p><i>Toru Tomabechi</i> (International Institute for Digital Humanities/Tōkyō) Editing Buddhist Tantric texts in the STTAR project: a progress report</p>
16:00-16:30	<p><i>Ernst Steinkellner</i> (IKGA/Vienna) Editing Dharmakīrti's <i>Sambandhaparīkṣā</i> – a report</p>
	Break
Evening lecture	
17:00-17:30	<p><i>Birgit Kellner</i> (IKGA/Vienna) Looking back and moving forward: 60 years of Austrian-Japanese exchange and cooperation in South Asian, Tibetan and Buddhist Studies</p>
17:30-18:30	Reception
19:00	Hosted dinner for participants and invited guests

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Session 4	
09:00-09:30	<i>Shōryū Katsura</i> (Bukkyō Dendo Kyōkai and Ryūkoku University) Mark Siderits on <i>anumāna</i>
09:30-10:00	<i>Hisataka Ishida</i> (Aichi Gakuin University) Recent research on Dharmottara's <i>Pramāṇaviniścayaṭīkā</i> , second chapter
10:00-10:30	<i>Birgit Kellner</i> (IKGA/Vienna) Dharmottara on nonapprehension (<i>anupalabdhi</i>) in the <i>Pramāṇaviniścayaṭīkā</i>
10:30-11:00	Break
Session 5	
11:00-11:30	<i>Patrick McAllister</i> (IKGA/Vienna) Basic inferences and perception
11:30-12:00	<i>Shinya Moriyama</i> (Shinshū University/Matsumoto) Prajñākaragupta and Jñānaśrīmitra on the reliability of yogic perception
12:00-12:30	<i>Masamichi Sakai</i> (Kansai University/Osaka) Combining research perspectives: Philology and Intercultural Studies
12:30-13:00	Concluding discussion
13:00-14:00	Lunch
14:30-17:00	Discussion panels on future collaboration (at ISTB/IKGA)

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