Extant in manuscripts, paintings and sculptures, Buddhist narratives have played an essential role in the dissemination of Buddhism along the Silk Road, from India to East Asia. Based on case studies from India. Central Asia and China, the workshop aims to unravel the dynamic interplay of Buddhist textual and visual narratives. Stories will be analysed in order to characterise the process of their formation, development and transformation along the Silk Road, and textual and visual narratives will be compared in order to understand the interaction of both media in the diffusion of Buddhism. In addition, the Buddhist narratives will be contextualised within the historical and socio-political background of the monasteries at cosmopolite centres such as those of Gandhāra, Dūnhuáng, Turfan and Kucha. Special attention will subsequently be given to the mechanisms of inter- and intra-religious and cultural exchanges and transfer processes tangible at these places. By investigating these questions, the workshop will tackle broader theoretical aspects regarding the dynamics of religious transfer and exchange in Central Asia.

Wednesday, 23 November 2011

Location: Veranstaltungszentrum, Room 3

- 09.00 h Address Jörg Plassen, Bochum
- 09.10 h Presentation of the MERCUR/CERES Project Christoph Anderl and Jessie Pons, Bochum
- 09.30 h The Petroglyphs of the Western Himalayas: New Data on the Ancient Tracks of the Diffusion of Buddhism Laurianne Bruneau, Paris
- 10.15 h Coffee Break

KUCHA AND TURFAN OASES

10.30 h Ascertaining the Literary and Pictorial Sources of Kizil Paintings Monika Zin, Munich

11.30 h	Identification of Mural Paintings of the Kizil Cave 207 ("Painter's Cave") with Textual Sources Satomi Hiyama, Berlin

12.30 h Lunch

KUCHA AND TURFAN OASES (CONTINUED)

- 14.00 h Representations of Amitābha's Pure Land and of Avalokiteśvara: Cultural Exchange and Regional Innovation on the Northern Silk Road Lilla Russell-Smith, Berlin
- 15.00 h Meditation as a Visual Narrative: Remarks on a Meditation Manual from Turfan Sven Bretfeld, Bochum
- 16.00 h End of the Lectures
- 19.00 h Dinner

Thursday, 24 November 2011

Location: Veranstaltungszentrum, Room 3

09.30 h Māra's Assault: Transformation of a Codified Iconography along the Silk Road Christoph Anderl and Jessie Pons, Bochum 10.30 h Dancing in the Caves of Dunhuang: Tantric Buddhist Art in Dunhuang Cave 465 Carmen Meinert, Bochum **Coffee Break** 11.30 h CHINESE RESPONSES AND TRANSFORMATIONS Why Telling Foreign Stories in China? 11.45 h Intentionality - Xuanzang's Xivu-ii Max Deeg, Cardiff Lunch 12.45 h 14.30 h Image and Narrative in the Song Buddhist Sculptures at Mt. Baoding, Dazu Henrik Sørensen, Kopenhagen / Bochum Beyond the Silk Road: Chinese Imageries and 15.30 h Buddha Portrayals in the Early Medieval Era Licia Di Giacinto, Bochum 16.30 h End of the Lectures 19.00 h Dinner

Friday, 25 November 2011
cation: Studierendenhaus, Room 187
Gandhāra
What Can Gāndhārī Literature Tell us about the Buddhism of Gandhāra? A Source-Critical Approach Ingo Strauch, Berlin / Würzburg
Buddhism on the Silk Road: Reflections on a Curious Asymmetry Jens-Uwe Hartmann, Munich
Coffee Break
Greek Smorgasbord or Buddhist Narratives? Identification of Pyrrho's Thought and Practice Christopher Beckwith, Bloomington, USA / Bochum

12.45 h Lunch

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- 14.30 h Formation of an Avadāna Genre in Early Buddhist Manuscripts in Contrast and Comparison with Visual Narratives of Previous-Birth Stories in Gandhāra and Central Asia Jason Neelis, Waterloo, Canada
- 15.30 h The Birth of the Buddha in Gandhāran Art – On the Western Origin of its Iconographic Nucleus and Resulting Implications for Textual and Art History Martina Stove, Berlin
- 16.30 h Coffee Break
- 16.45 h Round Table
- 18.00 h End of the Workshop
- 19.00 h Final Dinner

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REGISTRATION

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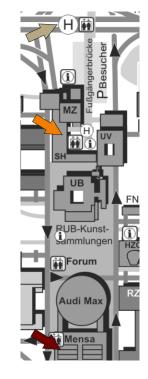
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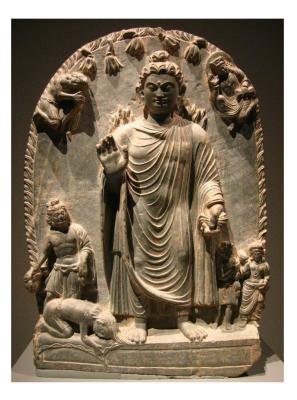
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