

PROJECT

BuddhistRoad aims to create a new framework to enable understanding of the complexities in the dynamics of cultural encounter and religious transfer in pre-modern Eastern Central Asia—a region that was the crossroads of ancient civilisations whose uniqueness was determined by complex dynamics of religious and cultural exchanges gravitating around an ancient communication artery, commonly referred to as the Silk Road. The spread of Buddhism overrode the ethnic and linguistic boundaries along the Silk Road creating a civilisational whole, which despite its diversity, expressed a set of common Buddhist ideas from various cultural perspectives. One specific aspect of this process in Eastern Central Asia was the rise of the local forms of Buddhism. The project intends to investigate such Buddhist localisations between the 6th–14th centuries.

CONFERENCE

The aim of this conference is to investigate the complexities concerning patronage and donors in Central Asian Buddhist communities on the one hand, and issues relating to sacred spaces and pilgrimage on the other. While the focus will be on the cultures that thrived along the Silk Road during the period 6–14th centuries, the scope of the meeting will also include these thematic in adjacent areas and cultures in order to provide viable comparative and theoretical basis for further elucidation and discussion.

VENUE

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Part I: Sacred Space, Pilgrimage, Patronage, Legitimation Strategies

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WEDNESDAY, 23 MAY 2018

- 06:00 - 06:15 **Welcome Addresses**
Andreas Ostendorf (Vice Rector, Ruhr-Universität Bochum)
Volkhard Krech (Director of CERES, Bochum)
- 06:15 - 07:00 **Keynote Speech**
Introduction: Carmen Meinert (PI BuddhistRoad, Bochum)
REVISITING AN IMPERIAL INTERSTICE: A READING OF ANXI YULIN CAVE 25
Matthew Kapstein (Paris/Chicago)
- 07:00 **Dinner Reception**

THURSDAY, 24 MAY 2018 **SACRED SPACE & PILGRIMAGE**

- >>>>>>>>> Chair: Henrik H. Sørensen (Bochum, BuddhistRoad)
- 09:30 - 10:00 **Introduction to BuddhistRoad Project**
Carmen Meinert (Bochum, BuddhistRoad)
- 10:00 - 11:00 **Sacred Space in Uyghur Buddhism**
Jens Wilkens (Göttingen)
Response
Kirill Solonin (Bejing/Bochum, BuddhistRoad)
- 11:00 - 11:30 **Coffee & Tea Break**
- 11:30 - 12:30 **Old Uyghur Pilgrims: A Glimpse behind their Records**
Simone-Christiane Raschmann (Berlin)
Response
Yukiyo Kasai (Bochum, BuddhistRoad)
- 12:30 - 02:30 **Lunch & Visit of the Botanical Garden**
>>>>>>>>> Chair: Jessie Pons (Bochum)
- 02:30 - 03:30 **From Rin chen bzang po to rGod tshang pa—Rethinking Religious Patronage in the Indian Himalayas between the 10th and 13th Centuries**
Verena Widorn (Vienna)
Response
Erika Forte (Bochum, BuddhistRoad)
- 03:30 - 04:30 **Xuanzang and the Three-Eyed Fish: Yulin Cave 3 Reconsidered**
Michelle McCoy (Berlin)
Response
Max Deeg (Cardiff)
- 04:30 - 05:00 **Coffee & Tea Break**
>>>>>>>>> Chair: Licia DiGiacinto (Bochum)
- 05:00 - 06:00 **Creation of Tantric Sacred Spaces in Eastern Central Asia**
Carmen Meinert (Bochum, BuddhistRoad)

Response
Gregory Forgues (Leiden)

06:30 **Dinner**

FRIDAY, 25 MAY 2018 **PATRONAGE & LEGITIMATION**

- >>>>>>>>> Chair: Max Deeg (Cardiff)
- 09:00 - 10:00 **Keynote Speech**
WHO IS LEGITIMATING WHOM? ON JUSTIFYING BUDDHISM'S PLACE IN THE BODY POLITIC
Sem Vermeersch (Seoul)
- 10:00 - 11:00 **Uyghur Royal Patronage and the Buddhist Legitimation**
Yukiyo Kasai (Bochum, BuddhistRoad)
Response
Jan-Ulrich Sobisch (Bochum)
- 11:00 - 11:30 **Coffee & Tea Break**
- 11:30 - 12:30 **The Patron-Preceptor Relationship (yon mchod) in Twelfth and Thirteenth Centuries—Tibetan History Reinterpreted**
Shen Weirong (Beijing)
Response
Henrik H. Sørensen (Bochum, BuddhistRoad)
- 12:30 - 02:00 **Lunch**
>>>>>>>>> Chair: Jason Neelis (Waterloo/Vienna)
- 02:00 - 03:00 **Tangut Imperial Patronage and Buddhist Translations in the Tangut Empire**
Kirill Solonin (Bochum, BuddhistRoad)
Response
Shen Weirong (Beijing)
- 03:00 - 04:00 **Images of Patronage in Khotan**
Erika Forte (Bochum, BuddhistRoad):
Response
Michelle McCoy (Berlin)
- 04:00 - 04:30 **Coffee & Tea Break**
>>>>>>>>> Chair: Volkhard Krech (Bochum)
- 04:30 - 05:30 **Patronage and Esoteric Buddhism in Dunhuang during the 10th Century**
Henrik H. Sørensen (Bochum, BuddhistRoad)
Response
Matthew Kapstein (Paris/Chicago)
- 03:30 - 06:00 **Closing Discussion**
- 06:30 **Dinner**