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CHINESE AND TIBETAN TANTRIC BUDDHISM

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All lectures will take place at the Feldman Building,
on the Edmond J. Safra, Givat Ram Campus, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Organizers: Yael Bentor (The Hebrew University)
Meir Shahar (Tel Aviv University)

PROGRAM

Monday, June 16

9:30 Gathering

10:00 Greetings: **Michal Linial** (Director, IIAS)

10:30-12:00 **ESOTERIC BUDDHISM AND CHINESE RELIGION**

Robert H. Sharf (University of California, Berkeley)

Esoteric Buddhist Influence on the Emergence of Chan in Eighth Century China

Meir Shahar (Tel Aviv University & IIAS)

The Tantric Origins of the Horse King: Hayagrīva and the Chinese Horse Cult

Vincent Durand-Dastès (INALCO, Centre d'études chinoises, Equipe ASIEs,
Paris)

Esoteric Buddhism, Violence and Salvation in Ming-Qing Vernacular Novels

12:00-13:30 Lunch break

- 13:30-15:00 **TIBETAN TANTRIC SCRIPTURES**
- Jacob P. Dalton** (University of California, Berkeley)
Observations on the Ārya-tattvasaṃgraha-sādhanaopāyikā and Its Commentary from Dunhuang
- Yael Bentor** (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem & IAS)
Conflicting Positions over the Interpretation of the Body Maṇḍala
- Jampa Samten** (Central University for Tibetan Studies, Varanasi & IAS)
The Secret Signs (Chommaka) as Described in the Saṃvarodaya and other Buddhist Higher Yoga Tantras
- 15:00-15:30 Coffee break
- 15:30-17:00 **TANTRIC BUDDHISM IN CENTRAL ASIA**
- Sudan Shakya** (Shuchiin University, Kyoto)
Uṣṇīṣavijayā in the Esoteric Buddhist Texts
- Carmen Meinert** (Ruhr University, Bochum)
Localization of the Tantric Deity Vajravārāhī in the Tangut Empire (12th c.)
- Yang Fuxue** (Dunhuang Research Academy, Lanzhou)
Tibetan Buddhism among the Uighurs

Tuesday, June 17

- 9:00-10:30 **TANTRIC PHILOSOPHY**
- Leonard van der Kuijp** (Harvard University, Cambridge)
Text-Critical and Philosophical Concerns in an Indian Tantric-Buddhist Commentary by Bhavyakīrti or Bhavya (ca. 1000 AD)
- Eran Laish** (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem & IAS)
Perception, Body and Selfhood: The Transformation of Embodiment in the Togäl Practice of the ‘Heart Essence’ Tradition
- Dorji Wangchuk** (University of Hamburg)
The Philosophy of the Guhyagarbhatantra
- 10:30-11:00 Coffee break

- 11:00-12:30 **ESOTERIC BUDDHIST ART**
- Li Ling** (National Museum of China, Beijing & IAS)
The Goddess Hārītī in Tibetan Tantric Buddhism: Scriptures and Iconography
- Nobuyoshi Yamabe** (Tokyo University of Agriculture)
Possible Esoteric Elements in Qumtura Cave 75: Reexamination of Paintings and Inscriptions through Digital Restoration
- Yan Yaozhong** (Fudan University, Shanghai & IAS)
The Evolution of the Four-Arms Motif from India to China
- 12:30-14:00 Lunch break
- 14:00-15:00 **THE TRANSLATION OF TANTRIC SCRIPTURES**
- Shen Weirong** (Renmin University, Beijing)
A Comparative Study of Three Chinese Translations of The Hevajra Tantra in Song, Xixia, and Ming
- Hou Haoran** (Leipzig University)
The Homavidhi Section in the Saṃpuṭa-tantra: A Critical Study of Its Sanskrit, Tibetan and Tangut Versions
- 15:00-15:30 Coffee break
- 15:30-16:30 **CHINESE-LANGUAGE SOURCES ON THE EVOLUTION OF TANTRIC BUDDHISM**
- Lü Jianfu** (Shaanxi Normal University, Xi'an & IAS)
Chinese and Western Scholarship of the Evolution of Tantric Buddhism
- Henrik Sørensen** (Copenhagen Seminar of Buddhist Studies)
Early Esoteric Buddhism according to the Chinese Sources, 4th-6th Centuries

Wednesday, June 18

- 9:00-10:30 **CHINESE ESOTERIC BUDDHIST PRACTICE**
- Charles D. Orzech** (University of Glasgow)
Tantric Subjects: Liturgy and Vision in Chinese Esoteric Ritual Manuals

Lin Peiyang (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Meditation and Precepts in Śubhākarasiṃha's (637-735) 'Elements of Meditation': A Comparative Approach

10:30-11:00 Coffee break

11:00-12:30 **TIBETAN TANTRIC SOTERIOLOGY AND PSYCHOLOGY**

Dan Martin (Israel Institute for Advanced Studies, Jerusalem)

Crazy Wisdom in Moderation: Padampa Sangyé's Counterintuitive Methods of Dealing with Negative Mental States

Penpa Dorjee (Central University of Tibetan Studies, Varanasi)

Spread of Tantra in Tibet: Doubts and Facts

Gazang Jiacheng (Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Beijing)

The Research of Classics of Tibetan Buddhist Tantric Studies: Interpretation of 'An Overview of Tantra' by Bu Ston Rin Chen Grub

12:30-14:00 Lunch break

14:00-15:00 **ESOTERIC BUDDHISM IN THE DALI KINGDOM, YUNNAN**

Hou Chong (Shanghai Normal University)

Chinese Esoteric Buddhism in the Dali Kingdom

Megan Bryson (University of Tennessee, Knoxville)

Between China and Tibet: Mahākāla Worship and Esoteric Buddhism in the Dali Kingdom

15:00-15:30 Coffee break

15:30-16:30 **TIBETAN BUDDHISM IN CONTEMPORARY CHINA**

Ester Bianchi (University of Perugia)

Sino-Tibetan Buddhism: Continuities and Discontinuities: The Case of Nenghai's Legacy in the Contemporary Era

Fabienne Jagou (École française d'Extrême-Orient, Paris)

Today's Taiwanese Hagiographies of Sino-Tibetan Buddhist Masters: A Search for Legitimacy