

# Madhyamaka in South Asia and Beyond

## Conference Panel and Section Schedule August 18–22, 2024

• *Buildings and room numbers TBA*

### Sunday, Aug. 18, Afternoon Sessions

12:00-16:30 Registration

#### Panel 1: Causation and Emptiness

Sunday, August 18, 14:00-15:30

Convener: Mark Siderits (Kyoto University)

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| 14:00-14:20 | Jenny Hung (The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology)<br>A Kantian Interpretation of Nāgārjuna's Notions of Causation and Time |
| 14:20-14:40 | Li Kang (Washington and Lee University)<br>Pathway from Causation to Emptiness   |
| 14:40-15:00 | Mark Siderits (Kyoto University)<br>Does Emptiness Follow from Origination?  |
| 15:00-15:30 | Questions & Discussion   |
| 15:30-16:00 | Coffee Break   |

#### Section 1: Engaging with Nāgārjuna

Sunday, August 18, 16:00-17:30

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| 16:00-16:30 | Md Shahidul Islam (National University of Singapore)<br>Nāgārjuna's Examination of Causation                   |
| 16:30-17:00 | Joel Feldman (Rider University)<br>Nāgārjuna's Critique of Momentariness                                       |
| 17:00-17:30 | Alexandra Ilieva (University of Cambridge)<br>Thinking like a Mādhyamika: An Anti-Representationalist Approach |

## Section 2: Early Madhyamaka I

Sunday, August 18, 14:00-17:30

- 14:00-14:30 Alexander Wynne (The Oxford Centre for Buddhist Studies)  
'Proto-Madhyamaka' in the Pali Canon Revisited: Reconstructing a Foundational Spiritual Project in Early Buddhism
- 14:30-15:00 Dhivan Jones (University of Chester)  
The Meaning of Dependent Arising for Nāgārjuna
- 15:00-15:30 Stalin Joseph Correya (Independent Scholar, formerly Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay)  
*Svabhāva* and Existential Anguish in the Madhyamaka
- 15:30-16:00 Coffee Break
- 16:00-16:30 Akira Saito (International College for Postgraduate Buddhist Studies)  
Nāgārjuna and Mādhyamikas on the Three Points of Emptiness (*śūnyatā*)
- 16:30-17:00 Shaoyong Ye (Peking University)  
*Upādāyaprajñapti* in the Perspective of Buddhapālita
- 17:00-17:30 Philippe Turenne (Kathmandu University – Rangjung Yeshe Institute)  
Reassessing the Third Option in the Madhyamaka Tetralemma: A Comprehensive Survey and Methodological Analysis of Contemporary Interpretations

# Monday, Aug. 19, Morning Sessions

08:00-09:00 Registration

## Section 3: Early Madhyamaka II

Monday, August 19, 09:00-12:30

- 09:00-09:30 Eli Franco (University of Vienna)  
On Magic and False Appearances in the *Vigrahavyāvartanī*
- 09:30-10:00 Christopher Jones (University of Vienna)  
Reflections on the Single Vehicle by Early Mādhyamikas
- 10:00-10:30 Cristina Scherrer-Schaub (Honorary Professor, University of Lausanne & Ancien Directeur, École Pratique des Hautes Études)  
Madhyamaka Masters from South and East India (2nd–7th c.), with special attention to the ‘silent’ centuries (end of 3rd–end of 5th c.): Break in Tradition or Something Else?
- 10:30-11:00 Coffee Break
- 11:00-11:30 Xueni Lin (Heidelberg University)  
Bridging Texts and Traditions: \**Tattvasiddhi-śāstra* and Early Madhyamaka in Kumārajīva’s Context
- 11:30-12:00 Krishna Del Toso (Independent Scholar)  
Open Questions on a Prajñāpradīpavṛtti Passage Discussing *svabhāvavāda*
- 12:00-12:30 Masaki Tamura (National Institute of Technology, Kagawa College)  
On the Chinese Translation of the *Prajñāpradīpa*: Problems with the Explanations of the Syllogisms

## Section 4: Madhyamaka in Tibet I

Monday, August 19, 09:00-12:30

- 09:00-09:30 Dörte Kamarid (International College for Postgraduate Buddhist Studies)  
The Transition of the *Mūlamadhyamakakārikā* (MMK) from India to Tibet: Pa tshab Nyi ma grags’s Citation and Understanding of the MMK and Beyond
- 09:30-10:00 Chizuko Yoshimizu (University of Tsukuba)  
Pa tshab Nyi ma grags on the Theory of Causality
- 10:00-10:30 Atisha Mathur (University of Naples “L’Orientale”)  
Jayānanda and Tsong kha pa: A Comparison of Their Views on *pramāṇa*

10:30-11:00	Coffee Break
11:00-11:30	Jorge Bartolomé Herrero (Complutense University of Madrid) Unfolding Tsongkhapa's Madhyamaka: A Detailed Analysis of the "Notes on the Eight Difficult Points"
11:30-12:00	Jacob Fisher (University of Oxford) A Mādhyamika's Meditation Handbook: The Schooling of <i>View</i> by <i>Bhāvanā</i>
12:00-12:30	Dorji Wangchuk (Universität Hamburg) The Wise Should/Does Not Stand Even in the Middle ( <i>madhye 'pi sthānaṃ na karoti paṇḍitaḥ</i> ): A Genealogy of the Idea of Transcending Even the Middle

## Monday, Aug. 19, Afternoon Session

15:00-16:30 Registration

### Section 3: Early Madhyamaka II

Monday, August 19, 14:30-15:30

14:30-15:00	Chang Liu (China University of Political Science and Law) On an Annotated Tibetan Manuscript of <i>Yuktiṣaṣṭikākārikā</i> from the 'Bras spungs Temple, with a Preliminary Transliteration and Translation
15:00-15:30	Arihiro Kosaka (Taisho University) The Foundational Factor of Defilements ( <i>kleśa</i> ) Expounded in the 23rd Chapter of the <i>Mūlamadhyamakakārikā</i>

16:00-19:30 **Opening Session & Keynote Speech**

Keynote Speaker: Kevin Vose  
(College of William and Mary, Williamsburg)

What in the World Does a Mādhyamika Rely On? Candrakīrti and Prāsaṅgikas on the Value of the Conventional

**Welcome Reception**

# Tuesday, Aug. 20, Morning Sessions

## Section 5: Bhāviveka

Tuesday, August 20, 09:00-12:30

- 09:00-09:30 Su-an Lin (Fu Jen Catholic University)  
Discussing the Role Differences and Context of *Svalakṣaṇa* and *Sāmānyalakṣaṇa* from Bhāviveka's Critique of the Yogācāra School
- 09:30-10:00 Shenghai Li (National Taiwan University)  
Bhāviveka's Adaptation of Dignāga's Epistemological Ideas
- 10:00-10:30 Long Yin Sin (Kyushu University)  
Bhāviveka's Critique of Dignāga—with Emphasis on the Notion of Nonexistence (*abhāva*)
- 10:30-11:00 Coffee Break
- 11:00-11:30 Malcolm David Eckel (Boston University)  
Bhāviveka's Arguments in Favor of Rebirth: Sources and Implications
- 11:30-12:00 Ching Keng (National Taiwan University)  
Does an Advanced Bodhisattva See Anything While Cognizing the Thing That We Call a Cup? — On Bhāviveka's Notion of the "Ultimate"
- 12:00-12:30 Ryo Nishiyama (Shitennoji University)  
In Both Truths: Avalokitavratā's Interpretation of *niḥsvabhāva*

## Section 6: Madhyamaka in Tibet II

Tuesday, August 20, 09:00-12:30

- 09:00-09:30 Tenzin Bhuchung (Princeton University)  
Reality, Liberation and Ethics in Gampopa's Mahāmudrā: A Yogācāra-Madhyamaka Tradition
- 09:30-10:00 Jed Forman (Simpson College)  
Dialetheic Dialetheism: The Karmapas on the Paradox of the Two Truths
- 10:00-10:30 Shuchita Sharma (Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies) and Sheetal Rana (Banaras Hindu University)  
Brushing Emptiness: Visualizing Madhyamaka Philosophy in Thangka Art
- 10:30-11:00 Coffee Break

- 11:00-11:30 Dhondrup Tsering (Charles University)  
Neck-crossed Lions: Madhyamaka and Pramāṇa’s development and application of the reasoning of neither singular nor plural
- 11:30-12:00 Kaie Mochizuki (Minobusan University)  
The Fourth Anthology Collected in the Mādhyamika Section of the Tangyur
- 12:00-12:30 Discussion (optional)

## Tuesday, Aug. 20, Afternoon Sessions

### Panel 2: Indo-Tibetan Views of Emptiness

Tuesday, August 20, 14:30-18:30

Conveners: David Higgins (Tsadra Foundation) and Filippo Brambilla (University of Vienna)

- 14:30-15:00 John Newman (New College of Florida)  
Madhyamaka in the Kālacakra Tantra
- 15:00-15:30 David Higgins (Tsadra Foundation)  
Intrinsic Emptiness *and* Extrinsic Emptiness: Three Strains of Compatibilism in the Tibetan Emptiness Debates
- 15:30-16:00 Klaus-Dieter Mathes (The University of Hong Kong)  
Analytical and Direct Approaches to Emptiness in Yu mo Mi bskyod rdo rje’s Four Lamps: Exploring the Tantric Forerunners of “Emptiness of Other” (*Gzhan Stong*)
- 16:00-16:30 Coffee Break
- 16:30-17:00 Filippo Brambilla (University of Vienna)  
Dharmesvara’s (1092?-?) Interpretation of Emptiness in the *Kālacakrantra*
- 17:00-17:30 Renju Guo (The University of Hong Kong)  
How Did the Jo nang Master Tāranātha Make Madhyamaka ‘Supreme’: A Sūtra-Hermeneutic Approach in His *dBu ma theg mchog*
- 17:30-18:00 Martina Draszczyk (Independent Scholar, formerly U. of Vienna)  
“Concept Dharmakāya” (*rnam rtog chos sku*) — the Madhyamaka of Unity — as Taught in the Dvags po Bka’ brgyud Tradition of Tibetan Buddhism
- 18:00-18:30 Seth Auster-Rosen (The University of Chicago)  
The Truth in Context: Karmapa VIII Mikyö Dorje’s Prāsaṅgika, Dolpopa Sherab Gyaltzen’s Zhentong, and the Demands of Contextualization

## **Panel 3, Book Discussion: Buddhism Between Religion and Philosophy: Nāgārjuna and the Ethics of Emptiness**

**Tuesday, August 20, 14:30-18:00**

**Convener: Rafal Stepień (Austrian Academy of Sciences)**

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| 14:30-14:40 | Rafal Stepień (Austrian Academy of Sciences) – Introduction  |
| 14:40-15:00 | Jay Garfield (Smith College and the Harvard Divinity School) |
| 15:00-15:20 | Sonam Kachru (Yale University)                               |
| 15:20-15:40 | Anne MacDonald (Austrian Academy of Sciences)                |
| 15:40-16:00 | Jan Westerhoff (University of Oxford)                        |
| 16:00-16:30 | Coffee Break   |
| 16:30-17:00 | Rafal Stepień (Austrian Academy of Sciences) – Response      |
| 17:00-17:30 | Discussion   |
| 17:30-18:00 | Discussion (optional)  |

## Wednesday, Aug. 21, Morning Sessions

### Panel 4: Candrakīrti's Epistemology: Bridging the Past and the Present

Wednesday, August 21, 09:00-12:30

Conveners: Jay Garfield (Smith College and the Harvard Divinity School),  
Sonam Thakchoe (University of Tasmania), Jan Westerhoff (Oxford University)

- 09:00-09:30 Jay Garfield (Smith College and the Harvard Divinity School)  
The Positive Side of Candrakīrti's Skepticism
- 09:30-10:00 Jan Westerhoff (Oxford University)  
The Buddha's Knowledge of the World and the Place of Representationalism  
in Candrakīrti's Epistemology
- 10:00-10:30 Sonam Thakchoe (University of Tasmania)  
Candrakīrti's Deflationary Representative Theory of Perception
- 10:30-11:00 Coffee Break
- 11:00-11:30 Dan Arnold (The University of Chicago)  
Does Candrakīrti do Epistemology?
- 11:30-12:00 Pierre-Julien Harter (The University of New Mexico)  
Candrakīrti in Realist Garb: Using Mipham to Save Candrakīrti from the  
Semantic Interpretation
- 12:00-12:30 Yat Ching Yeung (Temple University)  
Prāsaṅgikas' Epistemological Coherentist Account of Candrakīrti: How Many  
Bullets Should Be Bitten?

### Section 7: Śāntideva & other 8th-century Mādhyamikas, Prajñākaramati

Wednesday, August 21, 09:00-12:30

- 09:00-09:30 Junqi Wang (Renmin University of China)  
A Report on a Newly Discovered Palm-leaf Manuscript of Prajñākaramati's  
*Bodhicaryāvatāraṅjikā\**
- 09:30-10:00 Stephen Harris (Leiden University)  
Śāntideva and the Virtue of Patience (*kṣānti*)
- 10:00-10:30 Roy Tzohar (Tel Aviv University)  
Perspectivism and Linguistic Dynamics in Śāntideva's *Bodhicaryāvatāra*



10:30-11:00	Coffee Break
11:00-11:30	Sara McClintock (Emory University) Nonconceptual and Material Dimensions of <i>Samvṛtisatya</i>
11:30-12:00	Daeyong Park (Dongguk University) Was 8th century Yogācāra-Mādhyamika's <i>apoha</i> theory an absolute acceptance or a transformation for the sake of the emptiness ( <i>śūnyatā</i> , 空性) of all <i>dharmas</i> ? – with a focus on Śāntarakṣita and Kamalaśīla
12:00-12:30	Discussion (optional)

## Wednesday, Aug. 21, Afternoon Sessions

### Section 8: Candrakīrti

#### Wednesday, August 21, 14:30-18:00

14:30-15:00	Karen Lang (University of Virginia) Candrakīrti's Advice on Disengaging from Desire
15:00-15:30	Yoshiaki Niisaku (Musashino University) What Lies at the Root of Defilements: Focusing on Candrakīrti's Understanding of <i>satkāyadr̥ṣṭi</i> and <i>prapañca</i>
15:30-16:00	Drukgyel Tsering (The University of Hong Kong) A Comparative Study of Piṅgalanetra and Candrakīrti's Notions on Ultimate Truth
16:00-16:30	Coffee Break
16:30-17:00	Yoshiyasu Yonezawa (Taisho University) Nāgārjuna for Candrakīrti
17:00-17:30	Gleb Sharygin (LMU München, BSB München) On Hitherto Unknown Quotations of the Māyājāla-sūtra in the Madhyamaka Sources
17:30-18:00	Discussion (optional)

## Panel 5: Madhyamaka in 11th-13th century Tibet and the Tangut State

Wednesday, August 21, 14:30-18:00

Convener: Zhouyang Ma (Austrian Academy of Sciences)

- 14:30-15:00 Pascale Hugon (Austrian Academy of Sciences)  
When Dreams Come True – A Contested View on the Division of Conventional Truth Ascribed to rNgog Blo ldan shes rab
- 15:00-15:30 Jongbok Yi (Stockton University)  
What Remains after Negation: Phya pa chos kyi seng ge's View on *vastumātra*
- 15:30-16:00 Hiroshi Nemoto (Hiroshima University)  
Unveiling No-thing-ness and Not-that-ness: A Reconsideration of *med dgag* and *ma yin dgag* in Tibetan Madhyamaka Philosophy
- 16:00-16:30 Coffee Break
- 16:30-17:00 Kirill Solonin (Renmin University of China)  
Jitāri Among the Tanguts: Khara-Khoto Commentaries to the *Bodhicittotpādasamādānaviddhi* and Their Possible Relevance for the bKa' gdams Spread in Xixia
- 17:00-17:30 Mengxi Li (Peking University)  
A Preliminary Study on the *Explanation of the Meaning of the Two Truths* Preserved in Tangut: An Exegesis Work Related to Atiśa's *Satyadvayāvatāra*
- 17:30-18:00 Zhouyang Ma (Austrian Academy of Sciences)  
Further Exploring rMa bya Byang chub brtson 'grus' Influence in the Tangut State: A Case Study of the Tangut *Ornament of the Sixfold Collection of Madhyamaka*

## Thursday, Aug. 22, Morning Sessions

### Section 9: Developments, Revisions, and Critiques: 8th-14th century Madhyamaka

Thursday, August 22, 09:00-12:30

- 09:00-09:30 Ven. Bandeng (Renmin University of China)  
A Re-examination of Dharmakīrti of Suvarṇadvīpa's Identity as a Mādhyamika Scholar
- 09:30-10:00 Ryan Conlon (Universität Hamburg)  
Imagining Emptiness: Tracing the Ideas of Emptiness and Madhyamaka in *utpattikrama* Literature
- 10:00-10:30 Marcus Schmücker (Austrian Academy of Sciences)  
On Veṅkaṭanātha's Refutation of Madhyamaka According to His *Paramatabhaṅga*
- 10:30-11:00 Coffee Break
- 11:00-11:30 Hong Luo (Peking University)  
Even Nāgārjuna Accepts: Remapping the Middle Way in the Light of Ratnākaraśānti's Interpretation of *Mūlamadhyamakakārikā* Verse 24.18
- 11:30-12:00 Daniel McNamara (Kathmandu University – Rangjung Yeshe Institute)  
“The Two Truths are Not Enough:” Ratnākaraśānti's Critiques of [Pseudo-] Mādhyamikas in the *Madhyamakālaṃkāravṛtti-Madhyamāpratīpad-siddhi*
- 12:00-12:30 Daisy Sze Yui Cheung (Austrian Academy of Sciences)  
“Cittamātrising” Nāgārjuna: Śāntarakṣita, Kamalaśīla and Ratnākaraśānti on *Yuktiśaṣṭikā* 21 & 34

### Panel 6.1: Buddhist Philosophy between Madhyamaka and Sanlun: From Nāgārjuna to Sengzhao

Thursday, August 22, 09:00-12:30

Convener: Rafal Stepień (Austrian Academy of Sciences)

- 09:00-09:30 Rafal Stepień (Austrian Academy of Sciences)  
Nāgārjuna's *Twelve Gates Treatise* (十二門論)? A Contribution to Chinese Madhyamaka/Sanlun Buddhist Philosophy
- 09:30-10:00 Matthew Orsborn (Dharma Drum Institute of Liberal Arts)  
*Zhong lun* and *Dazhidu lun* in China: Interpretation of, and Interpreting with, the *Madhyamakakārikās*, on Agentless Ethical Action

10:00-10:30	Chien-hsing Ho (Academia Sinica) Resolving a Madhyamaka Puzzle
10:30-11:00	Coffee Break
11:00-11:30	Rafal Felbur (Heidelberg University) The Nature of the Sengzhao Trick: A Key Term in the <i>Zhaolun</i> and a Sinitic Response to Madhyamaka
11:30-12:00	James Garrison (Baldwin Wallace University) Double Negation: How Sēngzhào Applies the Zhuāngzǐ to Resolve Riddles of Purity in Classical Mādhyamaka Thought
12:00-12:30	Discussion (optional)

## Thursday, Aug. 22, Afternoon Sessions

### Panel 7: Late Indian Yogācāra Engagements with Madhyamaka

Thursday, August 22, 14:30-18:00

Convener: Davey Tomlinson (Villanova University)

14:30-15:00	Birgit Kellner (Austrian Academy of Sciences) What's in a Neither-one-nor-many Argument? A Dharmakīrtian Perspective
15:00-15:30	Pei-Lin Chiou (University of Vienna) Kamalaśīla's View on the Nature of the <i>ākāra</i> of Cognition and His Theory of Customary Reality
15:30-16:00	Catherine Prueitt (The University of British Columbia) Prajñākaragupta's Critique of Pragmatic Efficacy as the Mark of Ultimate Existence
16:00-16:30	Coffee Break
16:30-17:00	Davey Tomlinson (Villanova University) Prajñākaragupta's Causal Scepticism and the Debate between Ratnākaraśānti and Jñānaśrīmitra
17:00-17:30	Parimal Patil (Harvard University) Jñānaśrīmitra and the Middle-Way
17:30-18:00	Bhikṣu Hejung (Joong-Ang Sangha University) Jñānaśrīmitra's Defence against the Candrakīrtian Critique of Self-Awareness: With Reference to Chapter Five of the <i>Sākārasiddhiśāstra</i>

## Panel 6.2: Buddhist Philosophy between Madhyamaka and Sanlun: From Sengzhao to Jizang

Thursday, August 22, 14:30-18:00

Convener: Rafal Stepień (Austrian Academy of Sciences)

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| 14:30-15:00 | Shad Gilbert (University of Helsinki)<br>The Conceptual Benefit of Sengzhao's Historic Error   |
| 15:00-15:30 | Ernest Brewster (Austrian Academy of Sciences)<br>Jizang on the Mutual Identity between the Two Truths: A Critical Reassessment of the Semantic Non-Dualist Reading of the Two Truths Doctrine as it Pertains to Sinitic Madhyamaka Buddhism |
| 15:30-16:00 | Jackson Macor (University of California, Berkeley)<br>Comparative Background for the Study of the Two Truths in Post-Nāgārjunian Madhyamaka Exegesis   |
| 16:00-16:30 | Coffee Break   |
| 16:30-17:00 | Hans-Rudolf Kantor (Huafan University)<br>Sanlun Master Jizang's Nonduality of Speech and Silence  |
| 17:00-17:30 | John Zhao (University of Macau)<br><i>Guan</i> : Jizang's Entering of the Middle Way   |
| 17:30-18:00 | Discussion (optional)  |