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Workshop

Sangha Economies:
Temple Organisation and Exchanges in Contemporary Buddhism

21 – 22 September 2017

Organisers: Saskia Abrahms-Kavunenko, Christoph Brumann and Beata Świtek

PROGRAMME

Wednesday, 20th September 2017

19.00 Film screening
 Martin A. Mills
 Leh'i Dosmochey: The Great Thread Cross

20.00 *Informal get-together of workshop participants at 'Café Nexus'*

Thursday, 21st September 2017

8.30 – 9.00 Registration

9.00 – 9.30 **Chris Hann**
 Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle

 Welcome



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Introduction to the workshop

Chair: Kirsten Endres

9.30 – 11.00 **Martin A. Mills**

University of Aberdeen, Aberdeen

Demon Money and Economic Change: The Growing Role of Cash in Leh Dosomey

Elizabeth Williams-Oerberg

University of Copenhagen, Copenhagen

Socially Engaged Buddhism among Sangha in Ladakh, India

11.00 – 11.30 *Coffee break*

Chair: Laura Hornig

11.30 – 13.00 **Nicolas Sihlé**

École des hautes études en sciences sociales, Paris

Ritual Virtuosity, Large-Scale Priest-Patron Networks and the Ethics of Remunerated Ritual Services

Hannah Klepeis

Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle

"Bad" Monks and Unworthy Donors: Economic Development and the Disruption of Sangha-Laity Relations in Shangrila

13.00 – 14.00 *Lunch break*



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Chair: Dittmar Schorkowitz

14.00 – 15.30 **Jane Caple**

University of Manchester, Manchester

Trust, Mistrust and the Social in Contemporary Tibetan Monastic Economics

Christoph Emmrich

University of Toronto, Toronto

"Let It Be Auspicious": The Vernacular Capitalism of the Newar Buddhist Monastery

15.30 – 16.00 *Coffee break*

Chair: Steven Covell

16.00 – 18.00 **Kristina Jonutyte**

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Donations Inversed: Material Flows from the Sangha to the Laity in Post-Socialist Buryatia

Saskia Abrahms-Kavunenko

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Regeneration and the Age of Decline: Understanding the Influence of Transregional Buddhist Economies in Mongolia

19.00 – 20.00 *Dinner at restaurant 'Alchimistenklausur'*

20.00 – 21.30 *Further discussion*



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Friday, 22nd September 2017

Chair: Nikolay Tsyrempilov

9.30 – 11.00 **Elisabetta Porcu**

University of Cape Town, Cape Town

Buddhist Temples and Economic Strategies in Urban Japan

Daniel Friedrich

McMaster University, Hamilton

Contradictory Futures: Japan's Rural Temples and Questions of Viability

11.00 – 11.30 *Coffee break*

Chair: Elzyata Kuberlinova

11.30 – 13.00 **Beata Świtek**

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Religious Ritual and What the Taxman Has to Do with It: A Definitional Tug-of-war between Buddhist Temples, Commercial Companies and the State in Japan

Ariya Sasaki

Hôrenji Temple, Kyoto

Being a Buddhist Priestess: The Inner Fabric of a Sustainable and Compassionate Temple

13.00 – 14.00 *Lunch break*



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Chair: Shilla Lee

14.00 – 15.30 **Roger Casas**

Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna

The Monk and the Elders: A Case Study of Village Temple Management in Southwest China

Prabhath Sirisena

University of Colombo, Sri Lanka

Wealthy Mendicants: The Ingenious Balancing Act of Sri Lankan Forest Monks

15.30 – 16.00 *Coffee break*

Chair: Patrice Ladwig

16.00 – 18.00 **Tom Borchert**

University of Vermont, Burlington

Intra-Buddhist Charity, Transnational Monastic Education and Economies of Prestige

Alexander Horstmann

Tallinn University, Tallinn

Building the Land of the Buddha in the Golden Triangle: Entanglements of Theravadin Saints, Economy and Society in the Mekong Region

Discussion of publication

19.00 – 20.00 *Dinner at restaurant 'Delphi'*

20.00 – 21.00 *Concluding Discussion*