

International Conference: Madhyamaka in South Asia and Beyond

August 18–22, 2024, Vienna, Austria

First Circular, April 2023

Dear Colleagues,

Scholarly engagement with the Madhyamaka tradition has greatly intensified in recent decades, in part due to the discovery of Sanskrit manuscripts of seminal Indian Madhyamaka works as well as of previously unavailable Tibetan scholastic treatises that chart the reception of pertinent Indian Buddhist doctrines. The flurry of publications resulting from philological and philosophical investigation of the texts significantly improves our comprehension of the views of the Madhyamaka authors, their self-understanding, and the reasons behind their responses to their intellectual environments. Nevertheless, many issues remain unsolved, and topics as fundamental as the Mādhyamikas' final truth/reality continue to be debated.

The International Conference Madhyamaka in South Asia and Beyond will bring together scholars to present and discuss their research on all aspects of the Madhyamaka tradition from philological, historical and/or philosophical perspectives. We invite papers dealing with topics such as the school's ontological views, its logical and epistemological theories and their sources and integration, its soteriology, historiography, evolution, and transmission, including interactions with other Buddhist and non-Buddhist schools and traditions. Papers from the broader intellectual landscape are also welcome.

Schedule

August 1, 2023	Second Circular, opening of online registration
December 15, 2023	Deadline for registration
February 1, 2024	Deadline for submission of paper/panel abstracts
May 1, 2024	Third Circular
August 18–22, 2024	Conference

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