

**International Conference  
Madhyamaka in South Asia and Beyond  
August 18–22, 2024  
Vienna, Austria**

**Third Circular, May 2024**

Dear Colleagues,

We are pleased to send you the Third Circular for the international conference **Madhyamaka in South Asia and Beyond**, which is being hosted by the Institute for the Cultural and Intellectual History of Asia of the Austrian Academy of Sciences in Vienna, August 18–22, 2024.

This circular includes an abbreviated Conference Schedule with the Panels and Sections as well as a more detailed Conference Schedule with the names of the speakers and the presentation titles (see below). The buildings and room numbers for the presentations will be sent to you next month.

**General Information**

**Accommodation & Flights**

Participants who have not yet booked accommodation for the duration of the conference are encouraged to do so soon. A list of hotels near the conference venue can be found under “Resources” on the conference webpage:

<https://www.oeaw.ac.at/en/ikga/madhyamaka-in-south-asia-and-beyond/resources>

Europe is expecting a record number of tourists this summer; please book your flights as soon as possible.

**Visa Information**

Visa requirements vary depending on the nationality of the visitor. We regret that we cannot offer advice concerning visas. Please check with your travel agent or the Austrian Embassy or Consulate near you.

Participants requiring a formal letter of invitation for the sake of procuring a visa are requested to contact Anne MacDonald at [madhyamaka2024@gmail.com](mailto:madhyamaka2024@gmail.com) or [anne.macdonald@oeaw.ac.at](mailto:anne.macdonald@oeaw.ac.at)

**Registration**

Registration will take place on Sunday, August 18, 12:00-16:30 and on Monday, August 19, 8:00-9:00 and 15:00-16:30. The registration locations will be sent to you next month.

# Madhyamaka in South Asia and Beyond

## Abbreviated Conference Schedule August 18–22, 2024

<b>August 18 (Sunday)</b>	
<b>12:00-16:30</b>	<b>Registration</b>
14:00-15:30	Panel 1: Causation and Emptiness   Section 2: Early Madhyamaka I
15:30-16:00	Coffee Break
16:00-17:30	Section 1: Engaging with Nāgārjuna   Section 2: Early Madhyamaka I

<b>August 19 (Monday)</b>	
<b>08:00-09:00</b>	<b>Registration</b>
<b>15:00-16:30</b>	
09:00-10:30	Section 3: Early Madhyamaka II   Section 4: Madhyamaka in Tibet I
10:30-11:00	Coffee Break
11:00-12:30	Section 3: Early Madhyamaka II   Section 4: Madhyamaka in Tibet I
12:30-14:30	Lunch
14:30-15:30	Section 3: Early Madhyamaka II
15:30-16:00	Break
16:00-19:30	Opening Session & Keynote Speech Welcome Reception

<b>August 20 (Tuesday)</b>		
09:00-10:30	Section 5: Bhāviveka	Section 6: Madhyamaka in Tibet II
10:30-11:00	Coffee Break	
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14:30-16:00	Panel 2: Indo-Tibetan Views of Emptiness	Panel 3: Book Discussion: Buddhism Between Religion and Philosophy: Nāgārjuna and the Ethics of Emptiness
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<b>August 21 (Wednesday)</b>		
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<b>August 22 (Thursday)</b>		
09:00-10:30	Section 9: Developments, Revisions, and Critiques: 8th-14th century Madhyamaka	Panel 6.1: Buddhist Philosophy between Madhyamaka and Sanlun: From Nāgārjuna to Sengzhao
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<b>19:00-</b>	<b>Farewell Dinner</b>	

# 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)**

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)

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

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

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

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

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)  |

## Organizing Committee

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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 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.

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