



XVIIIth Congress of the International Association of Buddhist Studies (IABS):

Second Circular

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Dear Colleagues, Dear Friends:

Preparations are well underway for the XVIIIth Congress of the International Association of Buddhist Studies (IABS), which takes place at the University of Toronto, August 20th to the 25th, 2017. On behalf of the IABS, my university, and the conference's Planning Committee, I kindly send you this Second Circular to share the panels that will be presented, to invite individual papers for the panels and sections here proposed, and to encourage all IABS members and supporters to attend the Congress in Toronto.

General Information

This Congress is a unique opportunity for Buddhist Studies scholars from around the world to convene and celebrate the excellence of our field. As Chair of the Planning Committee, I enthusiastically encourage you to circulate this Second Circular to colleagues, students, on message boards, electronic forums and on social media. This Second Circular is sent to all current IABS members, those who have filled out the electronic 'Mailing List' request form on the website, and to those who wrote me directly. We strive to convene as inclusive a Congress as possible, and welcome the attendance of a diverse range of scholars, students and supporters.

I would once again kindly remind everyone that they must be a fully paid member of IABS for the year 2017 in order to attend the event, deliver a paper, or sit on a panel in Toronto. To be a member of the association in 2017, those wishing to participate in the Congress will need to pay their IABS dues by December 31, 2016. All participants will also need to pay a Congress registration fee used to help us cover the cost of hosting the event, stipulated below. IABS membership can be secured through the online form at the IABS website: www.iabsinfo.net. Kindly keep in mind that on registration, to complete the process aspiring participants will be required to provide proof of payment of their IABS dues for 2017. Initial enquiries about eligibility should be sent to the association's Secretary General, Dr. Ulrich Pagel (up1@soas.ac.uk).

Submission of panel proposals for the Congress has already closed, and I, along with the Planning Committee, would like to generously thank all those who took time to submit their panel proposals. Given the high volume of submissions—an IABS record—not every panel was accepted, though all were of superior quality and testify to the wide-ranging excellence of our field.

Submission of individual paper abstracts for both panels and sections (each of which is outlined below) opens May 15th, 2016, and closes October 1st, 2016. Please note that individual paper abstracts cannot be

accepted after October 1st, 2016, so be sure to take note of the deadline.

Congress registration opens October 1st, 2016, and closes just prior to the start of the proceedings, August 18th, 2017. Registration any time between these dates is permitted. Please see below for further details on how to register, as well as to the amenities covered by the fee.

Though our field spans a myriad of linguistic regions and our members represent the most diverse language backgrounds, it is IABS policy that official Congress proceedings, including papers and presentations, be conducted in an English-language medium.

As all future communication will be distributed via email, I encourage those who wish to attend or stay abreast of Congress news to fill out the electronic “Mailing List” request form found at our website: <http://www.iabs2017-uoft.ca/contact/>. Please write to me, Christoph Emmrich, directly, if you have any questions or concerns about future communication. My address is found at the bottom of this circular under ‘Correspondent,’ or at the above website address

Academic Program

In following with past Congresses, the proceedings in Toronto will consist of both panel presentations and paper sections. Panels have been proposed by their respective convenors, and will consist of no more than six papers, each 20 minutes in length, each followed by a 10 minute discussion period. All told, panels will last half a day, including a coffee and tea break after the first three papers. The organizers and I will strive to ensure that papers in each panel begin and end in unison to allow participants to attend select papers from multiple panels.

Sections, in contrast, have been chosen in accordance with past Congresses and are to be compiled from individual paper submissions. They will follow the same format as panels in terms of time and duration: 20 minutes for delivery and 10 minutes of question and answer period immediately following each paper. Please be advised that in the event an insufficient number of qualified entries are made to a given section, the Planning Committee and I reserve the right to decide to cancel the said section and reassign the papers accepted to another, thematically equivalent section as well as the time slot to another section with a surplus of submissions.

Individual Paper Proposals

I cordially invite scholars, students, and independent researchers from across the spectrum of Buddhist Studies to submit abstracts for individual papers, starting May 15th, 2016. Paper abstracts should be no more than 500 words, and preferably in both word and PDF format. In order to contribute a paper to an individual section, please upload abstracts to the Congress website at <http://www.iabs2017-uoft.ca/>, indicating which section the abstract will address. Please limit your selection to one section. The list of sections is found below. It has been chosen with the aim of being both representative of the traditional profile of the Congress and as inclusive as possible. Some submissions might fit under several section headers, though only one presentation per participant is permitted.

Indeed, to ensure a smooth and balanced program that allows for maximum participation, attendees are limited to act in only one official capacity at the Congress: this limit extends to presenting a paper, convening a panel, or acting as designated discussant. If one has any questions pertaining to this limit, please contact me directly at the correspondence address listed below.

The following are the sections proposed for the XVIIIth IABS Congress:

Āgama and Nikāya Studies	Buddhist Sciences
Abhidharma Studies	Contemporary Buddhism
Buddhism and Gender	Early Buddhism
Buddhism and Its Relation to Other Religions	Epigraphy, Codicology, and Manuscripts
Buddhism and Its Relation to Science	Epistemology and Logic in Buddhism
Buddhism and Society	Information Technologies in Buddhist Studies
Buddhism and the Śramaṇas	Mahāyāna Buddhism
Buddhist Art and Architecture	Mahāyāna Sūtras
Buddhist Hermeneutics, Scholasticism, and Commentarial Techniques	Śrāvakayāna Buddhism, incl. Theravāda
Buddhist Literature	Tantric Buddhism
Buddhist Music	The Canonical Languages of Buddhism
Buddhist Places	Vinaya Studies

Panels, unlike sections, are organized by their respective convenor(s), who are responsible for their academic standard, thematic cohesion, and timely submission. Should you wish to contribute a paper towards the conference that in your eyes may fit one of the announced panels, you should contact the convenor(s) directly through the email addresses provided below, before submitting a paper proposal to one of the sections. All decisions regarding acceptance of paper proposals are made by the convenor(s). Once panels have been filled, their convenor(s) can close the panels and direct further submissions to paper sections instead. We welcome convenors to also present on their respective panels (this being the only exception to the one-capacity rule stated above), but also request them to ensure that no more than six papers constitute any one panel and to remind their panelists that they may not commit to joining other panels. Convenors should email a complete package of paper abstracts directly to me no later than October 1st, 2016.

Below is a list of accepted panels for the XVIIIth IABS Congress in Toronto:

Title	Convenor(s)	Email(s)
A New Study of Ratnākaraśānti's <i>Prajñāpāramitopadeśa</i>	Katsura, Shoryu Hong, Luo	shoryukatsura@nifty.com
Approaches to the	Gold, Jonathan C.	jcgold@princeton.edu

<i>Bodhicaryāvatāra</i>		
Bell Inscriptions Across the Buddhist World	Doney, Lewis Bretfeld, Sven	doney.lewis@gmail.com sven.bretfeld@ntnu.no
Brahmin Buddhists	Walser, Joseph	joseph.walser@tufts.edu
Buddhism from the Margins: Using Manuscript Sources to Re-examine the Rituals and Routines of Medieval and Early Modern Buddhist Communities in Japan, Korea, and China	Keyworth, George A.	george.keyworth@gmail.com
Buddhism in the Sātavāhana Empire: The Languages of the Sātavāhanas and the Languages of Buddhism	Ollett, Andrew	andrew.ollett@gmail.com
Buddhist Conceptions of History	Thompson, Luke	lnt2106@columbia.edu
Buddhist Cosmology and Astral Science	Mak, Bill M.	bill.m.mak@gmail.com
Buddhist Landscapes Made and Remade	Carbine, Jason A.	jcarbine@whittier.edu
Buddhist Studies and the Scientific Study of Meditation	Braun, Erik McMahan, David	ecb2j@eservices.virginia.edu david.mcmahan@fandm.edu
Buddhist Tourism: Sacred Sites within Global Networks	Bruntz, Courtney Schedneck, Brooke	bruntzc@oregonstate.edu brooke@iseaa.org
Buddhist Ways of Reading	Heim, Maria Gummer, Natalie	mrheim@amherst.edu gummern@beloit.edu
Concepts and Techniques of Prognostication	Guggenmos, Esther-Maria Scheuermann, Rolf	rolf.scheuermann@fau.de esther-maria.guggenmos@fau.de
Conventional Reality, Conventional Truth	McClintock, Sara	slmccli@emory.edu
Deeds of a Buddha	Tournier, Vincent Luczanits, Christian Sernes, Marta	vt6@soas.ac.uk cl46@soas.ac.uk ms153@soas.ac.uk
Dhāraṇī Literature and Textual Cultures	Davidson, Ronald M.	rdavidson@fairfield.edu
Discipline, Agency, Inquiry: Vinaya Reception in Women's Monastic Communities Past and Present	Langenberg, Amy Paris	langenap@eckerd.edu
Does Candrakīrti Offer Any Epistemology (<i>pramāṇa</i>)?	Westerhoff, Jan Thakchoe, Sonam	jan.westerhoff@theology.ox.ac.uk

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Early Buddhist Manuscripts from Gandhāra: New Discoveries and Research	Baums, Stefan Strauch, Ingo	baums@lmu.de ingo.strauch@unil.ch
Images and Practices of Buddhist Kingship across Asia	Berkwitz, Stephen Dotson, Brandon	sberkwitz@missouristate.edu dotson.brandon@gmail.com
Insights into Gandhāran Buddhist Narratives through Art and Texts	Neelis, Jason	jneelis@wlu.ca
Literatures of Contemplation	Quintman, Andrew Schaeffer, Kurtis	andrew.quintman@yale.edu ks6bb@virginia.edu
Monastic Espionage in East Asia: Medieval Period	Chen, Jinhua	jinhuachen2013@gmail.com
Monastic Espionage in East Asia in the Age of Isolationism, 14th to 19th Century	Bingenheimer, Marcus	m.bingenheimer@gmail.com
Monastic Espionage in East Asia: Modern Period	Brose, Benjamin	bbrose@umich.edu
New Approaches to Wōnhyo and His Thought – A Panel in Commemoration of the 1400th Anniversary of His Birth	Cho, Eun-su Buswell, Robert	cho.eunsu@gmail.com buswell@humnet.ucla.edu
New Research on Newar Buddhism	Bühnemann, Gudrun	gbuhnema@wisc.edu
New Trajectories in the Study of Buddhism and Law	Lammerts, D. Christian Schonthal, Ben	dcl96@rci.rutgers.edu ben.schonthal@otago.ac.nz
Recent Approaches in Vinaya Studies	Borgland, Jens W.	jwborgland@gmail.com
Recent Research on the Dīrghāgama	Melzer, Gudrun Choi, Jinkyong	g.melzer@lmu.de precioussunshine@gmail.com
Reconstructing the History of Late Indian Buddhism (Part III) Relationship between Tantric and Non-tantric Doctrines	Kyuma, Taiken	kyuma@human.mie-u.ac.jp
Ritual, Doctrine, and Monasticism: Buddhist Practices in Dunhuang	Liu, Cuilan Chen, Huaiyu	cuilanliu@post.harvard.edu huaiyu.chen@asu.edu
Stories Behind the Story: Revisiting the Buddha's Hagiography	Sasson, Vanessa	v.sasson@marianopolis.edu
The <i>Avadānaśataka</i> : The Uses of Narrative	Appleton, Naomi Muldoon-Hules,	naomi.appleton@ed.ac.uk kmuldoon@unex.ucla.edu

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The Buddha's Footprint in Asian Cultures	Handlin, Lilian	lilioscar@aol.com
The Manuscript Tradition of the Pāli Texts in South and Southeast Asia	Yamanaka, Yukio	yukio916@icloud.com
The Roles of Iconic Imagery in South Asian Buddhist Architectural Contexts: Reconstructions and New Perspectives	Morrissey, Nicolas	nmorris@uga.edu
Transmission and Transformation of Buddhist Logic and Epistemology in East Asia (I): Around Dignāga's Logic and Fallacies of Debate	Ono, Mitoi Inami, Masahiro	ono@logos.tsukuba.ac.jp
Transmission and Transformation of Buddhist Logic and Epistemology in East Asia (II): Around Yogācāra and Madhyamaka Texts in Chinese Translations	Moriyama, Shinya Moro, Shigeki	smoriyam@shinshu-u.ac.jp
Transparent, Translucent, or Opaque: Chinese Translations of Indic Texts as Windows onto Indian Buddhism	Witkowski, Nicholas	nwitkows@alumni.stanford.edu
Travel, Transmission, and Affiliation: Lineage in the Buddhist Crossroads of Inner Asia	King, Matthew W.	matthew.king@ucr.edu
Vinaya Commentaries	Clarke, Shayne	clarsha@mcmaster.ca
What Makes a Monastery a Great Monastery? Textual, Art Historical, and Archaeological Evidence from India to [the Borders of] China	Forte, Erika	erika.forte@univie.ac.at
Yogācāra Across Asia: India, Tibet, and East Asia	Yao, Zhihua Bayer, Achim	zyao@cuhk.edu.hk bayer_achim@yahoo.com
Zones of Contact: Facets of Buddhist Interactions in Eastern Central Asia During the 9th-14th Centuries	Meinert, Carmen	carmen.meinert@rub.de

Conference Schedule

Date	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Sunday, August 20, 2017	Registration	Registration	Opening Reception
Monday, August 21, 2017	Panels and Sections	Panels and Sections	Evening Presentations
Tuesday, August 22, 2017	Panels and Sections	Panels and Sections	Evening Presentations
Wednesday, August 23, 2017	Panels and Sections	Panels and Sections	Evening Presentations
Thursday, August 24, 2017	Panels and Sections	Excursions	
Friday, August 25, 2017	Panels and Sections	Panels and Sections	Closing Reception

Registration Fee

To assist the organizers in hosting the event, we have set the Congress fee at \$330 CAD. This fee includes attendance, coffee, tea and hot lunch during the academic programming, meals at both the Opening and Closing Receptions, as well as printing costs for paper programs. Not included in this fee are meals outside of the academic program and Opening and Closing Receptions, such as breakfasts and dinners, as well as travel, accommodation, excursions, and special events.

Those registering before March 31st, 2017 will enjoy a discounted fee of \$300 CAD, while graduate students are entitled to a rate of \$250 CAD with confirmation of enrollment status. Students from countries with low currency exchange rates when compared to the Canadian Dollar may request a fee reduction by writing to me directly at the address provided below. Decisions on fee reduction will be made on a case-by-case basis, and I regret that only a limited number of such reductions can be granted.

Fee payment will be made online through our website, where, as mentioned above, you will be expected to provide proof of payment of your IABS membership fee for 2017. Please visit the website on October 1st, 2016 to complete your online Congress registration.

Posters and Exhibits

In addition to panels and paper sections, we welcome the submission of project presentations from scholars and organizations who wish to display their work to the Congress at large. We regret that only a limited number of presentations can be selected. Please write to me directly to inquire about presenting your project at the XVIIIth IABS Congress.

Exhibitors providing professional services or products such as books are also invited to contact me directly to inquire about renting space during the Congress proceedings.

Visa Requirements

As the Congress will attract scholars and students from all over the world, it is not possible for the organising team to advise or assist with securing visas to Canada, since the process varies widely depending on the country of origin of each attendee. Potential attendees are encouraged to consult the Canadian Embassy or Consulate in their home country or country of residence as early as possible. Travel agencies are also possible sources of information on the visa process. We can, however, provide letters indicating that an individual is in fact registered to attend or present at the Congress. Please write to me directly if you wish to request such a letter.

Airline

I wish to gently remind everyone that Congress attendees are responsible for covering all travel to and from Toronto. Currently we are trying to secure a discounted rate for travel by air, and updated information will appear on the website once registration begins, October 1st, 2016. Please check the website after this date for update travel information.

Accommodation

Congress participants are responsible to secure their own accommodation and pay all attendant costs. Below is a list of accommodations near the University of Toronto, St. George Campus, some of which have granted discounted rates to Congress attendees. When booking, please inform them of your attendance at the XVIIIth Congress of the International Association of Buddhist Studies, 2017. A range of options has been provided to suit the different needs of our Congress attendees. Please be advised that the University is located in downtown Toronto, and August is one of the busiest times of the year, so kindly book early if possible.

Budget	Single Occupancy	Double Occupancy
Admiral St. George: BB and Guesthouse 305 St. George St. / 416-921-1899	\$50/Student \$95/1 Bedroom \$125/Big room	
Annex Quest House 83 Spadina Road / 416-922-1934	\$95/night \$545/week	
Medium		
Howard Johnson Hotel: Toronto-Yorkville 89 Avenue Road / 416-964-1220	\$95/1 Double Bed \$143/King Bed	\$109/2 Double Beds
Comfort Hotel Downtown 15 Charles St. E. / 416-924-1222	From \$119	
Eaton Chelsea 33 Gerrard Street West 1-800-243-5732 / 416-595-1975	From \$169*	From \$169*
Holiday Inn Toronto: Downtown 30 Carlton Street / 416-977-6655	\$177/1 Bed Executive	\$177/ 2 Double Beds
Beverly Place 226 Beverly St / 416-977-0077	\$180/Single, \$290/Queen	
High End		
The Grande: Hotel and Suites 225 Jarvis Street / 416-863-9000	\$229 Grand Deluxe*	\$389 Two Bed Junior

Park Hyatt Toronto 4 Avenue Road / 416-925-1234	From \$309/Night	
Intercontinental Toronto-Yorkville 220 Bloor Street West / 416-960-5200	\$235/Night*	
Windsor Arms Hotel 18 St. Thomas Street / 416-971-9666	\$325/Junior Suite*	\$395/Junior Suite 2 Beds
The Hazelton Hotel 118 Yorkville Ave / 416-963-6300	From \$525/Night	
Four Seasons Hotel Toronto 60 Yorkville Avenue / 416-964-0411	From \$565/Night	

*Special discounts for Congress attendees. Some of these rates will expire as the date of the Congress moves closer, so make sure to book at least a month in advance of the proceedings.

An updated list of accommodations will be available on the Congress website after registration begins, so please check the website regularly after this date. The Third Circular, due in April, 2017, will also contain more information about accommodations.

Conference Travel Grants

Unfortunately we are not able to provide any grants or scholarships to participants or presenters for this Congress.

Website

I urge you to consult our website regularly for updates and practical information about the upcoming Congress at <http://www.iabs2017-uoft.ca/>. We will be sure to update it regularly.

Third Circular

In a year from now, April 2017, I will send forth the Third Circular, the final notice before the Congress proceedings in August of that same year. The Third Circular will include a detailed academic program, further information about evening events and excursions, as well as up to date travel and accommodation information.

I truly look forward to seeing everyone in Toronto, 2017.

My warmest regards



Christoph Emmrich

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