

## From Vijayapurī to Śrīkṣetra?

### The beginnings of Buddhist exchange across the Bay of Bengal

conference at EFEO/Pondicherry  
31 July through 4 August 2017

#### Program

(final version, 31 July 2017)

#### Monday 31 July

19:00 Reception at EFEO and inauguration of its new annex building

#### Tuesday 1 August

09:15-09:30 **Dominic Goodall** (head of the EFEO Centre) Word of welcome

09:30-10:00 **Arlo Griffiths** Opening remarks and presentation of websites

10:00-11:00 **Win Kyaing** Recent Archaeological Research at Śrīkṣetra

11:00-11:30 coffee/tea break

11:30-12:30 **Upinder Singh** Early historic Nagarjunakonda: A 'Buddhist site' in Indian and Asian contexts

12:30-14:00 lunch break

14:00-15:00 **Nathan Hill** Recent advances in the study of Pyu epigraphy and Pyu language

15:00-16:00 **John Guy** Cultural Traffic in Early Buddhism: The Khin Ba Reliquary and its Stylistic Links  
Across the Bay of Bengal

16:00-16:30 coffee/tea break

16:30-17:30 **Monika Zin** Stūpa shapes from Vijayapurī to Śrīkṣetra

17:30-18:00 **Osmund Boparachchi (in absentia)** Amarāvati-Nāgārjunakoṇḍa, Sri Lanka and Burma:  
Texts and iconographies in a cross-fertilized context

#### Wednesday 2 August

09:00-10:00 **Akira Shimada** Formation of Early Nagarjunakonda Style: Sculptures from Sites 6 and 9

09:00-10:00 **Shailendra Bhandare** The numismatic landscape of the Andhra region, c. 200-400 CE

11:00-11:30 coffee/tea break

11:30-12:30 **Valérie Gillet** From Skanda to Murukan: the descent of a god

12:30-14:00 lunch break

14:00-15:00 **Oskar von Hinüber** The Adhālaka-Mahācetiya as a Political Monument

15:00-16:00 **K. Munirathnam** Recent discoveries of Sātavāhana inscriptions in Andhra

16:00-16:30 coffee/tea break

16:30-17:30 **Andrew Ollett & Arlo Griffiths** Early Historic Memorial Stones from the Bhima-Krishna  
River Basin

17:30-18:30 **Ingo Strauch** Inscribed pots and potsherds from Āndhradeśa

#### Thursday 3 August

09:00-10:00 **Arlo Griffiths & Christian Lammerts** Pali inscriptions from Early Burma

10:00-11:00 **Marc Miyake & Julian Wheatley** Molded tablets with Pyu inscriptions

11:00-11:30 coffee/tea break

11:30-12:30 **Alexei Kirichenko** Burmese sources about the Pyu period

12:30-14:00 lunch break

14:00-15:00 **Bob Hudson** Shrines, Stūpas and Urns: The archaeology of funerary practices at Pyu sites

15:00-16:00 **Max Deeg** Chinese reports about Buddhism in early Andhra and early Myanmar

16:00-16:30 coffee/tea break

16:30-17:30 **Peter Skilling** Ānanda Ācariya and Kalasapura

Friday 4 August

09:00-10:00 **Mekhola Gomes** The Ikṣvāku Dynasty, Buddhist Inscriptions, and Articulations of Power at Nagarjunakonda

10:00-11:00 **Vincent Tournier** Buddhist *nikāyas* in early Āndhradeśa and beyond

11:00-11:30 coffee/tea break

11:30-12:30 **Stefan Baums** Donors and Their Relatives in the Ikṣvāku Inscriptions: Survey and Analysis of the Formulary

12:30-14:00 lunch break

14:00-15:00 **Christine Chojnacki** The place of Jainism in early Āndhradeśa

15:00-16:00 **Emmanuel Francis** The Inscriptions of the Śālaṅkāyanas (*ca* 300-450 CE)

18:30-20:30 Concert by Veena vidvan **Chitraveena Ravikiran**  
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