

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

Dear Colleagues,

We would like to kindly remind you that abstracts for the conference **Madhyamaka in South Asia and Beyond** are due on February 1, 2024.

Please limit abstracts to 500 words. All presentations will be 20 minutes in length, followed by a 10-minute discussion period.

You may upload your abstracts at:

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

Please be sure to fill out each of the three fields marked with an asterisk before uploading the abstract. You will be sent a confirmation email.

We will notify you about acceptance of your abstract in early February.

### **Schedule**

February 1, 2024	Deadline for submission of abstracts
May 1, 2024	Third Circular
August 18–22, 2024	Conference

### **Accommodation**

A list of hotels near the conference venue, some offering discounts for conference participants, has been posted on the conference webpage under “Resources.”

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### **From the First Circular:**

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.

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.