



École Pratique  
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MASTER « ÉTUDES ASIATIQUES » (EPHE/PSL—EFEO—EHESS)  
PROGRAMME GRADUÉ « SCIENCES DES RELIGIONS »

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*Asian Buddhism: Transmissions, Communities, Thought*  
*Bouddhismes d'Asie : Transmissions, Communautés, Pensée*

Convened by Vincent ELTSCHINGER (EPHE), Marta SERNESI (EPHE),  
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Tuesdays, 14:00–16:00  
Maison de l'Asie, Grand Salon  
22, Avenue du Président Wilson, 75116 Paris

**1<sup>st</sup> semester — Foundations of Buddhism in South Asia**

1. (02/11/2021) General introduction; Searching for the “historical” Buddha (V. Tournier)
2. (09/11/2021) The Mauryan Period: When Buddhism enters History (V. Tournier)<sup>α</sup>
3. (16/11/2021) Dharma and Abhidharma (V. Eltschinger)
4. (23/11/2021) In search of a new consensus: The early practices and doctrines of the Buddhist Tantric cycle “The Wheel of Time” (F. Sferra, L'Orientale)<sup>β</sup>
5. (30/11/2021) Monastic lineages and their canons (V. Tournier)
6. (07/12/2021) Interactions with the Brahmanical world (mantra, caste-classes, violence, etc.) (V. Eltschinger)
7. (14/12/2021) Bodhisattvas and the emergence of the “Great Vehicle” (V. Tournier)
8. (04/01/2022) Buddhas and their substitutes in the “Middle Period” (1<sup>st</sup>–6<sup>th</sup> c. CE): Images, powerful bodhisattvas, and sacralizing texts (V. Tournier)
9. (11/01/2022) Buddhism and philosophy 1 (V. Eltschinger)

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<sup>α</sup> This session will be held from 16:00 to 18:00, at the Maison de l'Asie, salle du rez-de-chaussée.

<sup>β</sup> This lecture by Prof. Sferra, Directeur d'études invité at the EPHE, will take place from 13:00 to 15:00, at the Maison de l'Asie, salle du rez-de-chaussée. It will be followed, from 15:30 to 17:30, by another two-hours session, “Reading of Unpublished Passages from Early Kālacakra Works”, in the same venue.



10. (18/01/2022) Buddhism and philosophy 2 (V. Eltschinger)
11. (25/01/2022) The development of the “Mantra Vehicle” (M. Sernesi)
12. (01/02/2022) Routes and patterns of Buddhist transmission in Asia (M. Sernesi)

## **2<sup>nd</sup> semester — Aspects of Asian Buddhism**

1. (08/02/2022) The Japanese development of Buddhism (J.-N. Robert)<sup>χ</sup>

### *Texts and Translations*

2. (15/02/2022) Translation, transmission and compilation of Buddhist texts in China (S. Hureau)
3. (22/02/2022) Buddhist apocrypha in China (C. Moretti)
4. (08/03/2022) Tibetan translations and canon formation (M. Sernesi)
5. (15/03/2022) Buddhist textual culture in Central Asia (G.-J. Pinault)

### *Buddhism in Society*

6. (22/03/2022) The place of Buddhism in the division of ritual labor in Chinese societies (V. Goossaert)
7. (29/03/2022) Vietnamese Buddhism and religious modernity (P. Bourdeaux)
8. (05/04/2022) Overview of the history of Korean Buddhism (Y. Bruneton)

### *Intersections and Interactions*

9. (12/04/2022) Tantric Śaivism and Buddhism (J. Törzsök)
10. (19/04/2022) Esoteric Buddhism in South-East Asia (A. Acri)<sup>δ</sup>
11. (10/05/2022) The “*kammatthān* tradition” of Southeast Asia: an epistemological approach (G. Kourilsky)
12. (17/05/2022) Buddhism and “autochthonous” religious traditions in the Himalayas (Ch. Ramble)

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NB: The course will be taught primarily in English.

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<sup>χ</sup> The title, date, and time of this lecture are to be confirmed.

<sup>δ</sup> This lecture will take place online, on the platform Zoom. The link to the session will be circulated in due time.