

The Doctoral Program in Buddhist Studies at Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München is pleased to announce a call for papers for the interdisciplinary workshop “Evolving through Context: The Transformation of Buddhism(s) and their Legitimation(s)”, to be held on March 24-25, 2017 in Munich, Germany with keynote addresses by Prof. Peter Schwieger (Bonn) and Prof. Stefano Zacchetti (Oxford).

Ever since the advent of Buddhism in India, Buddhist ideas have not remained static but rather have developed within various regional, socio-political, economic and philosophical spheres. Indications of such evolutionary processes are to be found in all the sources for the study of Buddhism(s), which evidence a variety of distinct modes of thought and practice and offer insight into the specific manifestations of Buddhism(s) across Asia and more recently the West. The contexts in which Buddhism(s) are found are of course vast and broad, however, within such diversity there is a constant requirement that the ideas transported undergo a process of validation by which they attain authority and power within their individual locales.

Problems surrounding the processes of the evolution and subsequent legitimation of Buddhism(s) are an issue to which scholarship frequently returns, and the associated complexities concerning the mechanisms of dissemination, transformation and reception remain a constant source of fascination, posing questions that go to the heart of how we define and understand Buddhism. It is to this problematic of legitimisation that we wish to re-attend with our workshop. The envisioned scope is to draw together current perspectives in this area and particularly provide eight selected early-career researchers with the opportunity to present their recent findings and to forward them for discussion among their peers.



Evolving through Context

The Transformation of Buddhism(s) and their Legitimation(s)

24 – 25 March 2017



Call for papers

Abstract submission deadline

04 September 2016

three to five hundred words (in English) and a curriculum vitae via e-mail (PDF format)

Notification of acceptance

04 November 2016

Final paper submission deadline

04 February 2017

The workshop language is English.

While it is of course preferred that expenses for attendees are funded by their home institutions, travel funding is available for some attendees and will be awarded based on need and merit.

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