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International Seminar

Beyond Borders

Tracing the Historical Dynamics and Transmission Models of Buddhism in Asian Contexts

Department of Asian, African,
and Mediterranean Studies (UNIOR)
Sala delle Conferenze - Palazzo Corigliano
Piazza San Domenico Maggiore 12, Napoli

The seminar will be held in a hybrid format

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14 October

10:00–10:30

Welcome Address by **Roberta Giunta** (Head of Department, DAAM)
Introduction by **Giacomella Orofino** (UNIOR)

Session 1: Buddhist Historical Dynamics and Transmissions (1)

Chair: **Ronit Yoeli-Tlalim** (University of Pennsylvania)

10:30–11:10 - **Serena Saccone** (UNIOR)

*Madhyamaka and Tantric Authors:
Of Missing Links in the History of Buddhist Thought*

11:10–11:50 - **Péter Dániel Szántó** (Eötvös Loránd University)
The End of Buddhism in India

11:50–12:10 - *Coffee Break*

12:10–12:50 - **Giacomella Orofino** (UNIOR)

*Tantric Crossroads: The Evolution of the Amṛtasiddhi
in Tibet and the Origins of Vajrayāna Physical Yoga Traditions*

13:00–14:30 - *Lunch Break*

Session 2: Buddhist Historical Dynamics and Transmission Models (2)

Chair: **Christoph Emmrich** (University of Toronto)

14:30–15:10 - **Sonam Nyenda** (Nyo Foundation, Bhutan)

*The Dawn of Buddhism in Bhutan: Exploring the Legacy
of Nyo Gyalwa Lhanangpa and Nyaton Trulzhig Chöje*

15:10–15:50 - **Ann Heirman** (Ghent University)

Ants in Buddhist Monasteries: Moving from India to China

15:50–16:10 - *Coffee Break*

Session 3: Buddhist Travel Narratives and Translations

Chair: **Péter Dániel Szántó** (Eötvös Loránd University)

16:10–16:50 - **Christoph Emmrich** (University of Toronto)

*Leaving Home and Coming Back in Five Languages:
Travels and Translations of the Buddhist Girl Child
Across Southern Asia*

16:50–17:30 - **Luigi Rogora** (UNIOR)

*Nepal Through the Looking Glass:
Impressions of Bal yul in Tibetan Literature*

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Session 4: Healing Traditions and Buddhist Medicine Across Asia

Chair: **Ann Heirman** (Ghent University)

10:00–10:40 - **Ronit Yoeli-Tlalim** (University of Pennsylvania)

The Transmission of Medical Knowledge on the Silk Roads

10:40–11:20 - **Carmen Simioli** (UNIOR)

*The Transmission History of Rakṣā Practices
to Counteract Poisons in the Brang ti's Gser bre chen mo*

11:20–11:40 - *Coffee Break*

Chair: **Pia Brancaccio** (UNIOR)

11:40–12:20 - **Tawni Tidwell** (University of Wisconsin-Madison)

*Transforming Toxins into Restorative Healing:
Blister Beetles, Channel-Cleansing (rtsa-sbyong),
and the Degenerate Age*

12:20–13:00 - **Barbara Gerke** (University of Vienna) (Online)

*Synergies of Potency: The Production and Consecration
of Protective Pills during the COVID-19 Pandemic in Bhutan*

13:00–14:30 - *Lunch Break*

Session 5: Cross-Cultural Dynamics in Buddhist Art and Rituals

Chair: **Erica Baffelli** (University of Manchester)

14:30–15:10 - **Ciro Lo Muzio** (Sapienza University of Rome)

*Artistic Interaction in the Tarim Basin (Xinjiang):
On a Painted Wooden Panel from the Kucha Oasis*

15:10–15:50 - **Pia Brancaccio** (UNIOR)

*The Cave Monastery at Kanheri/Kṛṣṇagiri
Beyond Borders: From Konkan to the Himalayas*

15:50–16:10 - *Coffee Break*

16:10–17:00 - **Anna Filigenzi** (UNIOR) and **Chiara Visconti** (UNIOR)

*Buddhism in Birthdays, Weddings, Funerals,
and Other Occasions between South and East Asia*

16 October

Session 6: Buddhism in the Contemporary World

Chair: **Tawni Tidwell** (University of Wisconsin-Madison)

10:00–10:40 - **Erica Baffelli** (University of Manchester)

*Beyond 'New Religions': Buddhisms in Modern
and Contemporary Japan*

10:40–11:20 - **Chiara Ghidini** (UNIOR)

*Endlessly kind and wise towards humanity:
Buddhism and women in 20th-Century Japan*

11:20–12:00 - *Round Table and Conclusions*

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