



RUHR UNIVERSITÄT BOCHUM
International Consortium: Dynamics in the History of
Religions between Asia and Europe

Empires of Faith in South Asia

Workshop organisation:

Prof. Dr. Christian Frevel (workshop sponsor); Dr. Michael Willis (KHK alumnus)

Dates for workshop: 15-16 April 2013 (Monday and Tuesday).

Each speaker is given one hour and can decide how to use that time. However, to make the best use of coming together in the workshop, the organisers suggest that papers be about 30 minutes, with 30 minutes given to questions, comment, and discussion. The KHK ethos is friendly and informal!

Schedule of presentations:

Monday 15 April : Chaired by Derek Kennet (Durham University, UK)

9.30 Welcome and opening remarks, coffee available in seminar room

10.00 **Elizabeth Cecil**, Leiden/Brown University (early Hinduism) <elizabeth_cecil@brown.edu>
Lakulīśa in the early history of Pāśupata Śaivism

11.00 **Harriet Lacey**, Durham. (archaeology of early Hinduism) <harriet.lacey@gmail.com>
Rāmagiri: Locating early Hinduism in the archaeological landscape of central India

12.00 **Uthara Suvrathan**, Ann Arbor, Michigan. (Kadambas and sites in Karnataka) <uthara@gmail.com>
Complexity at the periphery: results of the Banavasi-Gudnapura regional survey

13.00-14.30 Lunch break

14.30 **Laxshmi Greaves**, Cardiff. (archaeology, early Hinduism, north India) <laxshmirose@hotmail.com>
A Śiva temple at Ahicchatra and monumental terraced brick structures of the Gupta period

15.30 **Vincent Tournier**, Leiden. (early medieval Buddhism) <v.f.a.tournier@hum.leidenuniv.nl>
Aspiring to Buddhahood in 5th-6th century South Asia: Remarks on the epigraphic evidence

16.30 **Sven Bretfeld**, Bochum. (Buddhism) <Sven.Bretfeld@rub.de>
Buddhist Laṅkā: Collective identities between local self-assertion and translocal promotion

17.30 Discussion, followed by dinner in town (location to be announced)

Tuesday 16 April : Charied by Michael Willis (British Museum and KHK)

10.00 **Sam van Schaik**, London. (Buddhism and Central Asia) <sam.vanschaik@gmail.com>
Sanskrit manuscripts from Central Asia in the British Library: new discoveries and reflections

11.00 **Paul Dundas**, Edinburgh. (Jainism and Prakrit) <P.Dundas@ed.ac.uk>
A Vākāṭaka literary monument: Pravarasena's *Setubandha*

12.00 **Hans T. Bakker**, Groningen. (early Hinduism) <h.t.bakker@rug.nl>
Last days of the Gupta empire

13.00-14.30 Lunch break

14.30 **Csaba Dezső**, Budapest. (early Epic literatures) <csaba.dezso@gmail.com>
Vallabhadeva's commentary on the *Raghuvamśa*: "We do not fully understand the poet's intention in not composing a twentieth canto"

15.30 **Peter Bisschop**, Leiden. (early Hinduism, Śaiva tradition) <p.c.bisschop@hum.leidenuniv.nl>
Invoking the powers that be: the Śivadharma's Mahāśānti

16.30 **Michael Willis**, London. (medieval history, art history and religion) <vidisharesearch@yahoo.co.in>
Copper-plate charters: distribution patterns and the religious geography of the Gupta age

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