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Diplomatic Relations between Bhutan and India

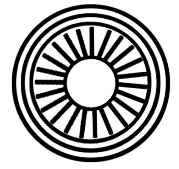
PROGRAM

Vajrayāna Conference

RUB Convention Hall, Motithang, Thimphu, March 27-30, 2018

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Organised by the Central Monastic Body and the Centre for Bhutan Studies



DINNER PROGRAM (by invitation only)

TUESDAY, 27 MARCH 2018

Duration	From	To	Activity
1:00	16:00	17:00	Registration (tea and snacks)
0:15	17:00	17:15	Guests and participants to be seated in the Convention Hall
0:05	17:15	17:20	Arrival of His Excellency Lyonchhen Dasho Tshering Tobgay, the Hon'ble Prime Minister of Bhutan with <i>Lebey</i> and <i>Jipai Pawo</i>
			<i>Marchang</i>
			Zhabten for His Majesty the King
0:05	17:20	17:25	Welcome remarks by Dasho Karma Ura, President of Centre for Bhutan Studies
0:20	17:25	17:45	Keynote Address by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Bhutan
0:20	17:45	18:05	Address by His Excellency Shri Jaideep Sarkar, Ambassador of India to Bhutan
0:10	18:05	18:15	Launching of the "GNH Certification" report by His Excellency Lyonchhen Dasho Tshering Tobgay
0:05	18:15	18:20	Vote of Thanks by Leytshog Drungchen, Central Monastic Body
1:00	18:20	19:20	Dinner

DAY 1: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28, 2018

Duration (Minute)	Time (Start)	Time (End)	Presenter	Affiliation	Title of Presentation	Panel Theme
0:20	8:10	8:30	Arrival of participants, await outside the hall			
0:05	8:30	8:35	Arrival of H.H. Drikung Kyabgon Chetsang Rinpoche	Chairman, Drikung Kagyu Institute & Head of Drikung Kagyu Lineage		
0:10	8:35	8:45	Arrival of His Eminence Tsugla Lopön Samten Dorji with chipdrel procession	Padma Acharya, Central Monastic Body, Bhutan		Inaugural Ceremony
0:15	8:45	9:00	Unveiling of the Chakrasamvara Mandala by His Eminence Tsugla Lopön Samten Dorji and performance of Zhingzhig Pem and Zhanag Cham	Central Monastic Body, Bhutan		Inaugural Ceremony
0:10	9:00	9:10	Photo session			
0:05	9:10	9:15	Participants seated in the hall			
0:05	9:15	9:20	MC			Inaugural Ceremony
0:10	9:20	9:30	Recitation of <i>Tashi Gyepa'i Soldeb</i> by monks	Central Monastic Body, Bhutan		Inaugural Ceremony
0:10	9:30	9:40	Zhabten (Anthem) for His Majesty the King	Royal Academy of Performing Arts, Bhutan		Inaugural Ceremony
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0:20	9:40	10:00	His Eminence Tsugla Lopön Samten Dorji (<i>Translator: Khenpo Karma Lhendup</i>)	Padma Acharya, Central Monastic Body, Bhutan		Daily Opening Address in Dzongkha
0:15	10:00	10:15	H.H. Drikung Kyabgon Chetsang Rinpoche	Chairman, Drikung Kagyu Institute & Head of Drikung Kagyu Lineage		Inaugural Ceremony
0:10	10:15	10:25	Venerable Lama Lobzang	President, International Buddhist Confederation, India		Inaugural Ceremony
0:10	10:25	10:35	Venerable Dr. Dhammapiya	Secretary General, International Buddhist Confederation, India		Inaugural Ceremony
0:15	10:35	10:50	Khensur Geshe Jangchup Choeden	Ex-Abbot of Gaden Monastery & Executive Director, Geluk International Foundation, India	Vajrayāna in the 21st Century: A General Perspective	Inaugural Ceremony
0:20	10:50	11:10	TEA			
Duration (Minute)	Time (Start)	Time (End)	Presenter and Chair	Affiliation	Title of Presentation	Panel Theme
0:05	11:10	11:15	Chair: Dr. James Mallinson	Senior Lecturer, Sanskrit & Classical Indian Studies, Oriental & African Studies, University of London, UK		
0:15	11:15	11:30	Dr. Seiji Kumagai	Associate Professor, Kokoro Research Center of Kyoto University, Japan	Material Evidence Related to Tsangpa Gyare (1161-1211) in Ralung Monastery and Druk Monastery in Tibet	
0:15	11:30	11:45	Dr. Ian Baker	Post-Doctoral Research Associate, University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, Scotland	Vajrayāna and the Modern World: Mandalas, Museums, and fMRIs	Integrative View of Vajrayana

0:15	11:45	12:00	Eli Jellenc	Independent Anthropological Researcher, UK	Approaching Secret Wisdom: Integrating Atiyoga Perspectives in Vajrayāna's Dialogue with Western Philosophy and Science	Integrative View of Vajrayana
0:15	12:00	12:15	Dr. Alok Kumar Verma	Central University of Gujarat, India	Philosophical Reflection on Global Vajrayāna	Integrative View of Vajrayana
0:15	12:15	12:30	TBC			
0:30	12:30	13:00	DISCUSSION			
1:00	13:00	14:00	LUNCH			
Duration (Minute)	Time (Start)	Time (End)	Presenter and Chair	Affiliation	Title of Presentation	Panel Theme
0:05	14:00	14:05	Chair: Dr. Tashi Zangmo	Executive Director, Bhutan Nuns Foundation, Bhutan		
0:15	14:05	14:20	Sónia Gomes	Sorig Khang Porto, Portugal	The Dakini: An Archetypal Symbol of Enlightened Femininity	Enlightened Femininity
0:15	14:20	14:35	Dr. Khin Zaw	Medical Doctor & Professor, Faculty of International Medical School, Management & Science University, Malaysia	Green Tara in Myanmar (Burmese) Buddhist Tradition	Enlightened Femininity
0:15	14:35	14:50	Ani Kinley Dem	Yangchen Loseling Nunnery, Mongar, Central Monastic Body, Bhutan	Life of Gelongma Palmo	Enlightened Femininity
0:15	14:50	15:05	Sonam Wangmo (Ven. Dr. Tenzin Dadon) & Ven. Dr. Karma Tashi Choedron	Vajrayāna Buddhist Council of Malaysia	Feminine Presence and Expression in Vajrayāna Symbolism: Empowering and Inspiring Bhutanese Buddhist Nuns	Enlightened Femininity
0:15	15:05	15:20	Eliska Vydrova	Women's Health Mentor & Photographer, Czech Republic	The Mystic Kiss: Enlightened Sexuality and Feminine Wisdom in Vajrayāna Buddhism	Enlightened Femininity
0:15	15:20	15:35	Mé-tsal Wangmo & Ja'gyür Dorje	Buddhist Teachers at Aro gTer	The History and Practice of Vajra Romance: Relationships and Vajrayāna Principles	Enlightened Femininity
0:30	15:35	16:05	DISCUSSION			
0:20	16:05	16:25	TEA			
Duration (Minute)	Time (Start)	Time (End)	Presenter and Chair	Affiliation	Title of Presentation	Panel Theme
0:05	16:25	16:30	Chair: Dr. Georgios Halkias	Assistant Professor, Centre of Buddhist Studies, University of Hong Kong		
0:15	16:30	16:45	Dr. William C. Bushell	Biophysical Anthropologist at Columbia, Harvard, and MIT	Yogic Perception: An Integrative Scientific Model of Vajrayāna meditation practices	Neuroscience of Visualization
0:15	16:45	17:00	TBC			
0:15	17:00	17:15	Suzanne Cochrane	Adjunct Fellow, National Institute of Complementary Medicine, Western Sydney University, Australia	Neuroscience and Buddhist Practice: Bridges and Barriers	Neuroscience of Visualization
0:15	17:15	17:30	Inder Singh Chaudhary	Department of Buddhist Studies, Philosophy & Comparative Religion Nalanda University, India	Neurotheology - The effect of Tantric Buddhist Visualization on Cognitive Behavior	Neuroscience of Visualization
0:30	17:30	18:00	DISCUSSION			
1:00	18:00	19:00	DINNER			
DAY 2: THURSDAY, MARCH 29, 2018						
Duration (Minute)	Time (Start)	Time (End)	Presenter and Chair	Affiliation	Title of Presentation	Panel Theme
0:05	9:00	9:05	Chair: Jamie Cresswell	Director, Centre for Applied Buddhism, and Vice President, European Buddhist Union, UK		
0:20	9:05	9:25	His Eminence Laytshog Lopön Sangay Dorji (<i>Translator: Ven. Choten Dorji</i>)	Karma Acharya, Central Monastic Body, Bhutan		Daily Opening Address in Dzongkha
0:15	9:25	9:40	Phramaha Dr. Viset Sorpo-bdee & Phramaha Viradej Japah	Abbot, What Chetuphon; Lecturer, Mahamakut Buddhist University, Thailand	The Philosophy of Law (Jurisprudence) in Early Buddhist Scripture (Tripitaka)	Ethics
0:15	9:40	9:55	Dr. Tamara Ditrich	Professor, WBSY - Penang Buddhist Society, Australia	Mindfulness, Ethics, and Meditation in Contemporary Western Education	Ethics
0:20	9:55	10:15	Michael Farley	Director, Strategic Development, Harrow International Group, Asia	Vajra Education: Empowering Bhutan's Youth	Ethics
0:20	10:15	10:35	DISCUSSION			
0:20	10:35	10:55	TEA			
Duration (Minute)	Time (Start)	Time (End)	Presenter and Chair	Affiliation	Title of Presentation	Panel Theme
0:05	10:55	11:00	Chair: Chief Reverend Saranakara	Sri Lanka Buddhist Temple, Sentul, Kuala Lumpur		
0:20	11:00	11:20	Dr. Susan Andrews	Coordinator of Centre for Mind-Body & Integral Medicine, University of São Paulo Medical School & its University Hospital	Tantric Techniques in Modern Healthcare	Health and Healing

0:15	11:20	11:35	Dr. Asa Hershoff (Lama Jinpa)	Founder & Director, Elemental Mindfulness Training Institute	Vajrayāna and Holistic Healing: The Interface Implications for Practice, Scientific Validity and Mindbody Wellness	Health and Healing
0:15	11:35	11:50	Dr. Borut Škodlar	Medical doctor & Professor, University Psychiatric Clinic and Medical Faculty, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia	Meditation, Yoga, and Mental Health: Bridging Psychotherapy and Contemplative Practice	Health and Healing
0:15	11:50	12:05	Michelle Walsh	Counselor & Researcher, University of Virginia	Vajrayāna Buddhist Practice and Modern Psychological Interventions	Health and Healing
0:15	12:05	12:20	Shubham Arora	School of Buddhist Studies, Philosophy, and Comparative Religions, Nālandā University, India	Kāmic and Tāntric 'Aphrodisiacs' in Padmaśrī's Nāgarasarasvām	Health and Healing
0:20	12:20	12:40	Ani Yeshe Pelden (<i>Translator: Ani Phurpa Lhamo</i>)	Sangchen Dorji Lhendup Nunnery, Punakha, Bhutan	Nyungney - Buddhist Fasting Practice	Health and Healing
0:15	12:40	12:55	Sandeep Shah & Elizabeth See Lee	Ayurvedic Physician, India; Holistic Health Consultant, Hong Kong	Food Abstinence in Asian Medical Traditions and Vajrayāna Buddhism	Health and Healing
0:20	12:55	13:15	DISCUSSION			
1:00	13:15	14:15	LUNCH			
Duration (Minute)	Time (Start)	Time (End)	Presenter and Chair	Affiliation	Title of Presentation	Panel Theme
0:05	14:15	14:20	Chair: Dr. Ian Baker	Post-Doctoral Research Associate, University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, Scotland		
0:15	14:20	14:35	Dr. Jason Birch	Post Doctoral Research Fellow, SOAS University of London, UK	Awakening by Buddhist and Śaiva Nectars	Tsalung Thrukhor
0:15	14:35	14:50	Dr. James Mallinson	Senior Lecturer in Sanskrit & Classical Indian Studies, SOAS University, & Principal Investigator of the Hatha Yoga Project, UK	Hatha Yoga and Vajrayāna	Tsalung Thrukhor
0:15	14:50	15:05	Dr. Puneet Misra & Sanjay K. Rai	Professors, AIIMS, India	Awareness of Yoga in Contemporary Medical Training in India	Tsalung Thrukhor
0:15	15:05	15:20	TBC			
0:20	15:20	15:40	DISCUSSION			
0:20	15:40	16:00	TEA			
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0:05	16:00	16:05	Chair: Dr. Jason Birch	Post Doctoral Research Fellow, SOAS University of London, UK		
0:15	16:05	16:20	Maria Sharapan	Department of Languages and Communication, University of Jyväskylä, Finland	Social Constructionism and Religious Experience: A Case Study of Tibetan Buddhist Converts in Finland	Global Vajrayana
0:15	16:20	16:35	Santanu Banerjee	Assistant Professor of English, Kazi Nazrul University, India	Vajrayāna Buddhism's Impact on the Nationalist Culture of Bengal in the Late Nineteenth and Early Twentieth	Global Vajrayana
0:15	16:35	16:50	Dr. Anup Shekhar Chakraborty	Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science & Political Studies, Netaji Institute for Asian Studies, Kolkata, India	Vajrayāna in the Darjeeling Himalayas	Global Vajrayana
0:15	16:50	17:05	Jamie Cresswell	Director, Centre for Applied Buddhism, and Vice President, European Buddhist Union, UK	Esoteric Influences in Japanese Nichiren and the Contemporary Development of 'Applied Buddhism'	Global Vajrayana
0:15	17:05	17:20	Dr. Christie Yu-Ling Chang & Dr. Frank Yun-fu Tien	President, IBC, India; Executive Committee Members, IBC, India	Tantric Buddhist Practice in 21st Century Korea	Global Vajrayana
0:15	17:20	17:35	Loka Ng Sai Kai	President, Selangor Buddhist Development Council, Malaysia	Vajrayāna Buddhism's Evolution and Development in Malaysia	Global Vajrayana
0:15	17:35	17:50	Kaiji Yamamoto; Dr. Barbara Seie Morrison; & Gyokan Kondo	Yochi-in, Mt. Koya, Japan	Tantra and Tourists: Sharing Shingon Teachings at Yochi-in, Mt. Koya, Japan	Global Vajrayana
0:20	17:50	18:10	DISCUSSION			
1:00	18:10	19:10	DINNER			
DAY 3: FRIDAY, MARCH 30, 2018						
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0:05	9:00	9:05	Chair: Eli Jellenc	Independent Anthropological Researcher, UK		
0:20	9:05	9:25	His Eminence Yonten Lopön Trulku Thinley (<i>Translator: Khenpo Ugen Namgyel</i>)	Guña Acharya, Central Monastic Body, Bhutan		Daily Opening Address in Dzongkha
0:15	9:25	9:40	Dr. Walther Marco	Lecturer, University of Munich, Germany	Gling-ras-pa on the supremacy of Mantra[yāna] over the Paramitā[yāna]	Mantrayana
0:20	9:40	10:00	Khenpo Tshering Dorji (<i>Translator: Ven. Phub Namgay</i>)	Principal, Simtokha Buddhist Institute, Bhutan	Secret Mantra Teachings in Bhutan	Mantrayana
0:15	10:00	10:15	Ianzhina Bartanova	FPMT Mongolia Buddhist Centre	Secret Mantra Practice in Tibet and Mongolia	Mantrayana

0:15	10:15	10:30	Dr. Panahaduwe Yasassi	Sr. Lecturer, University of Sri Jayewardene-pura, Sri Lanka	The Function of Dhārani in Theravada and Sri Lankan Buddhism	Mantrayana
0:15	10:30	10:45	Venerable Lama Karchung	Tango Buddhist University, Bhutan	Pronunciation of Mantras in Bhutan	Mantrayana
0:20 0:20	10:45 11:05	11:05 11:25	DISCUSSION TEA			
Duration (Minute)	Time (Start)	Time (End)	Presenter and Chair	Affiliation	Title of Presentation	Panel Theme
0:05	11:25	11:30	Chair: Reverend Mediyawe Piyarathana	Senior Lecturer, Bhiksu University, Sri Lanka		
0:15	11:30	11:45	Dr. Georgios T. Halkias	Professor, Centre for Buddhist Studies, University of Hong Kong	The Zhitro Festival: a Tribute to the Ngagpas of Rebkong, Tibet	Rituals
0:15	11:45	12:00	Shashi Kiran Reddy & Dipan-kar Khanna	Independent researcher; Scholar of Indian Contemplative Traditions, India	Sacred Buddhist Dance (Vajra Nrithyam) as Moving Meditation	Rituals
0:20	12:00	12:20	Khenpo Sonam (<i>Translator: Khenpo Karma Lhendrup</i>)	Principal, Drolung Retreat Center, Bhutan	Annual Offering Ceremonies (Loche) in Bhutan in the context of Vajrayāna Buddhism	Rituals
0:15	12:20	12:35	Dr. Françoise Pommaret & Stephanie Guyer-Stevens	Associate Professor, CLCS, RUB, Bhutan; Executive Producer, Outer Voices	Divine Messengers: Buddhist Adepts and Shamanic Practitioners in Bhutan	Rituals
0:15	12:35	12:50	Ms. Merrin Anil	Conservator, INTACH, New Delhi, India	Conservation of Buddhsit Art in India - The INTACH Experience	Conservation
0:20 1:00	12:50 13:10	13:10 14:10	DISCUSSION LUNCH			
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0:05	14:10	14:15	Chair: Dr. Barbara Seie Morrison	Associate Professor, Utsunomia University, Japan		
0:15	14:15	14:30	Khenpo Namgay Wangdi	Spiritual Advisor and Instructor at the Long Quang Pagoda, Hanoi, Vietnam	Śamatha (zhi-nas) and Vipāśyanā (lhag-mthong) in Pāli Literature and the Mahāmudrā	Abiding and Insight Meditations
0:20	14:30	14:50	Khenchhen Kunzang Thrinley (<i>Translator: Ven. Lama Karchung</i>)	Director, Tango Buddhist University, Bhutan	A Guide to Śamatha and Vipāśyanā	Abiding and Insight Meditations
0:20	14:50	15:10	Khenpo Rinchhen Choezang (<i>Translator: Ven. Namgyel Dorji</i>)	Principal, Dechenphodrang Monastic School, CMB, Bhutan	Causes of Earthquake from the “Sutra on the Application of Mindfulness”	Ethics?
0:15	15:10	15:25	Dorji Wangchuk	PhD Candidate at the University of Macau	WeChat Spirituality: Buddhism and Social Media in Bhutan	Global Vajrayana
0:20 0:20	15:25 15:45	15:45 16:05	DISCUSSION TEA			
CLOSING CEREMONY						
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0:05	16:05	16:10	Chair: Venerable Khenpo Jamyang Lekshey	Spritual Director, Sakya Centre, Dehradun, India		
0:15	16:10	16:25	Dr. Maria Kozhevnikov	National University of Singapore & Harvard Medical School	The Neuroscience of Yidam Visualization in Vajrayāna Meditation	Neuroscience of Visualization
0:15	16:25	16:40	Acharya Guru Karma Tanpai Gyaltshen Rinpoche	Founder, Royal White Monastery & Institute for Religious Studies, Kathmandu, Nepal	Mahamudra, the Essence of Vajrayāna Practice	Integrative View of Vajrayana
0:20	16:40	17:00	Dr. Vesna A. Wallace	Professor, Department of Religious Studies, University of California, Santa Barbara	The Madhayamaka, Nondual Cognition, and Hidden Evam in the Literature of the Kālacakra Tantra	Integrative View of Vajrayana
0:25	17:00	17:25	Dr. Alan Wallace	President, Santa Barbara Institute for Consciousness Studies	Developing Four Kinds of Intelligence for Optimal Mental Health and Balance	Integrative View of Vajrayana
0:20	17:25	17:45	DISCUSSION			
0:20	17:45	18:05	Khenpo Ugen Namgyel	Laytshog Drungchen, Central Monastic Body, Bhutan	Vote of Thanks	Closing Ceremony
0:15	18:05	18:20	Closing of the Mandala			Closing Ceremony
1:00	18:20	19:20	DINNER			

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