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Center for Contemporary Buddhist Studies
University of Copenhagen

Workshop

Buddhism in the Anthropocene

13 – 15 July, 2022

Organisers: Saskia Abrahms Kavunenko (University of Copenhagen) &
Jovan Maud (Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology)

PROGRAMME

Wednesday, 13th July 2022

17.00 – 18.30 Keynote lecture

Robert Desjarlais

Sarah Lawrence College, New York, USA

Poiesis, Life, Dying in the Anthropocene

19.00 *Dinner for workshop participants at 'Nexus'*

Venue: MAIN SEMINAR ROOM of the MPI for Social Anthropology, Advokatenweg 36

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Thursday, 14th July 2022

8.30 – 9.00 Registration

9.00 – 9.30 **Ursula Rao**

Max-Planck-Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle/Saale
Welcome

Saskia Abrahms-Kavunenko & Jovan Maud

University of Copenhagen & MPI for Social Anthropology
Introduction to the workshop

9.30 – 11.00 **Matthew King**

University of California, Riverside, USA
The Contents Are the Vessel: Snod bcud and a Buddhist Studies of the Anthropocene

Alice Millington

Cambridge University, UK
Himalayan Buddhism: The Case for 'De-inventing' the Anthropocene

11.00 – 11.15 *Coffee break*

11.15 – 12.45 **Frederik Schröer**

Max Planck Institute for Human Development, Berlin, Germany
Affective Entanglements: Human–Nonhuman Relations in Buddhist Ecologies of Feeling

Kai Shmushko

Tel Aviv University, Israel
Buddhism After Capitalist Destruction – The Case of Wutong Urban Village

12.45 – 13.45 *Lunch break*

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13.45 – 15.45 **Alex Grabiner**

McGill University, Montreal, Canada

*Tzu Chi Foundation's Community Recycling: An Anthropocentric
Environmental Ethic in Action?*

Jessica Steinman

Leipzig University, Germany

Consuming and Practicing Anxiety in the Central Coast of Vietnam

Zoe Zielke

Oxford University, UK

For the Earth: Engaged Buddhism and Eco-Activism in the U.K.

15.45 – 16.15 *Coffee break*

16.15 – 18.00 **Walk and discussion**

18.30 – 19.30 *Dinner*

19.30 Final discussions

Friday, 15th July 2022

9.30 – 11.00 **Amy Holmes-Tgchungdarpa (online)**

Occidental College, Los Angeles, USA

An Altar for the Emerging Earth: The Agency of Buddhist Stuff in the Anthropocene

Kalzung Dorjee Bhutia (online)

University of Southern California, USA

Concrete Caves and Magically Manifesting Lakes: Rehabilitating the Hidden Land

11.00 – 11.30 *Coffee break*

11.30 – 13:00 **Saskia Abrahms-Kavunenko**

Centre for Contemporary Buddhist Studies, Copenhagen, Denmark

Shown by the Marron's Claw: Ecological Receptiveness as Mindful Praxis

Prabhath Sirisena

University of Colombo, Sri Lanka

Theravada in the Anthropocene: Covert Buddhist Values and Overt Modes of Practice in Sri Lanka

13.00 – 14.00 *Lunch break*

14.00– 15.30 **Lhamo Tsering**

Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi, India

A Study of Landscape among the Pastoralist Nomads of Eastern Ladakh, India

Matthew Milligan (online)

Trinity University, San Antonio, USA

Ancient Buddhism and Ecology in the Anthropocene: Material Text Culture as 'Text'

15.30 – 16:15 *Coffee break*

16.15 – 17.45 Discussion of publication plans

18.00 – 19.00 *Dinner*

19.00 – 20.00 *Concluding reflections*

20.00 *End of the workshop*