



Universität Hamburg
DER FORSCHUNG | DER LEHRE | DER BILDUNG



Khyentse Center for
Tibetan Buddhist Textual Scholarship

Einladung

zu einem Gastvortrag

von

Dr. Vincent Tournier

(Seiyu Kiriya Lecturer in Buddhist Studies,
Study of Religions, SOAS, University of London)

“How the Śākya sage became a Buddhist monk? Remarks on
Self-ordination in Vinaya literature”

This presentation will explore the status of the Buddha as the first fully ordained monk, as it emerges from Vinaya scriptures. In fact, while this issue is not directly addressed in the Vinaya of the Mahāvihāravāsins or in its commentary by Buddhaghosa, a rich array of sources transmitted among other *nikāyas* understood the founder of the monastic lineage to have performed a specific kind of ordination, referred to as “autonomous” (*svāmam, svayambhūta*) or “master-less” (*anācāryaka*) *upasampadā*. Such an ordination features prominently in lists of four, eight, or ten types of *upasampadā* that open several texts related to the *Vinayamāṭṛkā* genre, or that are quoted in treatises such as Vasubandhu’s *Abhidharmakośabhāṣya*. These lists may be fruitfully compared in terms of their contents, ordering, and function within their wider scriptural contexts. Indeed, some of these lists appear to have played an important (and, so far, unexplored) role in ordering the narrative materials within Vinaya *corpora*. Moreover, I will investigate the relationship between definitions of self-ordination, conceptions of Śākyamuni’s *bodhisattva* career and Awakening, and the Buddha’s status as Svayambhū. I shall conclude by suggesting possible conceptual links between self-ordination as depicted in Vinaya literature and the self-conferral of the *bodhisattva* precepts as it is described in a wide range of Mahāyāna sources.

am
28.01.2015
um
16.00 Uhr

ESA-OST, Raum 209

Prof. Dr. Dorji Wangchuk (Director)
Khyentse Center for Tibetan Buddhist Textual Scholarship (KC-TBTS)
Abteilung für Kultur und Geschichte Indiens und Tibets
Asien-Afrika-Institut, Universität Hamburg, Alsterterrasse 1, D-20354 Hamburg
<http://www.kc-tbts.uni-hamburg.de>