

**Einladung**  
zu einem Gastvortrag  
von

Herrn  
**Prof. Dr. Péter-Daniel Szántó**  
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über das Thema

**Buddhism for Beginners: Mañjukīrti's *Ādikarmāvatāra***

We sometimes tend to lose sight of the fact that the vast majority of Sanskrit Buddhist literature we read with breathless admiration was never studied or used by most South Asian Buddhists, but was the concern of an elite minority. To start my talk I would therefore like to begin with the question: what kind of literature did laypeople access and put into practice? After some reflections on a large arc of literature beginning with Nāgārjuna's *Suḥṛllekha* and the *\*Saddharmaparikathā*, I shall turn to mediaeval practical manuals aimed at beginners (*ādikarmika*), focusing on the *Ādikarmāvatāra* of one Mañjukīrti. I will give an overview of the work, provide some hypotheses on its influence, share some thoughts about its possible role and presumed audience, and present and discuss some passages from my critical edition in progress.

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um  
**16:00 Uhr**

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\* Prof. Szántó will also be offering readings from the *Ādikarmāvatāra* on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, Jan. 30th – Feb. 1st. Those who wish to join those readings should contact Harunaga Isaacson ([harunagaisaacson@gmail.com](mailto:harunagaisaacson@gmail.com)) for details of time and venue.

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