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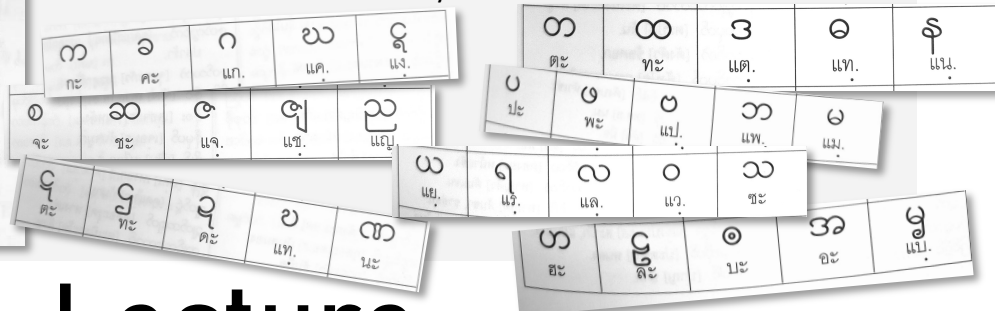
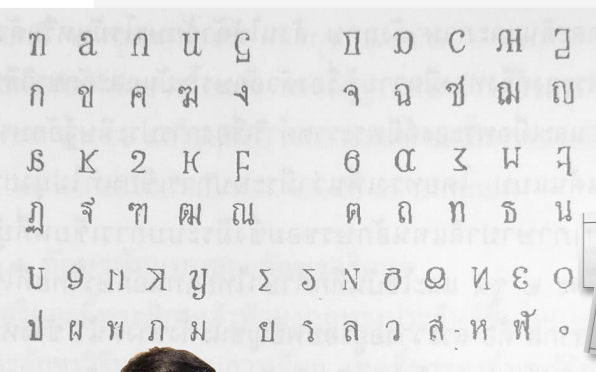


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in Zusammenarbeit mit dem Arbeitsbereich Thaiistik  
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lädt Sie zu folgendem Online-Vortrag ein:

## The Mon Origin of King Rama IV's Ariyaka Script

Designed for writing Pali, the liturgical language of Theravada Buddhism, and intended to replace the traditionally used Khom script (Siamese: อักษรขอม) (Laksanasiri, 2012), the Ariyaka script (Siamese: อักษรอริยกะ) was one of the most recently invented writing systems in Thailand, being created in the 19th century by Vajirañāna Bhikkhu, the future King Rama IV of Siam (Laksanasiri, 2011; 2012). Although traditionally considered a remodeling of the European alphabets (Laksanasiri, 2011; 2012), especially the Roman alphabet, this lecture shows that there were other sources for the Ariyaka script which were native to Southeast Asia. That is, although the structure and the visual appearance of the Ariyaka script are undeniably derived from that of European alphabets, the determining factors for the selection of certain graphemes of the European alphabets to represent the Pali phonemes were mostly from the Mon script, as well as the Khom script in some cases. This presentation connects the role that the Mon script played in the invention of the Ariyaka script and its propagation within the newly created Dhammayuttika order of Vajirañāna Bhikkhu. Vajirañāna Bhikkhu had a strong appreciation for the Mon variant of Theravada Buddhism, and this became the basis for the creation of the Dhammayuttika order.



## Online-Lecture *via Zoom & in English*



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via Zoom: *(copy the link into your webbrowser to join, you might be asked to download the software)*

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