



The Department for Languages and Cultures of Southeast Asia in cooperation with the Hamburger Gesellschaft für Thaiistik e.V. (Hamburg Society for Thai studies) invites:

Symposium: Buddhism in Thailand and Laos

The “Thaitag” of Winter Semester 2015/16

- 13:00 h Opening Ceremony
- 13:15 h Keynote by Prof. Dr. Prapod Assavavirhulhakarn
The Reappearance of the Present Buddha Gautama and the End of Buddhism
- 14:15 h Khamvone Boulyaphonh, MA
International relations of the Lao Sangha: The participation of the Lao Sangha in the Chaṭṭha Sangāyana and the Buddha Jayanti
- 15:00 h Coffee break
- 15:15 h Dr. Elisabeth Haderer
Buddhist Art Treasures from Thailand
- 16:00 h Lars Brandt, BA
Phra Buddhadasa Bikkhu’s “Dhammic Socialism”: A Buddhist approach to tackle market failure
- 16:45 h Bounleuth Sengsoulin, MA
Buddhist manuscript culture in Laos on the road to modernity: Reflections on anisong manuscripts from Luang Prabang
- 17:30 h Closing remarks
- 17:45 h End of the symposium

Thailand and Laos are countries where Theravada Buddhism is the dominant religion. It has shaped Thai and Lao culture and society more than any other religion during the last seven or eight centuries at least. The history and practice of Buddhism in Thailand and Laos has been the focus of research at the Department of Languages and Cultures of Southeast Asia over many years.

This workshop presents the result of recent research carried out by PhD and MA students. Numata visiting professor Dr. Papod Assavavirulhakarn (Chulalongkorn University), one of the most prominent scholars in the field of Buddhist Studies in Thailand, will give an introductory talk to stimulate further discussion, and Dr. Elisabeth Haderer will introduce treasures of Thai Buddhist art.

Saturday, 12 December 2015
Rooms: 120, 121, 122
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