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Dynastic ideology and the development of the Bodhisattva path



The lecture will retrace the formation of Buddha lineages in the textual family of the *Bahubuddhakasūtras*, whose importance for the formation of the Bodhisattva doctrine has been so far neglected. It will show in particular how the conception of the succession of Buddhas over time and the progress of the Bodhisattva towards Buddhahood were influenced by royal ideology. This is also suggested by the way Buddha lineages and royal lineages are intertwined in a text such as the *Mahāvastu* in order to create a massive historical narrative stressing the purity of Śākyamuni's spiritual and temporal pedigrees.

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