



**Conference**  
**“Cultural Flows across the Western Himalaya”**

15.04.–18.04.2009, IIAS, Shimla

**Wednesday, 15.04.2009**

**17.00** Opening blessings by Lochen Tulku Rinpoche (Rin chen bzang po, Abbot, Kyi monastery)

Welcome address by Prof. Peter Ronald deSouza, Director of the IIAS

Inaugural address by Prof. B.L. Mungekar, President of the IIAS and Governing Body, Shimla

**17.00–19.30 Heritage Preservation**

Chair: Deborah Klimburg-Salter

The importance of heritage conservation of Buddhist monuments in the Himalaya (Lochen Tulku Rinpoche, Kyi monastery)

Heritage preservation in context of contemporary economic and social development (Deepak Sanan, Shimla)

The Preservation of Cultural Heritage in the Western Himalaya: Current Immediate Concerns and Future Strategies (Laxman Thakur, Shimla)

Nako Research and Preservation Project (NRPP) (Verena Widorn, Vienna)

Virtual reconstruction of Nako (Karel Kriz, Vienna)

**20.00 Dinner**

**Thursday, 16.04.2009**


**PANEL 1: New Research in Geography – Mapping Cultural History**

Chair: Karel Kriz

**08.30–10.00 Panel 1, Sessions A)**

Mapping the past and the present (William Cartwright, Melbourne)

Perspective on the mapping and imaging situation in India (Pradeep Srivastava, Ahmedabad)



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Goals and objectives of the Cultural History Information System  
(Karel Kriz, Vienna)

**(10.00–13.00 Radhakrishnan Memorial Lecture by Vice-President of India)**

**13.00–14.00 Lunch**

**14.00–15.30 Panel 1, Session B)**

Applying mapping tools in Cultural History  
(Karel Kriz, David Schobesberger, Ben Nausner, Vienna)

**15.30–16.00 Tea-break**

**16.00–17.00:**

**PANEL 2: Philology and History: Manuscripts, Inscriptions, Trade**

Chair: Helmut Krasser

Kanjur Manuscripts en route (Helmut Tauscher, Vienna)

On epigraphic palimpsests and similar phenomena  
(Kurt Tropper, Vienna; paper read by Cristina Scherrer-Schaub, Paris)

**19.30 or 20.00 Dinner**

**Friday, 17.04.2009**

**PANEL 3: Places, objects and travellers. Art along pilgrimage routes**

Chair: Deborah Klimburg-Salter

**10.00–11.00 Panel 3, Sessions A)**

On the reconstruction of ancient Buddhist pilgrimage routes through  
Lahaul (Verena Widorn, Vienna)

A journey “to the land on the other side.” Pilgrims and pilgrimage in  
Khotan (Xinjiang, China) (Erika Forte, Vienna)

**11.00–11.30 Tea-break**



**11.30–12.30 Panel 3, Sessions B)**

Reinvented landscapes. Art, faith and trade routes in and around Uddiyana in the 7<sup>th</sup>–8<sup>th</sup> century CE (Anna Filigenzi, Vienna; paper read by Verena Widorn)

**13.00–14.00 Lunch**

**PANEL 4: Buddhist Philosophy in Kashmir**

Chair: Helmut Krasser

**14.00–15.00 Panel 4, Sessions A)**

Understanding *anukṛtivāda* in Abhinavabharati (Parul Mukherji, Delhi)

Determination in the *apoha* theory of Ratnakīrti (Patrick Mc Allister, Vienna)

**15.00–15.30 Tea-break**

**15.30–17.00 Panel 4, Sessions B)**

Recent news from a Kashmirian Dharmakīrti (Vincent Eltschinger, Vienna)

Transmission and translation of Buddhist texts in Śrīnagar:  
A Madhyamaka example (Anne MacDonald, Vienna)

**19.30 Dinner**

**Saturday, 18.04.2009**

**PANEL 5: Bon in the Western Himalaya**

Chair: Charles Ramble

**10.00–11.00 Panel 5, Sessions A)**

More edicts of *Lha bla ma* Ye shes 'od (Samten Karmay, Paris)



The Visual Representation of the *Bon/Chos* community in Tabo in the 10<sup>th</sup> century (Deborah Klimburg-Salter, Vienna)

**11.00–11.30 Tea-break**

**11.30–12.30 Panel 5, Sessions B)**

“The real Bonpo atmosphere”: remarks on two rituals for summoning good fortune (*g.yang ’gug*) (Charles Ramble, Oxford)

*Gangs can dol po’i chos rig* (“The religious study of snowy Dolpo”) (Phuntsok Nyima, Varanasi)

**13.00–14.00 Lunch**

**14.00–14.30** Manuscripts and wall-paintings from the caves of Mustang, ca. 14<sup>th</sup>–15<sup>th</sup> century (Charles Ramble, Oxford)

**15.00–16.30 Summary of the Symposium and final discussion, plans for publication** by  
Cristina Scherrer-Schaub (Paris)

Closing words and thanks to the IIAS by Helmut Tauscher (Vienna)

**16.30–17.00** Closing tea

**19.30** Dinner

**Sunday, 19.04.2009** Departure