

# Gender Asymmetry in the Different Buddhist Traditions Through the Prism of Nuns' Ordination and Education

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**16-17 May, 2022**  
**Palazzo Stocchi**  
**Piazza Morlacchi 30, Perugia**

**Monday, May 16 2022**  
**Morning**

**9:00 - 9:15**

Greetings and Introduction

## **Section 1 : Educational Patterns for Buddhists Nuns**

Chair: Ann Heirman (Ghent University)

**9:15 - 10:00**

Yu-chen Li (NCCU)

*Taiwanese Nuns and Education Issues in the Contemporary Era* (online)

**10:00 - 10:45**

Nicola Schneider (INALCO)

*A Revolution in Red Robes: Tibetan Nuns obtaining the Doctoral Degree in Buddhist Studies* (geshema)

**10:45 - 11:00**

Coffee Break

**11:00 - 11:45**

Daniela Campo (University of Strasbourg)

*Nuns' Education at Dajinshan Chan Monastery in Jiangxi province (PRC)*

**11:45 - 12:30**

Eun-su Cho (Seoul National University)

*Female Monastic Society in Korea - Between Tradition and the Desire for Change*

**12:30 - 13:00**

Discussion

**13:00 - 14:00**

Lunch

## **Section 2 : The Issue of Ordination and Rules for Buddhist Nuns**

Chair: Adeline Herrou (CNRS)

**14:00 - 14:45**

Darcie Price-Wallace (Northwestern University)

*The Fragility of Restoring Full Ordination for Tibetan Tsunmas* (Nuns)

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**Afternoon**

<b>14:45 - 15:30</b>	Ester Bianchi (University of Perugia) & Amandine Péronnet (INALCO) <i>Assessing the Emergence and Impact of Nuns Dual Ordination in New Era China</i>
<b>15:30 - 16:15</b>	Bhikkhunī Dhammadinnā (DILA) <i>Revived Theravāda bhikkhunīs and the bhikkhusaṅgha: institutional asymmetries, legal and existential dissonances</i>
<b>16:15 - 16:30</b>	Coffee Break
<b>16:30 - 17:15</b>	Martin Seeger (University of Leeds) <i>Female Renunciation and the Historical Absence of the Theravada Bhikkhunī Order in Thailand: The Interrelationships Between Male and Female Monastics and the Creation of New Vinaya Rules</i>
<b>17:15 - 18:00</b>	Anthony Scott (University of Toronto) <i>Opening Up Enlightenment and the Reintroduction of Female Ordination in Twentieth-century Burma/Myanmar</i>
<b>18:00 - 20:00</b>	Discussion
<b>20:00</b>	Dinner

**Section 3 : New Ways of Buddhist Practice: Revivals & Inventions**

Chair: Alex von Rospatt (University of California)

**Tuesday, May 17 2022**  
**Morning**

<b>9:00 - 9:45</b>	Yoshiko Ashiwa (Hitotsubashi University) <i>"No" Gender Limits for Practice of Teaching and Realizing Peace: A Case of Nipponzan Myohoji</i>
<b>9:45 - 10:30</b>	Thi Sinh Ninh (Haoni Pedagogical University) <i>The Position of Vietnamese Nuns from the Buddhist Revival Movement (1930s) to the Present Period: Research Through Educational Activities for Nuns [online]</i>
<b>10:30 - 10:45</b>	Coffee Break
<b>10:45 - 11:30</b>	Agata Bareja-Starzyńska (University of Warsaw) <i>Buddhist Nuns in Mongolia - Beginnings and Development</i>
<b>11:30 - 12:15</b>	Trent Walker (Chulalongkorn University) <i>Khmer Nuns and Filial Debts: Buddhist Intersections in Contemporary Cambodia</i>
<b>12:15 - 13:00</b>	Discussion & Concluding Discussion
<b>13:00</b>	Lunch