



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

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Monday, May 16 2022  
Morning

9:00 - 9:15

Greetings: Claudia Mazzeschi (Director, Department of Philosophy,  
Social Sciences and Education)

Introduction: Ester Bianchi, Nicola Schneider

## 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)*

**Monday, May 16 2022**  
**Afternoon**

- 14:45 - 15:30** Ester Bianchi (University of Perugia) & Amandine Péronnet (INALCO)  
*Assessing the Emergence and Impact of Nuns Dual Ordination in New Era China*
- 15:30 - 16:15** Bhikkhunī Dhammadinnā (DILA)  
*Revived Theravāda bhikkhunīs and the bhikkhusaṅgha: institutional asymmetries, legal and existential dissonances*
- 16:15 - 16:30** Coffee Break
- 16:30 - 17:15** Martin Seeger (University of Leeds)  
*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*
- 17:15 - 18:00** Anthony Scott (University of Toronto)  
*Opening Up Enlightenment and the Reintroduction of Female Ordination in Twentieth-century Burma/Myanmar*
- 18:00 - 20:00** Discussion
- 20:00** Dinner

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

Chair: Alex von Rospatt (University of California)

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

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