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International Symposium

**“Buddhism in German Philosophy and Literature:
An Intercultural Dialogue”**

6 – 7 February 2009

Room 105, Maha Chulalongkorn Building, Chulalongkorn University

Programme

Friday 6 February 2009

- 8.00 – 8.45 Registration
- 8.45 – 09.15 Asst. Prof. Dr. Charit Tingsabadh, Director of Centre for European Studies at Chulalongkorn University, reports to the President of Chulalongkorn University
Opening Remarks
Prof. Pirom Kamolratanakul, M.D.
President of Chulalongkorn University
Dr. Ulrike Lewark
Deputy Director, Goethe-Institut Bangkok
- 9.15 – 9.30 Moderator: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Soraj Hongladarom
Dr. Peter Skilling, École française d'Extrême-Orient, Bangkok
Remarks on Philology and Buddhist Studies, with Special Reference to German Philology and Manuscript Studies
- 9.30 – 10.05 **Prof. Dr. Volker Mertens**, Free University Berlin, Germany
Buddhism in the European Middle Ages
- 10.05 – 10.20 Tea and Coffee

- 10.20 – 10.55 **Dr. Ronald Perlwitz**, Université Paris Sorbonne Abu Dhabi
Friedrich Rückkert und der Buddhismus
- 10.55 – 11.05 Questions & Answers
- 11.05 – 11.40 **Prof. Dr. Pornsan Watananguhn**
German Section, Faculty of Arts, Chulalongkorn University
*On the Reception of Buddhism in the Literary Work of
Gjellerup, Thomas Mann and Hermann Hesse*
- 11.40 – 12.15 **Prof. Dr. Heinrich Detering**, University Göttingen, Germany
Hesse, Brecht and Thomas Mann: Buddhism and Other Influences
- 12.15 – 12.30 Discussion
- 12.30 – 14.00 Lunch
- 14.00 – 14.35 Moderator: Prof. Dr. Volker Mertens
Prof. Dr. Adrian Hsia, Emeritus Professor of German,
McGill University, Montreal, Canada and Honorary Professor,
School of Chinese Studies, Hong Kong University, China
*Catholicism / Protestantism versus Hinduism / Buddhism: On Hesses's
Transcultural Reception*
- 14.35 – 14.45 Questions & Answers
- 14.45 – 15.20 **Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Dieter Borchmeyer**, Professor Emeritus, University
Heidelberg, Present position : Präsident der Bayerischen Akademie
der Schönen Künste (President of the Bavaria Academy of the Beautiful Art)
Thomas Manns "Die vertauschten Köpfe"
- 15.20 – 16.00 Discussion

Saturday 7 February 2008

- 9.30 – 10.00 Moderator: Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Dieter Borchmeyer
Key Note Speech by **Prof. Preecha Changkhwanyuen**
Professor Emeritus, Department of Philosophy, Faculty of Arts, Chulalongkorn
University and Chair of Centre for Buddhist Studies, Chulalongkorn University
East-West Divan on Buddhism: An Intercultural Dialogue
- 10.00 – 10.10 Questions & Answers
- 10.10 – 10.25 Tea and Coffee

- 10.25 – 11.00 **Prof. Dr. Somparn Promta,**
Department of Philosophy, Faculty of Arts, Chulalongkorn University
Literature in Buddhist Perspective
- 11.00 – 11.35 **Assoc. Prof. Dr. Soraj Hongladarom**
Department of Philosophy, Faculty of Arts, Chulalongkorn University
Schopenhauer's Metaphysics of the Will and the Buddhist View on Emptiness
- 11.35 – 12.10 **Dr. Theptawee Chokvasin,** Suranaree University of Technology
Heideggian and Theravada Buddhist View on the Mortality of Life
- 12.10 – 12.30 Discussion
- 12.30 – 14.00 Lunch
- 14.00 – 15.00 Round Table Discussion
Moderator: Dr. Ulrike Lewark
Deputy Director of Goethe-Institut Bangkok
All speakers
- 15.00 Final Remarks
Dr. Ulrike Lewark
Deputy Director, Goethe-Institut Bangkok
Asst. Prof. Dr. Charit Tingsabadh
Director, Centre for European Studies at Chulalongkorn University

* All participants are admitted free of charge. *

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Attendance Form

1. First name – Last name _____
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- Member of the press
- Interested individual

- Able to attend morning session on 6 February
- Able to attend afternoon session on 6 February
- Able to attend morning session on 7 February
- Able to attend afternoon session on 7 February
- Able to attend all sessions on both 6 and 7 February

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