BUDDHISM AND BUSINESS, MARKET AND MERIT:
Intersections between Buddhism and Economics Past and Present

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Friday, June 16, 2017

15:00-14:00  Welcome and Keynote Address

15:05-15:45  Keynote Address  
Gregory Schopen  
“The Business Model of Buddhist Monasticism”

15:45-16:00  Discussion

16:00-16:15  Tea / Coffee Break

16:15-18:30  Panel 1: Buddhist Economics: States of/in the Field  
Choi Building Conference Room  
(Chair: Leah Kalmanson)

1.1  16:15-16:30  Clair Brown, “Applications and Limitations of Socioeconomic Theory and Method for Understanding Buddhist Activities and Their Outcomes”

1.2  16:30-16:45  Otto Chang, “Wisdom based economic theory as informed by Buddhism”

1.3  16:45-17:00  Barbra Clayton, “Gross National Happiness: Development Economics and Bhutanese Buddhist Modernism”

1.4  17:00-17:15  Hudaya Kandahjaya, “Buddhism and Economy: How we got here and what comes next”

1.5  17:15-17:30  Juewei Shi, “Buddhist Merit in the West”

Comments 17:30-17:45  Jessica Main

Open Discussion 17:45-18:30

16:15-18:15  Panel 2: Stories and Cents  
Asian Centre 604  
(Chair: Yongshan He)

2.1  16:15-16:30  Susan Andrews, “Teaching Economic Practices and Beliefs: A Study of
North American Buddhist Dharma School Curriculum

2.2  16:30-16:45  Ben Brose, “Business and Pleasure: The Cult of Zhu Bajie in Modern Taiwan”

2.3  16:45-17:00  Phyllis Granoff, “How to make and spend money: some stories from Indian classical literature”

2.4  17:00-17:15  Fabio Rambelli, “The Ideology of Wealth in the Japanese Buddhist Imaginary”

2.5  17:15-17:30  Matthew Mitchell, “When the Buddha loses your money: An examination of a failed Buddhist financial confraternity in nineteenth-century Japan”

Comments 17:30-17:45 James Benn

Open Discussion 17:45-18:30

18:30  Dinner

Saturday, June 17, 2017

9:00-9:45  Student Roundtable Discussion
Choi Building Conference Room

As part of the three-day academic meeting, we are excited to hold a series of student roundtable discussions that will bring together upper-level undergraduate students and junior graduate students to explore the significance of scholarship in this emerging area of study. By inviting Canadian students to join us both for the conference and this series of short academic roundtable conversations, our aim is to promote meaningful student participation in the academic meeting. We also hope to facilitate the formation of academic connections between student-participants and peers and professors around the country and the world. To help achieve these ends, before the conference we will circulate a few important works in this area—including several conference papers—to guide our conversations at UBC. We encourage presenters to join us for one of these gatherings.

9:45-10:00  Coffee/Tea Break

10:00-12:00  Panel 3: Market Buddhism
Choi Building Conference Room
(Chair: Susan Andrews)

3.1  10:00-10:15  Alex Catanese, "Buddha For Sale: The Shifting Ethics Associated with Selling Religious Objects in Amdo, Tibet, China"

3.2  10:15-10:30  Kin Cheung, “What Does It Mean To Own Stock In A Famous Buddhist Mountain Tourism Company?"

3.3  10:30-10:45  Christopher Emory-Moore, "Busy Buddhists: Monastic and Missionary Imperatives in a Marketized Buddhist Movement"

3.4  10:45-11:00  Jessica Main, "Religious Economies in Modern Japan: Shin Buddhist Financial Ventures."
Comments 11:00-11:15 Jamie Hubbard

Open Discussion 11:15-12:00

10:00-12:00  Panel 4: Intertwined Histories: Buddhism and Economics I
Asia Centre 604
(Chair: Phyllis Granoff)

4.1 10:00-10:15  Xiqi Lu, “Livelihood of Monastics in Southern China during the Early Medieval Period (3rd-7th century)”

4.2 10:15-10:30  Koichi Shinohara, “Worldly Morality in the medieval Chinese Buddhist anthology *Fayuan Zhulin*”

4.3 10:30-10:45  Zeng Yang, “The Mobilizer of Monks and Money: Integrating and Institutionalizing Buddhist Missions”

Comments 10:45-11:00 Ben Brose

Open Discussion 11:00-12:00

12:00-13:00  Lunch

13:00-15:00  Panel 5: Reshaping Religion: Economic Forces and the Contemporary Religious Landscape
Choi Building Conference Room
(Chair: Kin Cheung)

5.1 13:00-13:15  Weishan Huang, “Buddhist Gentrification and Urban Renewal – the case studies of Han Buddhist temples in Shanghai”

5.2 13:15-13:30  Paulina Kolata, “Economics of goen (ご縁, a relationship/tie) – How much does it cost to be a Buddhist in contemporary Japan?”

5.3 13:30-13:45  Cameron Penwell, “Buddhist Responses to the “Labor Question” in Early-Twentieth Century Japan”

5.4 13:45-14:00  Julie Remoiville, “Engagement of Official Buddhist Monasteries within Modernity through Economic and Tourism developments in Contemporary urban China: Case study in Hangzhou”

Comments 14:00-14:15 Rongdao Lai

Open Discussion 14:15-15:00

13:00-15:00  Panel 6: Intertwined Histories: Buddhism and Economics II
Asian Centre 604
(Chair: Jinhua Chen)
6.1 13:00-13:15 Philip Hsu, “Merit and Money in Late Ming Buddhist Society: Yunqi Zhuhong’s Perspective”


6.3 13:30-13:45 Dewei Zhang, “Done and Undone: A Revisiting of Buddhist Monastic Economy in Early Ming China”

Comments 13:45-14:00 Susan Andrews

Open Discussion 14:00-15:00

15:00-16:00 Student Roundtable Discussion
Choi Building Conference Room

18:00 Dinner

Sunday, June 18, 2017

9:00-9:45 Student Roundtable Discussion
Choi Building Conference Room

9:45-10:00 Coffee/Tea

10:00-12:00 Panel 7: Intertwined Histories: Buddhism and Economics III
(Chair: Barbra Clayton)

7.1 10:00-10:15 Caleb Carter, “Religious Plurality Makes Cents: The Economics Behind a Hybrid Tendai Mountain in Early Modern Japan”


7.3 10:30-10:45 Rongdao Lai, “Performing Buddha-Work in Red Dust: Post-War Monastic Economy in Hong Kong”

7.4 10:45-11:00 Gregory Adam Scott, “Fund-raising, Merit-making, and Reconstructing Buddhist Monasteries in Modern China”

Comments 11:00-11:15 Barbra Clayton

Open Discussion 11:15-12:00
10:00-12:00  Panel 8: Intertwined Histories: Buddhism and Economics IV
Asian Centre 604
(Chair: Jamie Hubbard)

8.1 10:00-10:15 Adam C. Krug, “Internal, Threshold, and External Economy: Toward an Economic Model for Early Buddhist Monasticism in India”

8.2 10:15-10:30 Matthew D. Milligan, “‘Bootstrapping’ the Early Saṁgha: An Economic Model for the Formation of Indian Buddhism Outside Magadha”


Comments 10:45-11:00 Gregory Schopen

Open Discussion 11:00-12:00

12:00-13:00  Lunch

13:00-15:30  Panel 9: The Inexhaustible Storehouse
Choi Building Conference Room
(Chair: Dewei Zhang)

9.1 13:00-13:15 Jinhua Chen, “The Monastic Financial and Banking system (Wujinzang) under the Rule of Emperor Liang Wudi: Background in India and Impact on Sui-Tang China”


9.4 13:45-14:00 Matthew Mitchell, “When the Buddha loses your money: An examination of a failed Buddhist financial confraternity in nineteenth-century Japan”

9.5 14:00-14:15 Neil Schmid, “Giving while Keeping: Inexhaustible Treasuries and Inalienable Wealth”

9.6 14:00-14:15 Zong Zhang, “‘Inexhaustible Storehouse’ and Monasteries of the ‘Three Stage Movement’ during the Sui and Tang Dynasties”

Comments 14:15-14:30 Cuilan Liu

Open Discussion 14:30-15:30

13:00-15:30  Panel 10: Material and Visual Culture and Buddhist Economies
Asian Centre 604
(Chair: Fabio Rambelli)


10.4 13:45-14:00 Nicolas Morrissey, “For Merit and for Profit: Observations on the Economics of Image Donation and Ritual Service in Early Medieval Indian Buddhist Monasticism”

10.5 14:00-14:15 Francesca Tarocco, “The Buddhist Lives of Chinese Artists: Practice, Personhood and Religious Materiality in Post-secular China”

Comments 14:15-14:30 Gregory Scott

Open Discussion 14:30-15:30

15:30-15:45 Coffee/Tea Break

15:45-16:15 Final Student Roundtable Discussion
Choi Building Conference Room

18:00 Dinner