

**BUDDHIST BEASTS:  
REFLECTIONS ON ANIMALS IN ASIAN RELIGIONS AND CULTURE  
(UBC, April 20-22, 2018)**

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**DAY I** **April 20, 2018: ARRIVAL, REGISTRATION, KEYNOTE SPEECH,  
& PANEL I AT TZU-CHI CANADA**

15:00-15:50	NETWORKING AND REGISTRATION
15:50-16:00	WELCOMING REMARKS: JINHUA CHEN (UBC) AND DR. MICHAEL CHUNG (TZU-CHI CANADA)
16:00-16:40	KEYNOTE SPEECH: Mimi YIENGRUKSAWAN (Yale University): “Tweeting the Law: Some Avian Humanoids in Buddhist Discourse.” (Chair: Jinhua CHEN)
<b>16:40-18:40</b>	<b>PANEL 1 BEASTS IN INDIA &amp; TIBET: BUDDHIST PERSPECTIVES</b> (CHAIR: Gilles TARABOUT [CNRS])
<u>1.1. (16:40-16:55)</u>	Daniel Stuart (University of South Carolina): “Becoming Animal: Karma and the Animal Realm Envisioned through an Early Yogācāra Lens”
<u>1.2. (16:55-17:10)</u>	Naomi Appleton (University of Edinburgh): “Badly Behaved Animals in the <i>Jātakas</i> ”
<u>1.3. (17:10-17:25)</u>	Reiko Ohnuma (Dartmouth): “The Heretical, Heterodox Howl: Jackals in Pāli Buddhist Literature”
<u>1.4. (17:25-17:40)</u>	Geoff Barstow (Oregon State University): “Monastic Meat: Reflecting on the Consumption of Meat in Tibetan Monasteries”
COMMENT (17:40-17:55)	Daniela BERTI (CNRS)
DISCUSSION (17:55-18:40)	Open Floor

**19:00-20:30** **DINNER**

**DAY II** **April 21, 2018: CONFERENCE (WHOLE DAY) AT FAIRMONT  
SOCIAL LOUNGE, ST JOHN'S COLLEGE, UBC**

**8:00 - 9:00** **BREAKFAST**

<u>9:00-11:00</u>	<b>PANEL 2 BEASTS IN INDIA &amp; TIBET: NON-BUDDHIST PERSPECTIVES</b> (CHAIR: Naomi APPLETON [Edinburgh])
<u>2.1. (9:00-9:15)</u>	Phyllis GRANOFF (Yale University): “Dogs and Merit Making: Some Reflections from Pali Texts”

- 2.2. (9:15-9:30) Petra MAURER (Bavarian Academy of Sciences and Humanities):  
“Humanising Horses: The Application of Tibetan Medical Concepts in  
Veterinary Medicine”
- 2.3. (9:30-9:45) Daniela BERTI (Centre national de la recherche scientifique [CNRS]):  
“Animals in the Public Debate: Hunting, Conservationism and Animal  
Rights in India”
- 2.4. (9:45-10:00) Gilles TARABOUT (Centre national de la recherche scientifique [CNRS]):  
“Compassion for Living Creatures in Indian Law Courts”
- COMMENT (10:00-10:15) Reiko OHNUMA (Dartmouth)
- DISCUSSION (10:15-11:00) Open Floor

**11:00-11:15** **TEA/COFFEE BREAK**

- 11:15-12:25 **PANEL 3 BEASTS IN JAPAN: BUDDHIST AND NON-BUDDHIST  
PERSPECTIVES (CHAIR: MIMI YIENGRUKSAWAN [Yale])**
- 3.1. (11:15-11:30) Bernard FAURE (Columbia University): “Vulpine Religion: Animal,  
Human, and Divine Foxes in East Asia”
- 3.2. (11:30-11:45) Barbara AMBROS (UNC Chapel Hill): “Buddhism and Meat-Eating in  
Contemporary Japan.”
- COMMENT (11:45-12:00) Robert SHARF (Berkeley)
- DISCUSSION (12:00-12:25) Open Floor

**12:30-14:00** **LUNCH BREAK**

- 14:00-15:45 **PANEL 4 BEASTS IN CHINA: BUDDHIST PERSPECTIVES (CHAIR: Michael  
NYLAN [Berkeley])**
- 4.1. (14:00-14:15) Mingli SUN (Tsinghua University): “An Analysis of the Images of Birds as  
Shown in the Illustrations of Western Pure Land Sutra in the Sichuan Area,  
under the Tang and Five Dynasties”
- 4.2. (14:15-14:30) Koichi SHINOHARA (Yale): “Animals in Chinese Buddhist Monastic  
Biographies”
- 4.3. (14:30-14:45) Jeehee HONG (McGill University): “The Meditating Monkey: Visualizing  
Silence in Southern Song Chan Culture”
- COMMENT (14:45-15:00) T. H. BARRETT (SOAS)
- DISCUSSION (15:00-15:45) Open Floor

**15:45-16:00** **TEA/COFFEE BREAK**

- 16:00-18:00 **PANEL 5 BEASTS IN CHINA: BUDDHIST AND NON-BUDDHIST  
PERSPECTIVES (CHAIR: Robert SHARF [Berkeley])**
- 5.1. (16:00-16:15) Michael NYLAN (University of California, Berkeley): “Humans as Beasts  
and Gods in Pre-Buddhist China”
- 5.2. (16:15-16:30) Richard LYNN (University of Toronto): “Birds and Beasts in the *Zhuangzi*,  
Interpreted by Guo Xiang and Cheng Xuanying”
- 5.3. (16:30-16:45) Huaiyu CHEN (Arizona State University): “Demons, Converts, and  
Protectors: The Changing Images of Serpents in Medieval Chinese  
Religions”
- 5.4. (16:45-17:00) Ben BROSE (University of Michigan): “Taming the Monkey:  
Reinterpreting the *Journey to the West* in Early Twentieth-Century China”

COMMENT (17:00-17:15) Jeehee HONG (McGill)  
DISCUSSION (17:15-18:00) Open Floor

**18:00-20:00** **DINNER**

**DAY III** **APRIL 22, 2018: CONFERENCE (MORNING) AT FAIRMONT  
SOCIAL LOUNGE, ST JOHN'S COLLEGE, UBC**

**8:00 - 9:00** **BREAKFAST**

9:00-11:20 **PANEL 6 ANIMALS THAT TRANSCEND CULTURES, BOUNDARIES  
AND SPECIES (CHAIR: Barbara AMBROS [UNC])**

6.1. (9:00-9:15) T.H. BARRETT (SOAS, University of London): "Animals across  
Boundaries: Buddhist and Other Animals in Trans-cultural Encounters"

6.2. (9:15-9:30) Ann HEIRMAN (Ghent University): "Releasing Animals: Vinaya from  
India to China"

6.3. (9:30-9:45) Robert SHARF (University of California, Berkeley): "What Do Nanquan  
and Schrödinger Have Against Cats?"

6.4. (9:45-10:00) Kaiqi HUA (UBC): "Cat and Buddhist Book Culture"

6.5. (10:00-10:15) Lina VERCHERY (Harvard University): "What Do Buddhists See When  
They Look at Animals?: Olfaction and the Transspecies Imagination in  
Modern Chinese Buddhism"

COMMENT (10:15-10:30) Ben BROSE (Michigan)  
DISCUSSION (10:30-11:20) Open Floor

**11:20-11:30** **TEA/COFFEE BREAK**

**11:30-12:00** **FINAL DISCUSSION AND CONCLUDING REMARKS (CO-CHAIRS:  
Phyllis Granoff & JINHUA CHEN)**

**12:00-13:30** **LUNCH**