

**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 YIENGPRUKSAWAN (Yale University):
“Tweeting the Law: Some Avian Humanoids in Buddhist Discourse.”
(Chair: Jinhua CHEN)

16:40-18:40 **PANEL 1 BEASTS IN INDIA & TIBET: BUDDHIST PERSPECTIVES**
(CHAIR: Gilles TARABOUT [CNRS])

1.1. (16:40-16:55) Daniel Stuart (University of South Carolina): “Becoming Animal: Karma
and the Animal Realm Envisioned through an Early Yogācāra Lens”
1.2. (16:55-17:10) Naomi Appleton (University of Edinburgh): “Badly Behaved Animals in
the *Jātakas*”
1.3. (17:10-17:25) Reiko Ohnuma (Dartmouth): “The Heretical, Heterodox Howl: Jackals in
Pāli Buddhist Literature”
1.4. (17:25-17:40) 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 UBC**

9:00-11:00 **PANEL 2 BEASTS IN INDIA & TIBET: NON-BUDDHIST
PERSPECTIVES** (CHAIR: Naomi APPLETON [Edinburgh])

2.1. (9:00-9:15) 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):
“Humanizing 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 Animals 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 YIENGPRUKSAWAN [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) Mylinda 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): “Seeing and Hearing through the Monkey in Chan Visual Culture and Beyond”
COMMENT (14:45-15:00) Ben BROSE (Michigan)
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 UBC

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): “Human, Animal, and Buddha Nature: Trans-species Imagination in Modern Chinese Buddhism”

COMMENT (10:15-10:30)

T. H. BARRETT (SOAS)

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