

## **International Conference: Madhyamaka in South Asia and Beyond**

**August 18–22, 2024, Vienna, Austria**

### **Second Circular, August 2023**

Dear Colleagues,

We are pleased to announce that registration for the conference **Madhyamaka in South Asia and Beyond** is now open.

We cordially invite scholars, advanced students, and independent researchers to submit panel proposals, abstracts for panel presentations, and abstracts for individual presentations. Please limit abstracts to 500 words. Panels should consist of no more than six papers. All presentations will be 20 minutes in length, followed by a 10-minute discussion period.

You may register and upload abstracts and panel proposals at:

<https://www.oeaw.ac.at/en/ikga/madhyamaka-in-south-asia-and-beyond>

To register, you must fill out each of the three fields marked with an asterisk. Abstracts and panel proposals may be uploaded at a later date. Successful registration will result in you being sent a confirmation email.

### **Schedule**

April 2023	First Circular
August 1, 2023	Second Circular, opening of online registration
December 15, 2023	Deadline for registration and panel proposals
February 1, 2024	Deadline for submission of all paper abstracts
May 1, 2024	Third Circular
August 18–22, 2024	Conference

### **Academic Committee**

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## **Organizing Committee**

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- Anne MacDonald
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## **Accommodation**

A list of hotels near the conference venue will be posted on the conference webpage in the next few months and announced in the Third Circular.

Please direct all communication pertaining to the conference to the organizer:

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## **From the First Circular:**

Scholarly engagement with the Madhyamaka tradition has greatly intensified in recent decades, in part due to the discovery of Sanskrit manuscripts of seminal Indian Madhyamaka works as well as of previously unavailable Tibetan scholastic treatises that chart the reception of pertinent Indian Buddhist doctrines. The flurry of publications resulting from philological and philosophical investigation of the texts significantly improves our comprehension of the views of the Madhyamaka authors, their self-understanding, and the reasons behind their responses to their intellectual environments. Nevertheless, many issues remain unsolved, and topics as fundamental as the Mādhyamikas' final truth/reality continue to be debated.

The International Conference Madhyamaka in South Asia and Beyond will bring together scholars to present and discuss their research on all aspects of the Madhyamaka tradition from philological, historical and/or philosophical perspectives. We invite papers dealing with topics such as the school's ontological views, its logical and epistemological theories and their sources and integration, its soteriology, historiography, evolution, and transmission, including interactions with other Buddhist and non-Buddhist schools and traditions. Papers from the broader intellectual landscape are also welcome.