

# Curriculum Vitae

Dr. Ernst Prets

<b>Nationality</b>	Austrian
<b>Present Positions</b>	<p>Project Director, Institute for the Cultural and Intellectual History of Asia Austrian Academy of Sciences Apostelgasse 23, A-1030 Vienna Tel: +43-1-51581-6419 Fax: +43-1-51581-6410 ernst.prets@oeaw.ac.at <a href="http://www.ikga.oeaw.ac.at">www.ikga.oeaw.ac.at</a> <a href="http://nyaya.oeaw.ac.at">nyaya.oeaw.ac.at</a></p> <p>Lecturer, Department of South Asian, Tibetan and Buddhist Studies, University of Vienna</p>
<b>Areas of research</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• History of Indian Philosophy</li><li>• Fragments of Indian Philosophy</li><li>• Indian Epistemology</li><li>• Philosophical Traditions of Āyurveda</li><li>• Indian Manuskript transmission</li></ul>
<b>Academic positions and functions</b>	
2018-2020	Project Director, Institute for the Cultural and Intellectual History of Asia (IKGA), Austrian Academy of Sciences; project: “Debate and rational argumentation in South Asian Buddhism” (Austrian Science Fund project – FWF P 30827)
2015-2018	Project Director, IKGA, Austrian Academy of Sciences; project: “Fragments of Indian Philosophy II” (Austrian Science Fund project – FWF P 27863)
2015-2016	Project Director, IKGA, Austrian Academy of Sciences; project: “Language and Action in early Brahmanical philosophy” (Austrian Science Fund project – FWF P 25287)
2012-2014	Project Director, IKGA, Austrian Academy of Sciences; project: “Fragments of Indian Philosophy” (FWF P 24160)
2008-2011	Project Director, IKGA, Austrian Academy of Sciences; project: “Fragments of the Early Nyāya School of Philosophy” (FWF P 20935)

- 2006-2008 Project Director, IKGA, Austrian Academy of Sciences; project: “Rules of Debate and Grounds for Defeat in Ancient India” (FWF P 18721)
- 2006, 2003, Deputy Director, IKGA, Austrian Academy of Sciences  
2000, 1998
- 2004-2005 Senior Research fellow, IKGA, Austrian Academy of Sciences; project: “Philosophy and Medicine in Early Classical India.”
- 2001-2004 Senior Research fellow, IKGA, Austrian Academy of Sciences; project: “Debate in the Context of the History of Indian Medicine”
- 1995- Lecturer, Institute for Indology (from 2001: Institute for South Asian, Tibetan and Buddhist Studies), University of Vienna
- 1991-2001 Senior Research fellow, IKGA, Austrian Academy of Sciences; project: “Dictionary of Indian Epistemology, Logic and Methodology”
- 1987-91 Deputy chair of the employees’ committee of the Austrian Academy of Sciences
- 1983-91 Research fellow, Commission for the Languages and Cultures of South Asia, Austrian Academy of Sciences; project: “Dictionary of Indian Epistemology, Logic and Methodology”

#### Education and degrees

- 1996 University of Leipzig, Germany, Diploma in Hindi
- 1992 University of Vienna, Dr. phil., Dissertation: “Der Beweis bei Bhāsarvajña” (Bhāsarvajña’s system of proof)
- 1975 University of Debrecen, Hungary, Diploma in Hungarian

#### Additional academic activities (last 15 years)

- 2018 Organisation of the international workshop “On pratibhā in later commentaries on the *Vākyapadīya* of Bhartṛhari”. Hiroshima University
- 2018 Organisation of the international workshop “TEI/XML Workshop Fragments of Indian Philosophy”, University of Zürich
- 2017 Organisation of the international workshop “Critical edition of the Sanskrit text of the *Lokāyataparīkṣā*”,
- 2015 Organization of the workshop “Interoperability of Digital Old-Indian Texts” together with the Austrian Centre for Digital Humanities
- 2012 Organization of the Japan-Austrian International Joint Conference “Transmission and Tradition: The Meaning and the Role of ‘Fragments’ in Indian Philosophy” at Shinshu University, Matsumoto, Japan, August 20 - 24, together with Prof. Dr. Hiroshi Marui, Tokyo University (FWF Joint Seminar AJS 349-G15)

- 2008 Research travel, Ahmedabad, Palithana, Kolkata, Tokyo, Kyoto, Hiroshima for presentation of the database of the fragments of Nyāya and meetings with collaborators
- 2006-2017 Chinese-English translation project “*Upāyahṛdaya*” (*fang-pien hsin-lun*), together with Prof. Shoryu Katsura, Kyoto, and Prof. Brendan Gillon, Montreal
- 2005 Research travel, New Delhi, Rajasthan, Gujarat (Vrindavan, Bikaner, Jaipur, Jodhpur, Nagaur, Ahmedabad, Koba, Jamnagar) for the acquisition of copies of manuscripts of the *Carakasamhitā*
- 2003 Organization of the international workshop “Towards the Critical Edition of Classical Āyurvedic Texts”, Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna (together with Prof. K. Preisendanz)
- 2002 Guest Lecturer (Seminar: Early Indian Dialectical Traditions and the Terminology of Debate in the *Carakasamhitā*) at the Department of Oriental Philosophy, Tokyo University (one month)
- 2001 Research travel, Northern India (Bikaner, Alwar, Chandigarh, Chittaurgarh, Jammu, Jodhpur, Kolkata, Kota, New Delhi, Udaipur, Varanasi) for the acquisition of copies of manuscripts of the *Carakasamhitā*

#### Teaching Experience (last 15 years)

- 2010-2014 Introduction to Classical Sanskrit, Department of South Asian, Tibetan and Buddhist Studies, University of Vienna
- 2008-2009 Introduction to Classical Sanskrit, Department of South Asian, Tibetan and Buddhist Studies, University of Vienna
- 2003-2008 Introduction to the Nominal Style of Scientific Sanskrit, Department of South Asian, Tibetan and Buddhist Studies, University of Vienna
- 2002 Introduction to Āyurveda - from Kashmir to Bengal
- 2002 Translation Training of Āyurvedic Texts
- 2002 The Early Indian Dialectical Traditions and the Terminology of Debate in the *Carakasamhitā*. Tokyo University, Department of Oriental Philosophy (Seminar, 18 hours, February, 4-22)
- 2001 Introduction to the Terminology of Indian Epistemology and Logic (1<sup>st</sup> millennium)
- 2001 Translation Training of Epistemological Texts
- 2000 Introduction to the Terminology of Indian Epistemology and Logic (Dialectic and Discussion in the *Carakasamhitā* and the *Nyāyasūtra*)
- 2000 Translation Training of *Sūtra* Texts

- 1999 Introduction to the Terminology of Indian Epistemology and Logic (From the Earliest Sources up to Dignāga's Hetucakra)
- 1999 Translation Training of the Buddhist Epistemological tradition (*Nyāyapraveśa*)

### Conference Papers and Invited Lectures (last 15 years)

- 2018 "Fragments of Indian philosophy revisited: Authors, dates and works." University of Tokyo, Japan (invited)
- 2017 "Śāntarākṣita and the Naiyāyikas. On the references to "fragments" of the so-called "lost Naiyāyikas" in the Vādanyāyaṭikā and the Tattvasaṅgraha." 18th Congress of the International Association of Buddhist Studies University of Toronto, Canada
- 2017 "The early Naiyāyikas' proofs of God." 2nd World Congress on Logic and Religion, University of Warsaw, Poland
- 2016 "Methods of Interpretation of Indian philosophical fragments." University of Warsaw, Poland (invited)
- 2016 "Aviddhakarṇa und Bhāvivikta, sources and interpretations." University of Warsaw, Poland (invited)
- 2015 „Inhaltliche Vorstellung und Problemstellung des Projektes Fragments of Indian Philosophy.“ (together with Dr. Yasutaka Muroya and Dr. Stefan Riegelnik). Workshop "Interoperability of Digital Old-Indian Texts" together with the Austrian Centre for Digital Humanities. IKGA, Austrian Academy of Sciences
- 2015 "Fragments of Indian Philosophy – Presentation of a Database on Quotations and Paraphrases from and Allusions to Texts of the Sāṅkhya, Nyāya, Vaiśeṣika, Mīmāṃsā, and Lokāyata Traditions." 16<sup>th</sup> World Sanskrit Conference, Bangkok, Thailand
- 2015 "Fragments of Indian Philosophy." Scientific Advisory Board Meeting. IKGA, Austrian Academy of Sciences
- 2014 "Early Nyāya Logicians, their Denominations, and their Relations to Indian Materialism." Department on Oriental Philosophy, Tokyo University, Japan (invited)
- 2014 "Bhāvivikta, Unpierced Ears (Aviddhakarṇa), and Other Denominations. Remarks on Names of Indian Philosophers." Department of Indian Philosophy, Hiroshima University, Japan (invited)
- 2014 "A Database of Fragments of Indian Philosophy and its Relevance for the History of Early Nyāya Philosophers." Shinshu University, Matsumoto, Japan (invited)
- 2013 "Early Nyāya Fragments, Aviddhakarṇa, and Other Uncertainties." Deutscher Orientalistentag, Münster, Germany.

- 2012 “Presentation of the Database on Early Nyāya Fragments.” (together with Dr. Himal Trikha and Mag. Christian Ferstl). Japan-Austria International Symposium on Transmission and Tradition: The Meaning and the Role of ‘Fragments’ in Indian Philosophy, Shinshu University, Matsumoto, Japan
- 2012 “Fragment of Indian Philosophy.” Japan-Austria International Symposium on Transmission and Tradition: The Meaning and the Role of ‘Fragments’ in Indian Philosophy, Shinshu University, Matsumoto, Japan
- 2012 “Introduction to the Early Nyāya.” Department of Indian Philosophy, Hiroshima University, Japan (invited)
- 2012 “A Review of the Early Nyāya Fragments.” Department of Indian Philosophy, Hiroshima University, Japan (invited)
- 2011 “A Web-Based Database of Nyāya Text Fragments,” Workshop: “Information Technologies and Innovation in Sanskrit-Based Indian Studies.” Department of South Asian, Tibetan and Buddhist Studies, University of Vienna
- 2010 “Argument, Argumentation, and Sentence in Early Indian Philosophy.” Conference: “Predication and the Unity of the Proposition”. University of Economics and Business, Vienna, Austria
- 2009 “A Database and Nyāya Fragments.” Tokyo University, Department on Oriental Philosophy, Japan (invited)
- 2009 “Naiyāyikas and Cārvākas.” Tsukuba University, Department of Philosophy, Japan (invited)
- 2009 “Nyāya Fragments, Periodization of Indian Philosophy, and Kashmir Shaivism.” Hiroshima University, Department of Indian Philosophy, Japan (invited)
- 2009 “Fragments of the Nyāya School of Philosophy.” International Conference: World View and Thoery in Indian Philosophy (Congreso Internacional ‘Teoría e ideología en las filosofías de la India’), Casa Asia, Barcelona, Spain
- 2008 “Fragments of the Nyāya School of Philosophy.” Tokyo University, Department on Oriental Philosophy, Japan (invited)
- 2008 “Lost Naiyāyikas and their Significance for the History of Indian Philosophy.” Hiroshima University, Department of Indian Philosophy, Japan (invited)

- 2008 “A Database for the History of Nyāya Philosophy.” Tokyo University, Department on Oriental Philosophy, Japan (invited)
- 2008 “Transmission, Reception, and Highly Esteemed Scholars.” Visva Bharati Study Circle, Santiniketan, West Bengal, Indien (invited)
- 2008 “More than Three Means of Cognition in the Classical Āyurvedic Tradition.” International Grand Centennial Convention on Ayurveda 2008, Arya Vaidya Pharmacy, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, India
- 2007 “The Means of Cognition in the Early Indian Medical Tradition”, Shri Shankaracarya University, Kalady, Kerala, India
- 2006 “On the Transmission of Classical Sanskrit Texts,” Tokyo University, Department on Oriental Philosophy, Japan (invited)
- 2006 “The Importance of the Carakasāṃhitā for the History of Indian Philosophy.” Hiroshima University, Department of Indian Philosophy, Japan (invited)
- 2006 “Zum Ursprung des Āyurveda: die Mythologien der großen Drei.” Freie Universität Berlin, Germany (invited)
- 2005 “Zum mythologischen Ursprung und der heutigen Textgestalt der Carakasāṃhitā.” 2. Kasseler Āyurveda-Konferenz, Habichtswaldklinik, Kassel, Germany
- 2004 “Discussion and Debate in Early Indian Medicine.” Text and Translation Series of The Wellcome Trust Centre for the History of Medicine at UCL, London (invited)
- 2004 “On the Editions of the Carakasāṃhitā.” Workshop: Classical Indian Medicine: Text and Meaning, The Wellcome Trust Centre for the History of Medicine at UCL, London
- 2004 “Caraka zwischen Philosophie und Medizin.” Freie Universität Berlin, Germany (invited)
- 2003 “The Carakasāṃhitā: A preliminary review of manuscripts and editions.” Workshop ‘Towards the Critical Edition of Classical Āyurvedic Texts’,

Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna

- 2003 “Editions, Manuscripts and Commentaries: On the Proof and Counterproof Passage of the Carakasamhitā.” 12th World Sanskrit Conference, Helsinki, Finland
- 2002 “Theories of Debate, Indian Medical Tradition and Early Indian Logic.” Tokyo University, Department on Oriental Philosophy, Japan (invited)
- 2002 “On the Manuscripts and the Editions of the Carakasamhitā.” Kyoto University, Department of Oriental Philology, Division of Indian Philosophy, Japan (invited)
- 2002 “The Manuscripts of the Carakasamhitā and the Tradition of Discussion.” (Seminar), Waseda University, Department of Literature and Asian Philosophy Division, Tokyo, Japan (invited)
- 2002 “The Carakasamhitā - An Examination of Selected Editions and Manuscripts.” 5th International Congress on Traditional Asian Medicine. Halle, Germany
- 2002 “Implications, Derivations and Consequences, prasaṅga in the Early Nyāya Tradition.” XIIIth Conference of the International Association of Buddhist Studies, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand
- 2001 “Debate in the Context of the History of Indian Medicine.” World Sanskrit Conference, New Delhi, India
- 2001 “Parley, Reason and Rejoinder.” International Seminar ‘Argument and Reason in Indian Logic’, Kazimierz Dolny, Poland
- 2001 “Dialectical Passages in the Carakasamhitā: Towards a Critical Edition.” Howrah Sanskrit Sahitya Samaj, Howrah, West Bengal, India (invited)
- 2000 “Proof and Counterproof in Early Indian Dialectic and Logic.” XXXVth International Congress of Asian and North African Studies, Montréal, Canada

2000 “Fire is cold because it is produced. Theories of Communication in Early India.”  
Department of Religious Studies and South Asian Committee of Yale  
University, New Haven, CT. USA (invited)

### **Fellowships and Grants**

2018-2020	Research grant by the Austrian Science Fund
2015-2018	Research grant by the Austrian Science Fund
2012-2014	Research grant by the Austrian Science Fund
2008-2011	Research grant by the Austrian Science Fund
2006-2008	Research grant by the Austrian Science Fund
2003	Travel grant by the Wellcome Trust, London, GB
2001	Travel grant by the Government of India
1997	Travel grant by the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science
1997	Research and travel grant by the Wellcome Trust, London, GB
1994	Fellowship by the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science

### **Languages**

Classical Indian languages:  
Sanskrit, Prakrit, Pali

Modern Languages:  
German, English (excellent)  
French, Hindi, Spanish, Hungarian (fair, reading knowledge)