



We kindly invite you to participate in the international conference

“MONGOLIAN BUDDHISM: ANIMALS, PLANTS AND BIOETHICS”

taking place on 20–21 October, 2022

at Eötvös Loránd University (ELTE), Budapest, Hungary.



This year we celebrate the 120th anniversary of Louis Ligeti’s birth (Ligeti Lajos, 1902–1987) and the 90th anniversary of introducing Mongolian studies to the curriculum of Eötvös Loránd University. Various events commemorate these milestones of Mongolian Studies in Hungary, including special exhibitions and scientific forums.

We wish to contribute to these events by organizing the Fourth International Conference on Aspects of Mongolian Buddhism on 20–21 October, 2022.

The conference is organized by different institutes of Eötvös Loránd University (Department of Mongolian and Inner Asian Studies, Research Centre for Mongolian Studies, Budapest Center of Buddhist Studies) in cooperation with the Oriental Collection of the Library and Information Center of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, the Ferenc Hopp Museum of Asiatic Arts, the Dharma Gate Buddhist Church, the Embassy of Mongolia in Budapest, Hungary, and Gandantegchenling Monastery, the Centre of Mongolian Buddhists.

Following the success of the conferences “Mongolian Buddhism: Past, Present and Future” in 2015, “Mongolian Buddhism in Practice” in 2017, and “Mongolian Buddhism: Tradition and Innovation” in 2019, the fourth international conference is for scholars and monks to present their work on different aspects of Mongolian Buddhism within the theme of “Animals, Plants and Bioethics” noting that monasteries, monks, and devotees have always had a close connection with the environment. The topic also connects to the ongoing project of the Department of Mongolian and Inner Asian Studies entitled “the interaction between CULTURA and NATURA in the Mongolian religious context”.

Presentations can cover any aspect of Mongolian Buddhism, including monasticism, vernacular religious practices, education, rituals, art, textology, folklore, and any other fields related to Mongolian Buddhism’s historical and contemporary approach to nature. The conference will focus on the Buddhism of Mongols living in the present area of Mongolia and the beliefs and practices of Mongols living in China, Russia, or other places in the diaspora. The distinctiveness of Mongolian Buddhist tradition to nature and bioethics will be revealed through the presentations. The scientific papers will be published in book format. We are planning a volume with only English articles this time.

The organizers will provide refreshments during the conference. Travelling and accommodation should be organized individually. If you need assistance regarding accommodation possibilities, please indicate it to the organizers.

The main languages of the workshop are English, Mongolian and Russian.

A visit to the Oriental Collection of the Library and Information Centre of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences and a guided tour of the exhibition “Yurts and Monasteries. Mongolian Treasures at the Ferenc Hopp Museum of Asiatic Arts” will take place on 19 October, 2022.

Please register by 30 June, 2022 sending your name, affiliation, title and an abstract in 150 words to mongol@btk.elte.hu. If you need an invitation letter for the visa, please let us know.

We are looking forward to seeing you in Budapest at Eötvös Loránd University.

Budapest, 15 May, 2022

On behalf of the organizing committee:

Ágnes Birtalan, head of the department and the research centre