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## Intellexus Guest Reading Sessions

**Thursday 24 October 14:00-15:30**

Reading from the *Sarvatathāgatatattvasaṃgraha*  
Alsterterrasse 1, Rm. 117 & Zoom

**Friday 25 October 14:00-15:30**

Reading from the *Haracaritacintāmaṇi*  
Alsterterrasse 1, Rm. 106 & Zoom

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## Getting Rid of the Rival: Stories of Śaiva and Buddhist Tantric Deities Fighting Each Other

We will read extracts of mythological stories in which Buddhist and Śaiva tantric deities fight each other. One is an extract from the *Sarvatathāgatatattvasaṃgraha* on how Vajrapāṇi conquered and converted Maheśvara and other Hindu gods, a narrative which may have been partly inspired by the story of the Buddha Śākyamuni's victory over Māra. The other is the beginning of chapter 17 of Jayadratha's *Haracaritacintāmaṇi*, in which Buddhist tantric deities (such as Heruka and Ādibuddha) appear as demons and are conquered by Garuḍa in the form of a she-ass, empowered by Śiva. The story is a transposition of the famous myth of Śiva conquering the three demon cities.