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Patterns of Intertextuality: Borrowing in Tibetan Buddhist Texts

6–10 September 2026

Shechen Monastery, Nepal, and online

The five-day workshop, organized by the Khyentse Center in collaboration with the Intellexus project and led by Orna Almogi and Dorji Wangchuk, is devoted to the phenomenon of intertextuality in Classical Tibetan Buddhist texts—primarily, though not exclusively, canonical and paracanonical ones. Combining theory and practice, the programme features presentations of individual case studies by members of the Intellexus project, the Academic Research Project Initiative (ARPI), and the Academic Research Consortium for Ancient Scriptures (ARCAS). It also includes a number of talks and discussions on the significance of intertextuality both for the study of the evolution and compositional history of scriptures and non-scriptures and for our understanding of the intellectual ecosystems in which they took shape. A range of methodological approaches, computational as well as historical-philological, is considered and illustrated with concrete examples.



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Sunday 06.09.

Morning Session

08:30–10:00 **Orna Almogi (Intellexus, University of Hamburg)**
Borrowing Strategies in the *Pad ma dbang chen bde gshegs 'dus pa*

10:00–10:30 Tea Break

10:30–12:00 **Sonam Choden (Intellexus, University of Hamburg)**
Weaving the *Zla gsang nag po'i rgyud*: An Investigation of its Building Blocks

12:00–13:30 Lunch Break

Afternoon Session

13:30–15:00 Breakout Session

15:00–15:30 Tea Break

15:30–16:15 Breakout Session

16:15–17:00 Sync

17:30–18:30 Dinner



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Monday 07.09.

Morning Session

- 08:30–10:00 **Dorji Wangchuk (Intellexus, University of Hamburg)**
Formation of Tantric Clusters in Tibet and Their Indic Antecedents
- 10:00–10:30 Tea Break
- 10:30–12:00 Breakout Session
- 12:00–13:30 Lunch Break

Afternoon Session

- 13:30–15:00 **Jingyi Yang (Intellexus, University of Hamburg)**
The *rNal 'byor grub pa'i lung*: A Tantric Attempt to Unravel Anew the Exalted Intent Amidst the Twilight Lament
- 15:00–15:30 Tea Break
- 15:30–17:00 **Rebecca Sundén (Intellexus, University of Hamburg)**
Tracing the Origins of Three Tantras of the Central Bhutanese *rNy ing ma rgyud 'bums*: An Overview of their Textual Geology
- 17:30–18:30 Dinner



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Tuesday 08.09.

Morning Session

08:30–10:00 Breakout Session

10:00–10:30 Tea Break

10:30–12:00 Breakout Session

12:00–13:30 Lunch Break

Afternoon Session

13:30–15:00 **Sonam Jamtsho (Intellexus, University of Hamburg)**
The Repurposing of the *Bodhicittabhāvanā* in the *Byang chub kyi sems bsgom pa'i rgyud* and Other *rNying-ma Tantras*

15:00–15:30 Tea Break

15:30–16:15 Breakout Session

16:15–17:00 Roundtable Discussion: Approaches and Strategies in Investigating Intertextuality in Tibetan and Indo-Tibetan Texts

17:30–18:30 Dinner



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Wednesday 09.09.

Morning Session

08:30–10:00

Khenpo Kalsang Dondrup (ARCAS)

Man ngag lung gi rtsa ba lnga dang nam mkha' che | lcags 'grel dang theg chen tshul 'jug bcas phan tshun dbar gyi 'brel ba yod med dpyad pa |

10:00–10:30

Tea Break

10:30–11:15

Khenpo Tashi Dorjee (ARCAS)

gNyan dpal dbyangs kyi gsung rab rgyud du grags pa dang bstan bcos la mched tshul |

11:15–12:00

Lopen Kagyur Tsering (ARPI)

bDud rtsi bam po brgyad pa dang rim pa phye ba brgyad kyi 'brel ba dang khyad par gsar byed |

12:00–13:30

Lunch Break



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Afternoon Session

- 13:30–15:00 **Nicola Bajetta (Intellexus, University of Hamburg)**
Adaptive Borrowing in the *'Jam dpal dgongs pa 'dus pa'i rgyud*, a rDzog-
chen scripture of the Bindu Corpus
- 15:00–15:30 Tea Break
- 15:30–16:15 **Khenpo Tsultrim Norbu (ARPI)**
bKa'i tha rams dang dam tshig mdo rgyas gnyis kyi 'brel lam |
- 16:15–17:00 **Khenpo Ugyen Wangchuk (ARPI)**
Sangs rgyas mnyam sbyor dang mdo dgongs 'dus kyi 'brel thag |
- 17:30–18:30 Dinner



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Thursday 10.09.

Morning Session

- 08:30–08:50 **Khenmo Pema Choekyi (ARCAS)**
rGyud sde bzhi'i dam tshig dpe nyi shu'i bsdur zhib gsal ba'i sgron me |
- 08:50–09:10 **Khenpo Choephel Norbu (ARCAS)**
Klong chen chos 'byung gi gyar tshig tshol zhib |
- 09:10–09:30 **Khenpo Sonam Gyaltzen (ARPI)**
Slob dpon sangs rgyas gsang ba'i lam rim chen mo la zhib dpyad zhu dag |
- 09:30–09:45 **Khenpo Chogyal Zangpo (ARPI)**
Dam tshig gnang bkag gi gyar tshig la dpyad pa |
- 09:45–10:00 **Khenpo Karma (ARPI)**
*Ye shes gsang ba zhes bya ba'i rgyud dang byang chub kyi sems rdzogs pa chen po
 ye shes gsang ba bshad pa'i rgyud gsal ba mtha' dang mnyam pa'i bar gyi mthun
 'brel dang mtshungs shyor gyi dpyad gleng |*
- 10:00–10:30 Tea Break



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Afternoon Session

13:30–15:00

Thi Thu Hien Ho (University of Hamburg)

Genealogy of an Analogy: Rong-zom-pa's *sBrul nag po'i stong thun*, Its Indic Antecedents and Tibetan Afterlives

15:00–15:30

Tea Break

15:30–17:00

Concluding Roundtable Discussion

17:30–20:00

Concluding Workshop Dinner



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