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Śaiva-Buddhist Encounters in Early Medieval East India

13 – 14th of October 2022, University of Naples "L'Orientale"

Hosted by the ERC Śivadharma Project

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Wednesday, 12th of October: Arrival of participants in Naples

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Tiffany's Luxury Resort
Piazza Municipio 84, 80133 Napoli
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20:00 Welcome dinner at Pizzeria Lombardi a Santa Chiara
Address: Via Benedetto Croce 59 – 80134 Napoli

Thursday, 13th of October 2022

Location: Palazzo du Mesnil, third floor
Address: Via Chiatamone 61/62 – 80121 Napoli

10:30 – 10:50 Registration and coffee
10:50 – 11:00 Welcome address by Florinda De Simini

Keynote lecture I

Chair: Lucas den Boer

11:00 – 12:00	Claudine Bautze-Picron <i>Śiva, the inspirational enemy</i>
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Panel I: Art

Chair: Nicolas Morrissey

12:00 – 12:30	Abhishek Amar <i>Interrogating Śaiva-Buddhist Interactions in the Early Medieval Magadha</i>
12:30 – 13:00	Vishi Upadhyay <i>A reappraisal of Buddhist sculptures and manuscripts of the Pala period: A transactional phase of Buddhism and Shivaism</i>

13:00 – 14:30 Lunch at the conference venue

Panel I: Art (continuation)	
Chair: Claudine Bautze-Picron	
14:30 – 15:00	Nicolas Morrissey <i>Visual and Ritual Eclecticism at Nandhadīrghika-vihāra, Jagjivanpur, West Bengal</i>
15:00 – 15:30	Lucas den Boer <i>Buddhist and Śaiva Images of Teachers in Early Medieval East India</i>
15:30 – 16:00	Shaashi Ahlawat <i>Encounters in Odantapuri and Around: A Study of Geographical Distribution of Buddhist-Brahmanical Stone Sculptures</i>

16:00 – 16:30 Coffee Break

Panel II: Archaeology	
Chair: Abhishek Amar	
16:30 – 17:00	Coline Lefranq <i>To each his own pot? Focus on the daily life of Brahmanical and Buddhist communities in Early Medieval East India (ca. 600-1200 CE)</i>
17:00 – 17:30	Bijoy Kumar Choudhary <i>Aspects of Śaiva-Buddhist Engagement in Early Medieval Bihar</i>
17:30 – 18:00	Final observations day 1

20:00 Dinner at Antonio & Antonio

Address: Via Partenope 26 - 80121 Napoli

Friday, 14th of October 2022

Location: Palazzo du Mesnil, main conference hall

Keynote lecture II Chair: Coline Lefranq	
10:00 – 11:00	Birendra Nath Prasad (online) <i>Cultic Encounters between Buddhism and Śaivism in Early Medieval Bihar and Bengal: Perspectives from Archaeological Data</i>

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee Break

Panel III: Epigraphy Chair: Florinda De Simini	
11:30 – 12:00	Ryosuke Furui (online) <i>The Pāla Kings in 'Śaiva Age': Layers of Religious Affiliation in Early Medieval Eastern India with Special Reference to Epigraphic Sources</i>
12:00 – 12:30	Annette Schmiechen (online) <i>Religious Patronage of Buddhist and Śaiva (and Vaiṣṇava) Kings and Queens of the Bhauma-Kara Dynasty in Orissa</i>
12:30 – 13:00	Dániel Balogh <i>Śaiva and Buddhist rhetoric in copperplate grants of the Eastern Deccan?</i>

13:00 – 14:30 Lunch at the conference venue

Panel IV: Texts Chair: Dániel Balogh	
14:30 – 15:00	Csaba Dezső <i>Buddhist and Śaiva paeans and benedictions in Pāla and Sena anthologies and inscriptions</i>
15:00 – 15:30	Kengo Harimoto <i>East India and Śaivism, according to Xuanzang</i>
15:30 – 16:00	Final observations day 2

20:00 Dinner at Vitto Pitagorico
Address: Piazza Museo 15 - 80135 Napoli

Saturday, 15th of October 2022

Optional excursion: Trip to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Pompeii