Call for Proposals

This Consultation invites papers on all aspects of study related to Yogācāra Buddhism, including historical, philosophical, psychological, soteriological, and other approaches. We also seek proposals that serve to motivate interaction with other Program Units, such as cognitive science, psychology of religion, religion and science, and so forth. Preference is given to group paper sessions or panels focused on a single theme, but separate papers are also welcome.

Mission

The Yogācāra tradition within Buddhism provides the seminal basis for many forms of Mahāyāna Buddhism. Yogācāra was the preeminent Buddhist school for many centuries in India, East Asia, and Tibet. Even after its relative decline as a distinct tradition, its teachings continued to provide the basis for both the theory and practice of subsequent Buddhist Mahāyāna schools throughout Asia. Yogācāra's influence includes important innovations in Buddhist psychology, meditation systematics, epistemology, causal theories, soteriological models, and the creation of Buddhist logic, and thus bears strong potential for constructive engagement with modern areas of science, including psychology, genetics, and evolutionary biology. Over the last century, Asian Buddhists in China, Hong Kong, Japan, and Tibet, recognizing that potential, have engendered a Yogācāra revival that continues to grow today. Our mission is to provide a forum for the exploration of the various psychological and philosophical aspects of Yogācāra in its various historical and cultural settings, along with engaging these with their modern scientific correlates.

Anonymity of Review Process

Proposer names are visible to Chairs but anonymous to Steering Committee Members.

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