

THURSDAY, AUGUST 3<sup>rd</sup>

- Session 7, chair: Barbara Gerke
- 9.30 **Florian Ploberger, independent scholar, Vienna**  
A comparative study between Chinese formulas and Tibetan formulas: differences and opportunities
- 10.00 **Jan van der Valk, University of Kent, Canterbury**  
The pharmaceutical becomings of Tibetan medicines in Switzerland: making things with humans along PADMA's assembly line
- 10.30 *Coffee break*
- Session 8, chair: Stephan Kloos
- 11.00 **Geoffrey Samuel, Cardiff University**  
Tantric immortality: the factors of long life and the transcendence of time.
- 11.30 **Anna Sehnalova, Charles University, Prague, and University of Oxford**  
Tibetan Bonpo Mendrub: the Bonpo precious formula's transmission and practice
- 12.00 **Ilona Kędzia, Jagiellonian University, Kraków**  
Medicine, alchemy and yoga in the esoteric language of the Vaittiya Kallāṭam
- 13.00 *Lunch break*
- Session 9, chair: Katharina Sabernig
- 14.30 **Isabella Würthner, Ludwig-Maximilian University, Munich**  
Curing menstrual disorders in Tibetan medical literature
- 15.00 **Ian Baker, University of Strathclyde, Glasgow**  
Intoxicating solutions: therapeutic and medicinal use of psychoactive substances in tantric Buddhism
- 15.30 *Coffee break*
- 16.00 Final discussion  
**Chair: Geoffrey Samuel, Cardiff University**



## MEDICINE AND YOGA IN SOUTH AND INNER ASIA: BODY CULTIVATION, THERAPEUTIC INTERVENTION AND THE SOWA RIGPA INDUSTRY

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## PROGRAMME

### TUESDAY, August 1<sup>st</sup>

- 9.00 *Welcoming addresses and acknowledgements*  
**Klaus-Dieter Mathes, Department of South Asian, Tibetan and Buddhist Studies, University of Vienna**
- Dagmar Wujastyk (ERC Starting Grant AyurYog)**  
**Stephan Kloos (ERC Starting Grant RATIMED)**  
**Barbara Gerke (FWF Lise-Meitner Senior Research Fellowship)**  
**Katharina Sabernig (FWF project P26129-G21)**
- KEYNOTES:  
 Chair: Dagmar Wujastyk,
- 9.30 **Projit Bihari Mukharji, University of Pennsylvania**  
 Immortal matters: the material culture of longevity practices, 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> CE
- 10.30 *Coffee break*
- 11.00 **Fabrizio Speziale, Université Sorbonne Nouvelle, Paris 3**  
 Rasaśāstra, rasāyana and Persian medical culture in South Asia
- 12.00 **Herbert Schwabl, PADMA AG, Zürich**  
 Asian medicines in Europe – perspectives for the future
- 13.00 *Lunch break*
- Session 1: chair: Suzanne Newcombe
- 14.30 **Katharina Sabernig, Medical University of Vienna**  
 Topography and proportions of the body in Asian medical traditions
- 15.00 **Dagmar Wujastyk, University of Vienna**  
 Rasāyana in Sanskrit alchemical literature
- 15.30 **Christèle Barois, University of Vienna**  
 Longevity practices from the Chāndogya Upaniṣad onwards
- 16.00 *Coffee break*
- Session 2, chair: Christèle Barois
- 16.30 **Tenzin Lhundup, Men-Tsee-Khang, Dharamsala**  
 Approach of Tibetan medicine towards healthy longevity
- 17.00 **Philipp Maas, University of Leipzig**  
 On Caraka's account of the origin of rasāyana
- 19.00 *Joint dinner (speakers)*

### WEDNESDAY, August 2<sup>nd</sup>

- Session 3, chair: Barbara Gerke
- 9.30 **Stephan Kloos & Harilal Madhavan, Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna**  
 The emergence of a traditional Mongolian medicine industry
- 10.00 **Suzanne Newcombe, London School of Economics and Political Science**  
 Longevity practices in India during the modern period: public health imperatives and individual aspirations
- 10.30 *Coffee break*
- Session 4, chair: Katharina Sabernig
- 11.00 **Gudrun Bühnemann, The University of Wisconsin-Madison**  
 Śiva as the conqueror of death and lord of the nectar of immortality
- 11.30 **Petra Maurer, Bayerische Akademie der Wissenschaften, Munich**  
 The various names and forms of "Tibetan Yoga"
- 12.00 **Barbara Gerke, University of Vienna**  
 Entangled efficacies in the biographies of Tibetan precious pills
- 12.30 *Lunch break*
- Session 5, chair: Christèle Barois
- 14.00 **Karl Baier, University of Vienna**  
 Yoga and alchemy within fin de siècle occultism
- 14.30 **Ronit Yoeli-Tlalim, Goldsmiths, University of London**  
 Exploring the Asian roots of Roger Bacon's medical alchemy
- 15.00 *Coffee break*
- Session 6, chair: Stephan Kloos
- 15.30 **Jason Birch, SOAS, University of London**  
 Liberation and immortality in early haṭha and rājayoga traditions
- 16.00 **Sienna Craig, Dartmouth College, New Hampshire & Calum Blaikie, Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna**  
 From homemade to readymade: Tibetan medicine production in Nepal