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The "1st International Congress on Buddhist Women's Role in the Sangha: Bhikshuni Vinaya and Ordination Lineages" will be held at the University of Hamburg from July 18-20, 2007, in cooperation with the University's Asia-Africa Institute.

[Online-Registration](#) for Participants

New: [List of Speakers](#) updated Feb. 07, 2007.

Please note: We shall provide the remaining abstracts of the speakers in Febr. 2007 as well as the daily schedule.

News: We are glad to inform you that Ven. Jampa Tsedroen, has been chosen by an international committee of scholars and Buddhist clergy as an Outstanding Woman in Buddhism. [Read more ...](#)



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H.H. the Dalai Lama will stay in Hamburg until July 27, 2007 and will give a week of lectures. For further information please see: www.dalailama-hamburg.de

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1st International Congress of Buddhist Women's Role in the Sangha, with H. H. XIVth Dalai Lama of Tibet.

Dalai Lama supports the Re-establishment of Full-Ordination for Nuns in Tibetan Buddhist Tradition.

Congress on July 18/19/20 2007, University of Hamburg.

The Foundation for Buddhist Studies, Hamburg is holding an International Congress with H. H. XIVth Dalai Lama on July 18/19/20 2007 in Hamburg. The main theme will be the rights of Buddhist Women, the re-establishment of Full-Ordination for Nuns in Tibetan Buddhist Tradition in cooperation with the University of Hamburg.

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List of Speakers

We are glad to present you the tentative list of speakers who kindly accepted our invitation and will address their speeches during the 1st International Congress on Buddhist Women's Role in the Sangha, Bhikshuni Vinaya and Ordination Lineages. Some of the topics are not finalized yet. We are now able to present some of the abstracts

We shall prepare an update with the abstracts in Febr. 2007 with reference to the schedule of our program.

- **Analyo:** [The Four Assemblies and the Foundation of the Order of Nuns](#)
- **Bhikkhu Bodhi:** [The Prospects for Reviving Bhikkhuni Ordination in the Theravada Tradition](#)
- **Dr. Christie Chang:** [From Anjala to Gelongma -- Naming, Language, and Gender Equality](#)
- **Bhiksuni Chikwang:** Critique on recent and relevant research of the Korean Bhikshuni lineage
- **Bhiksuni Chuehmen:** [The Right to be Ordained as Bhiksunis](#)
- **Bhiksuni Thubten Chodron:** [The Benefits of Having Bhiksunis](#)
- **Lama Choedak Rinpoche:** [Experience of Being the Tibetan Buddhist Teacher to Convert and Sponsor the First Tibetan Buddhist Bhiksuni Community in America, Australia, in October 2001](#)



His Holiness the XIVth Dalai Lama will be present on July 20, 2007. Credit: www.buddhismus.at

The 1st International Congress to be held in Hamburg will lead to a decision or at least a supportive declaration in which worldwide expert researchers in the fields of precepts and their transmission lineages of Buddhism. They are coming from Thailand, Korea, Sri Lanka, and Myanmar, but also the United States, India, Vietnam, Australia, and we are going to present their papers to an audience of at least 150 experts and other interested representatives of Buddhist Centers of various academic fields of studies.

The XIVth Dalai Lama has kindly accepted our invitation to be present on his last day, July 20, 2007.

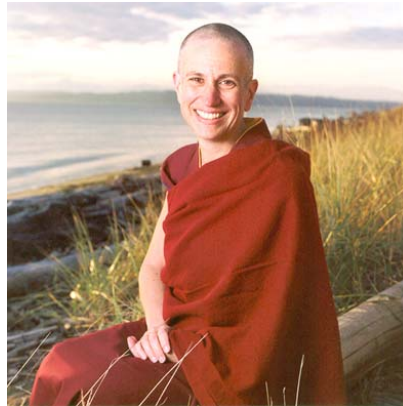
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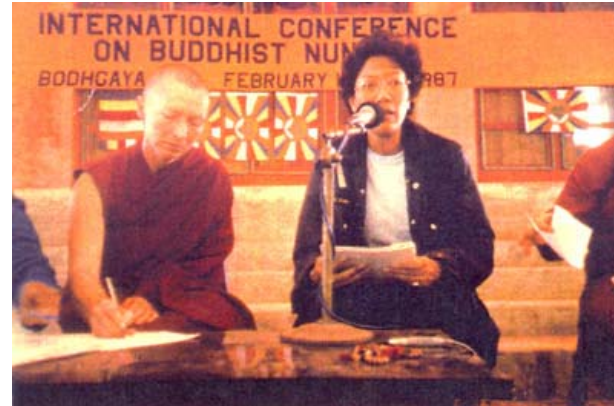
Previous Award Recipients



Ven. Bhikkhuni Voramai
Kabilsingh



Ven. Bhiksuni Thubten
Chodron USA)



Ven. Bhiksuni Prof. Dr. Karma Lekshe Tsomo (USA),
Founder and President of Sakyadhita International,



From the left to the right:
Gabriele Kuestermann
(Founder of the Foundation of Buddhist Studies Germany),

Ven. Dhammananda
(former Prof. Dr. Chat-sumarn Kabilsingh),

Another nun from Thailand,

Ms. Ranjani de Silva
(President of Sakyadhita Sri Lanka)

Buddha
Sakyamuni

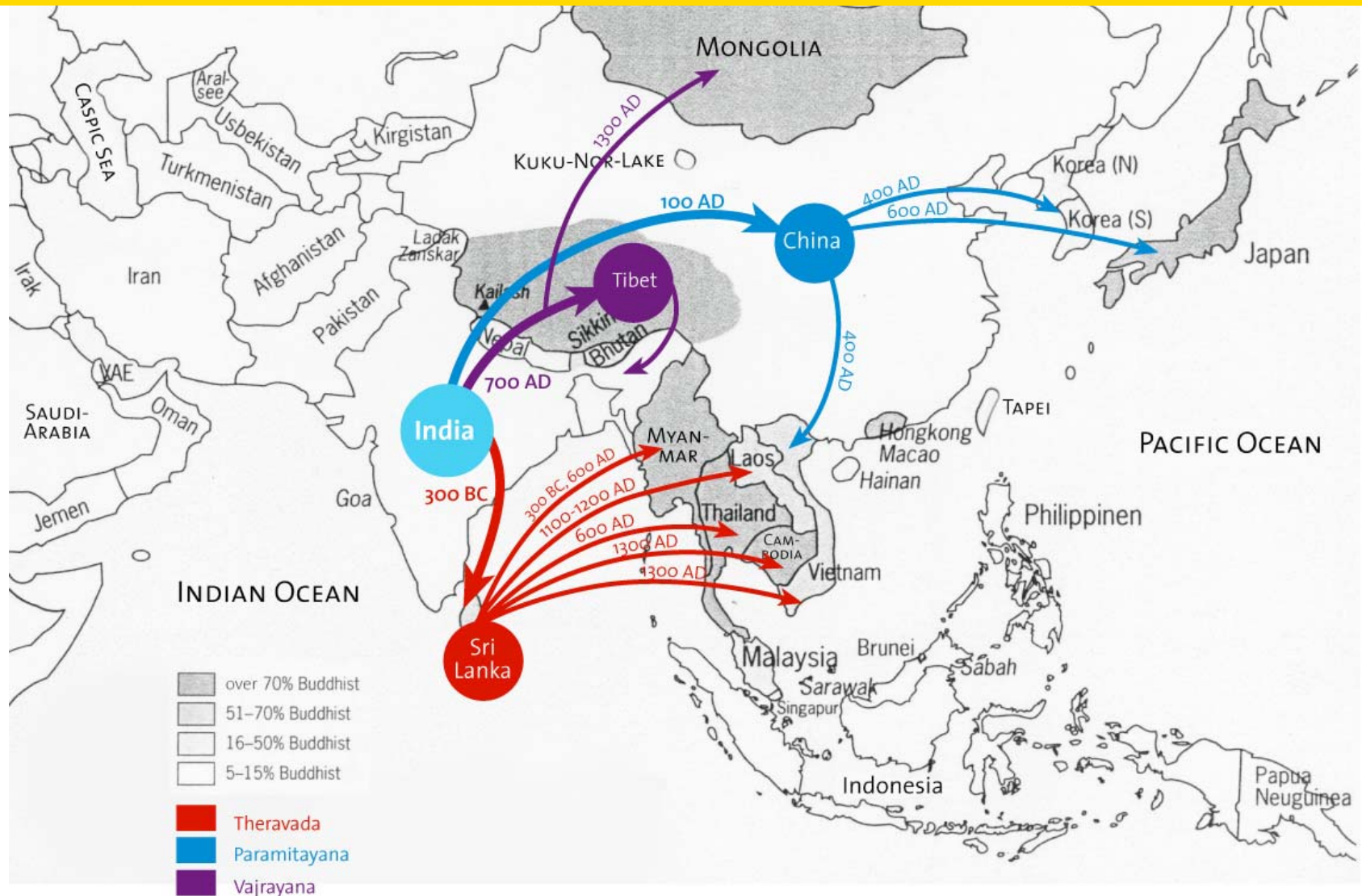


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- The birth of the “Vajrayana Bhikkhuni” movement
- The role of a Bhikkhuni in addressing an improved status for Women in Society

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Outstanding Woman in Buddhism Award Ceremony:

The living Vinaya Traditions

- **Dharmaguptakas**
(practised in Chinese, Korean and Vietnamese Buddhism)
- **Theravadins**
(practised in Sri Lanka, Myanmar, Thailand, Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam) and
- **Mulasarvastivadins**
(practised in Tibetan Buddhism)

Outstanding Women in Buddhism Award Ceremony:

The living Vinaya Traditions

- All 3 Vinaya Traditions are rooted with the Sthaviras, the early followers of our common teacher Buddha Sakyamuni (ca. 5th cent. B.C.)



Consequently, there are only

SRAVAKA-YANA
Bhikkhus and Bhikkhunis

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- **The birth of the Bhikkhuni movement in Tibetan Buddhism**
- The role of a Bhikkhuni in addressing an improved status for Women in Society

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The birth and process of the...

Bhikkhuni movement in Tibetan Buddhism

- 08/2005: 50,000 CHF donation to pilot fund towards the revival of the Bhikkhuni precepts in Tibetan Buddhism
- Establishment of a Committee of Western Buddhist Nuns to take the lead in exploring this goal



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The Bhikkhuni Lineage



Bhikkhuni Mahapajapati

ordained by: Buddha Sakyamuni
Location: India

Bhikkhuni Sanghamitta (206 – 285 BC)

ordained by: Bhikkhuni Dhammapala
Location: India

Bhikkhuni Anula and 500 lady attendants

ordained by: Bhikkhuni Sanghamitta
Location: Sri Lanka

Bhikkhuni Tessara

Bhikkhuni Hui-kuo

ordained by: Bhikkhuni Tessara (in 434 AD) together with
Singhalese Bhikkhunis and Chinese Dharmaguptaka monks,
headed by Bhikkhu Sanghavarman
Location: China, Nanking

This Order still exist not only in
Chinese Buddhism, but also in
Korean and Vietnamese Buddhism
as well

Outstanding Women in Buddhism Award Ceremony:

Registration for Congress

The screenshot shows the website interface for the International Congress. At the top, there are navigation links: SUPPORT, FAQ, TERMS AND CONDITIONS, and DISCLAIMER. The main header features a logo and the text: INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON BUDDHIST WOMEN'S ROLE IN THE SANGHA BHIKSHUNI VINAYA AND ORDINATION LINEAGES. Below this is the event title: Congress on Buddhist Women's Role in the Sangha. A table lists ticket offers with columns for Date, Offer, Status, and Buy. The table shows two offers: a 3-day pass for Wed./Thu./Fri. and a day pass for Friday. A legend below the table explains the status icons: green double arrows for 'TICKETS AVAILABLE', yellow double arrows for 'LAST TICKETS AVAILABLE', red X for 'SOLD OUT', and red diamond for 'CANCELLED'. On the left side, there is a 'ticketbox' with fields for e-mail and password, a 'LOGIN' button, and links for 'Check my orders', 'Sign up', and 'Forgot password'. Below the login section are sections for 'OVERVIEW' and 'INFORMATION' about the congress, and a 'MY BASKET' section showing 0 articles and an amount of 0,00 EUR. A 'TO THE CASHPOINT' link is also present.

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Fr 20.07.07/09:00	Day pass Friday	⇈	➔

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MY BASKET

Number of articles 0

Amount: EUR 0,00

TO THE CASHPOINT

- The congress aims at the re-establishment of the full ordination of Bhikkhuni within the Tibetan tradition of Buddhism and a world-wide consensus on the re-establishment of the Bhikkhuni Ordination.

You can easily register online at:

www.congress-on-buddhist-women.org

Outstanding Women in Buddhism Award Ceremony:

The Role of a Bhikkhuni in Society



**How can we develop the
existing Bhikkhuni Sangha
the best possible way?**

The Role of a Bhikkhuni in Society

- According to the Tibetan Mulasarvastivada Vinaya it would be a fault, if the Bhikkhu Sangha is requested for Bhikkhuni Ordination, but does not grant it.
- In ancient India women had always to be protected by men, their fathers or brothers, their husbands and sons. Accordingly, due to those social circumstances, the Buddha asked the Bhikkhu Sangha to protect the Bhikkhuni Sangha.
- **Meanwhile more than 2500 years have passed.**

Outstanding Women in Buddhism Award Ceremony:

Buddhism, the Charter of the UN and Human Rights

- It cannot be that 2500 years ago, during Buddha's lifetime, Bhikkhuni ordination was possible, and nowadays when everybody speaks about the equal rights of men and women – rights that are guaranteed by the Human Rights and the Charter of the United Nations, ratified by Buddhist countries like Thailand in the year 2000 – it is no longer possible to become a Bhikkhuni.

Status of Women in Society

- There is a direct relationship between the low status of women in Thai Buddhism and the inferior status of women in society, which places them at risk or abuses such as domestic violence and sex trafficking, as well as increased vulnerability to HIV.

It is even said “that Buddhism reinforces the understanding that women are a lower rebirth than men because of kamma acquired in previous lives” (Owen 1998).

Status of Women in Buddhism

- But Buddha explained already 2500 years ago that women can attain arhatship in the body of a woman. In Cullavaga X it is clearly stated that, when Ananda asked: „*Now Lord, are women having gone forth from home into homelessness in the dhamma and discipline proclaimed by the Truthfinder, able to realise the fruit of stream-attainment or the fruit of once-returning or the fruit of non-returning or arahantship?*“

The Buddha said:

„*Women, Ananda, having gone forth are able to realise the fruit of stream-attainment or the fruit of once-returning or the fruit of non-returning or arahantship.*“

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Status of Women in Society




**What would Buddha
say today?**



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**Can one follow Buddhism
on the one hand and
keep the Human Rights
on the other hand?**

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Status of Women in Society

To revive the Bhikkhuni Sangha means, that we'll go back to the roots and follow the attitude of the Buddha.

