



## READING MAHĀYĀNA SCRIPTURE • CONFERENCE 2021

9am - 6pm BST • 25 - 26th September 2021

Online / Tsuzuki Lecture Theatre, St Anne's College, Oxford

Featuring a keynote speech by Paul Harrison,  
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## Day 1 – Saturday 25th September

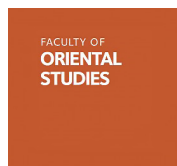
09:00-09:10	Welcome
09:15-10:00	Ulrike Roesler, 'The Mahāyāna Scriptures in Tibet: recitation, veneration and use'
10:00-10:45	Rafal K. Stepień, 'On Numen in Antinomianism, or Reading Religion in Irreligion'
11:00-11:45	D.E. Osto, 'Virtual Realities: A Mahāyāna Interpretation based on <i>The Supreme Array Scripture</i> '
11:45-12:30	Nic Newton, 'Description, Visualisation and Concatenation in the Larger <i>Sukhāvativyūhasūtra</i> '
13:30-14:15	Reed Criddle, 'Collective oral tradition in the musical recitation of the <i>Medicine Buddha Sūtra</i> '
14:15-15:00	David Drewes, 'How Many Mahāyānas Were There?'
15:15-16:00	Natasha Heller, 'Picturing the <i>Heart Sūtra</i> '
16:00-16:45	Stephanie Balkwill, 'Reading the <i>Sūtra of the Unsullied Worthy Girl</i> '
16:45-17:30	<b>Keynote: Paul Harrison, 'Mahāyāna Sūtras: Reading As, Reading For, Reading Into'</b>
17:30-18:00	Discussion



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## Day 2 – Sunday 26th September

09:00-09:10	Welcome
09:15-10:00	Charles DiSimone, 'Identical Cousins? Insights on the Parallel Development of <i>Prajñāpāramitā</i> Families Gleaned from New Manuscript Discoveries in Greater Gandhāra'
10:00-10:45	Gregory Adam Scott, 'Reading Mahāyāna Scriptures in Modern China: The Role of Scriptural Presses, Distributors, and Buddhist Bookstores'
11:00-11:45	Yixiu Jiang, 'Resolving Inconsistency? Understanding Inconsistency'
11:45-12:30	Berthe Jansen, 'The Role of Indic Mahāyāna Scriptures in Tibetan Legal Texts'
13:30-14:15	Thomas Newhall, 'Partially in Accord with the Greater Vehicle: Reading the <i>Four-Part Vinaya</i> as a Mahāyāna text in Daoxuan's Commentaries'
14:15-15:00	Rachel Pang, 'Shabkar's (1781-1851) usage of the Mahāyāna <i>Sūtras</i> in his <i>Emanated Scripture of Compassion</i> '
15:15-16:00	Mikael Bauer, 'Tracing the exoteric-esoteric in pre-modern Japanese Dharma Assemblies'
16:00-16:45	Daniel Boucher, 'Orality, Literacy, and the Cult of the Book Revisited'
16:45-17:45	Roundtable
17:45-18:00	Closing words



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