



Die Abteilung für Sprachen und Kulturen Südostasiens des AAI lädt Sie im Rahmen der Ringvorlesung **Flows of Change: Rivers, Megacities, and Mobility in Southeast Asia** ein zu dem folgenden Vortrag:

Buddhist Mobilities in Early Southeast Asia: Bagan and Angkor Re-considered

Though the empires of Angkor and Bagan co-existed for almost 200 years (c. 1050-1250), evidence for exchange and interaction between the two polities is hard to come by. The only known reference for exchange comes from a much later source, the 15th century Kalyani inscriptions from Pegu, which claims that the monk Tamalinda, “son of the king of Cambodia” had travelled from Lanka to Bagan and helped introducing a Sinhalese ordination tradition there.

However, in recent years further evidence has come to light by way of Pali inscriptions which not only show that the story of the Kalyani inscription has a true core, but also provide additional information on the religious – Buddhist – exchanges across the Southeast Asian mainland, esp. concerning the spread of Buddhism in Cambodia in the mid-13th century.

The first part of this talk will analyse the role of Bagan for the history of Theravada in its contemporary setting, looking especially at its relations with other Buddhist communities. The talk will then re-examine the Kalyani inscription in conjunction with the information gathered from the Pali inscriptions, focussing on the information they provide for the Buddhist mobilities between Bagan and Angkor. It will conclude with reflections on the role of Bagan for the spread of Theravada across the Southeast Asian mainland.

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