

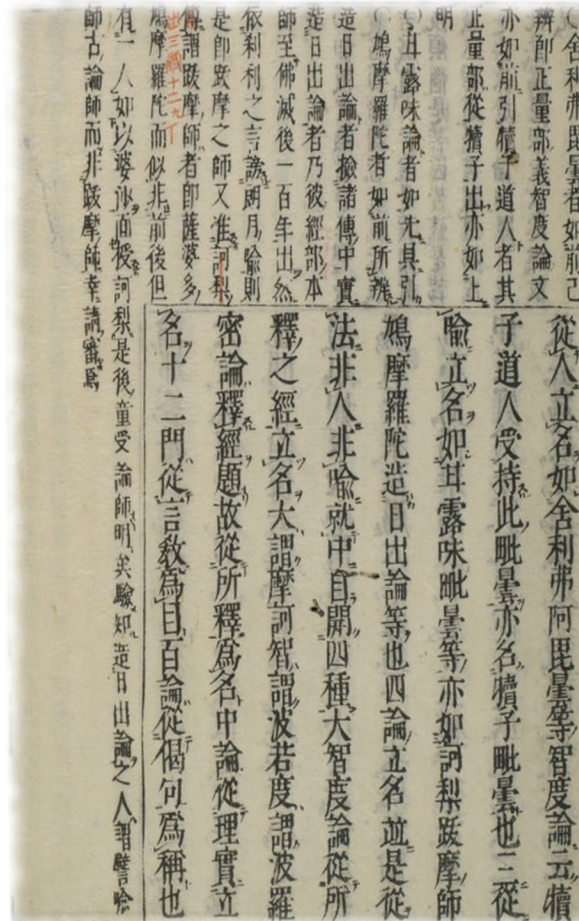
The **Doctoral Program** in Buddhist Studies at Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich (LMU) is pleased to announce a call for papers for the upcoming workshop “Layers of Interpretation: Commentarial Practices Throughout Buddhist Textual Traditions” to be held on June 15-16, 2018 in the beautiful city of Munich, Germany. Keynote addresses will be delivered by Prof. Dr. Rupert Gethin (University of Bristol) and Prof. Dr. Alexander Mayer (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign).

With the development of Buddhism and its spread across cultures and borders, textual production came to function as one of the most important sources for the transmission of canonical teachings. The development of textual material constitutes a vivid account of the ongoing process of interpretation, resulting in the emergence of constant exegesis. As access to the canonical literature and, indeed, the texts themselves often changed considerably over the centuries, a vast amount of commentaries, summaries, explanations and annotations were composed. These materials have been researched from various perspectives over the proceeding years. This workshop is designed to cast a light on this diversity of commentarial practices found within Buddhist traditions as they spread historically throughout Asia. Thus, it covers the full range of the historic diversification of the various languages of religious transmission, in order to examine the dynamics of Buddhist exegesis and its interaction with other commentarial traditions.

This workshop will additionally facilitate fruitful exchanges between scholars of Buddhist Studies working on commentarial literature in all historical, linguistic, and regional manifestations, with a preference for those focusing on textual sources. We encourage abstract submission from both established and early career scholars, including PhD students.

# Layers of Interpretation

## Commentarial Practices Throughout Buddhist Textual Traditions



**15<sup>th</sup>–16<sup>th</sup> June 2018**  
**in Munich, Germany**



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### Call for papers

#### Abstract submission deadline:

15<sup>th</sup> November 2017

Please send a 300-word abstract and a brief C.V. Send both as Word & PDF files to the e-mail address below.

#### Notification of acceptance:

1<sup>st</sup> February 2018

#### Final paper submission deadline:

1<sup>st</sup> May 2018

This workshop will be conducted in English.

While it is preferred that the participants seek to have their expenses covered by their home institutions, some travel funding is available and shall be awarded based on need and merit.

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