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PERSONAL DATA

PLACE AND DATE OF BIRTH: Celle, Germany | 4th of September 1985
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WORK EXPERIENCE

- OCT 2020-
Current Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the UNIVERSITY OF HAMBURG, Germany
Department of Indian and Tibetan Studies
Postdoctoral research fellow at the Department of Indian and Tibetan Studies, Asien-Afrika-Institut (AAI), Faculty of Humanities, 20354 Hamburg, Germany. RESEARCH PROJECTS: 1) In-drabhūti's *Jñānasiddhi* – A Revised Critical Edition of the Sanskrit Text and its Tibetan Translation; 2) The *Śrīmadraktayamāritantra*: Editio Princeps of the Sanskrit Text and its Tibetan Canonical Translation along with an Annotated English Translation.
- OCT 2017-
SEP 2020 Lecturer & Research Scholar at MAHIDOL UNIVERSITY, Thailand
International Doctor of Philosophy Program in Buddhist Textual Studies
University lecturer and research scholar at the International Doctor of Philosophy Program in Buddhist Textual Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, Department of Humanities, Salaya, Putthamonthon, Nakorn Pathom 73170, Thailand. Member of the PhD Committee of the International Doctor of Philosophy Program in Buddhist Textual Studies.
- NOV 2014-
OCT 2015 Research Associate in the CENTRE FOR TANTRIC STUDIES (CTS)
University of Hamburg, Germany
Research associate in the subproject “The Hevajra Literature in India” on behalf of the Centre for Tantric Studies (CTS), University of Hamburg, under the guidance of Prof. Dr. Harunaga Isaacson. Main responsibilities: Collation of palm-leaf manuscripts as well as Tibetan block-prints of the *Hevajratantra*, Preparation of the main index of the publication of the *Sekaniṛ-desapañjikā* (Isaacson, Harunaga and Francesco Sferra 2015). <https://www.tantric-studies.uni-hamburg.de/en/research/projects/hevajra-literature.html>
- MAR 2014-
SEP 2014 Research Assistant at the *Śāstravid* Project, Oxford University, UK
Research assistant on behalf of the *Śāstravid Project* (650 hours), University of Oxford, Lady Margaret Hall, Faculty of Religious Studies, Norham Gardens, Oxford OX2 6QA, United Kingdom. Main responsibility: Input and editorial structuring of the *Madhyamakahr̥daya* and *Bodhicaryāvatāra* (incl. °pañjikā). <http://sastravid.theology.ox.ac.uk/>
- AUG 2013-
MAR 2014 Student Employee at the NGMCP, University of Hamburg
Nepalese-German Manuscript Cataloguing Project (NGMCP)
Student employee at the Nepalese German Manuscript Cataloguing Project (NGMCP), Asien-Afrika-Institut, University of Hamburg, Alsterterrasse 1, 20354 Hamburg, Germany. Main responsibilities: Database maintenance, correction and amendment of database entries and general support of scientific research.

WORK EXPERIENCE (CONTINUED)

MAR 2013- OCT 2013	Honorary Sanskrit Teacher, ITAS Academy, Spain Honorary Sanskrit Teacher at the International Tibetan and Asian Studies Academy (ITAS), Malaga, Spain. Main responsibilities: Besides the teaching of Sanskrit grammar, examinations and the supervising of assignments, the intermediate and advanced reading classes in the form of intensive reading courses formed an essential part of this part-time study course. A newly revised edition of Advayavajra's <i>Tattvaratnāvalī</i> had been prepared exclusively for the Sanskrit course in March and April 2013. Class language: English.
APR 2010- APR 2011	Student Employee at the NGMCP, University of Hamburg <i>Nepalese-German Manuscript Cataloguing Project</i> (NGMCP) Student employee at the Nepalese German Manuscript Cataloguing Project (NGMCP), Asien-Afrika-Institut, University of Hamburg, Alsterterassen 1, 20354 Hamburg, Germany. Main responsibilities: Digitization of microfilms, manipulation of digitized manuscripts, correction and amendment of database entries, general support of scientific research

EDUCATION

SEP 2017	Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in SOUTH ASIAN STUDIES , University of Hamburg THESIS: "Saroruhavajra's Hevajra-Lineage – A Close Study of the Surviving Sanskrit Works" GRADE: Summa cum laude (German Grading System) Examiners: Prof. Dr. Harunaga Isaacson (University of Hamburg, Germany), Dr. Mattia Salvini (Mahidol University, Thailand), Prof. Dr. Francesco Sfera (Università degli Studi di Napoli "L'Orientale", Italy)
OCT 2014	International Master of Arts (MA) in SOUTH ASIAN STUDIES , University of Hamburg THESIS: "An Attempt towards the Reconstruction and Critical Edition of the <i>Hevajra-prakāśa</i> " MAJOR: "South Asian Studies" (main subjects: Classical Indology, Sanskrit Philology, Buddhist Studies) GRADE: 1,0 (German Grading System) Advisor: Prof. Dr. Harunaga Isaacson (University of Hamburg, Germany)
FALL 2008- OCT 2012	International Bachelor of Arts (BA) in INDIAN AND TIBETAN STUDIES , University of Hamburg, Germany THESIS: "An attempt to the reconstruction and critical edition of two medieval tantric texts concerning the worship of Śrī Hevajra" MAJOR: "Indian and Tibetan Studies" (main subjects: Classical Indology, Sanskrit Philology, Buddhist Studies) MINOR: "Southeast Asian Sciences" (main subject: Thai Studies) GRADE: 1,2 (German Grading System) Main Advisor: Prof. Dr. Harunaga Isaacson (University of Hamburg, Germany) Secondary Advisor: Dr. Martin Delhey (CSMC, University of Hamburg, Germany)

LANGUAGES

GERMAN:	mother tongue
ENGLISH:	fluent
THAI:	fluent
LATIN:	<i>latinum magnum</i>
RESEARCH:	Sanskrit, Tibetan & Pāli

AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

- OCT 2020-
SEP 2023 | Postdoctoral Research Scholarship of the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG)
Award for conducting the research project “A Close Study of Indrabhūti’s *Jñānasiddhi*” at the Department of Indian and Tibetan Studies, University of Hamburg, Germany.
- FEB 2018-
JAN 2020 | Postdoctoral Research Scholarship of the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG)
Award for conducting the research project “Saroruhavajra’s Hevajra-Lineage: A Close Study of the Surviving Sanskrit and Tibetan Works” at the International PhD Programme in Buddhist Studies, Mahidol University, Thailand.
- OCT 2015-
SEP 2017 | Doctoral Scholarship, University of Hamburg, Faculty of Humanities
Award for conducting the doctoral research project “Saroruhavajra’s Hevajra-Lineage: A Close Study of the Surviving Sanskrit Works” at the Department of Indian and Tibetan Studies, University of Hamburg, Germany.
- AUG 2013-
JUL 2014 | Exchange Scholarship, Deutscher Akademischer Austausch Dienst (DAAD)
Full time scholarship of the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) for the study at the International PhD Programme in Buddhist Studies, Mahidol University, Thailand, and for conducting the MA research project “An Attempt towards the Reconstruction and Critical Edition of the *Hevajraprakāśā*”.
- AUG 2011-
JUL 2012 | Exchange Scholarship, Deutscher Akademischer Austausch Dienst (DAAD)
Full time scholarship of the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) for the study at Thammasat University and at the International PhD Programme in Buddhist Studies, Mahidol University, Thailand.

ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

- JAN 2020 | Paper presented at the **WORKSHOP ON SANSKRIT MANUSCRIPT STUDIES**, A Pre-panel Session of the 7th Beijing International Seminar on Tibetan Studies, CTRC
In the course of my one-week research stay at the China Tibetology Research Center (CTRC) in Beijing I have presented the paper “On the **Anuttarapañcakrama*” on January 8th 2020.
- SEP 2019-
DEC 2019 | **VISITING PROFESSOR** at the Università degli studi di Napoli “L’Orientale”, Italy
Visiting professor at the Centre for South and South-East Asian Studies, Dipartimento Asia, Africa e Mediterraneo, Università degli studi di Napoli “L’Orientale”, Italy, September to December 2019. Based on the close reading of the first chapters of Indrabhūti’s *Jñānasiddhi* (JS) a class was offered to the students of the university. Apart from this, the participations at The Manuscripta Buddhica Workshop & The Vihāra Workshop on Procida, 10th-15th of September, and at The Śivadharmā Project Kick-off Workshop, Università degli studi di Napoli “L’Orientale”, September 30th to October 2nd, were part of this stay.
- SPRING 2019 | SHBS 515 | Seminar on Tantric Buddhist Texts, Mahidol University, Thailand
Based on the close reading of the first chapter of Indrabhūti’s *Jñānasiddhi* (JS) which is given the title *Tattvanirdeśā* or ‘Instruction on Reality’ the aim of this 45-hour seminar was to provide a first introduction to Tantric Buddhism, including the genres of Buddhist tantric literature, the classifications of Buddhist Tantras and some of the key elements of esoteric Buddhism with a special emphasis on *mahāmudrā*. The second aim of this seminar was to give a practical example of the text-critical work with texts of this kind and genre, making use of the surviving primary witnesses both in Sanskrit as well as Tibetan. The latter point included the general discussion of the philological problems that often are encountered when editing tantric Buddhist texts, the editorial approaches and methodologies.

ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)

- AUG 2018 | Intensive Sanskrit Course, Mahidol University, Thailand
The course focused on Buddhist vocabulary and examples, making ample use of traditional grammatical categories, also including group chanting, proper pronunciation, as well as consistent recitation, a brief introduction to the basic characteristics of different genres (philosophy, literature, etc.) and prosody. Conducted together with Dr. Mattia Salvini, Mr. Vivek Sharma, Assist. Prof. Dr. Kengo Harimoto and Dr. Giuliano Giustarini; responsibility for the afternoon classes (Aug. 6th – 14th; 50 hours).
- JUL 2018 | Mahidol University Summer Program “Sawasdee Thailand” | Cultural Diversity – Sanskrit and Indian Culture in Thailand
This lecture on July 12th, 9-12am, focused on the influence of Sanskrit and Indian Culture in Thailand. The topics that were covered were arts and architecture, religions and rites, language and literature, law and leadership as well as statecraft.
- MAY 2018 | SHHU 133 | Rhetoric for Leadership, Mahidol University, Thailand
This seminar session on May 8th, 8-12am, dealt with the concepts and theories of leadership, the meaning and scope of rhetorics, the importance of rhetoric for leadership, and the principles and techniques of persuasion.
- FEB 2018-
MAR 2018 | Ratnākara Readings 2018 (Feb. 21st - March 23rd), Mahidol University, Thailand
Part 1: “The oldest Chinese translation of the *Dhātuvibhaṅga Sūtra* and its Pāli, Chinese and Tibetan parallels” with Prof. Jan Nattier and Dr. Giuliano Giustarini; responsibility: Sanskrit & Tibetan parallels. Part 3: “Ācārya Jñānaśrīmitra’s *Sākārasiddhiśāstra*, Chapter III (*Madhyamāvatāra*)” with Prof. Harunaga Isaacson; responsibility: afternoon sessions.
- JAN 2018-
FEB 2018 | SHBS 514 | Seminars on Yogācāra, Mahidol University, Thailand
Reading of Dharmakīrti’s *Nyāyabindu* chapters 1 and 2 together with the *Dharmottarapradīpa* of Durveka, led by Dr. Mattia Salvini; responsibility: revision classes.
- OCT 2017-
DEC 2017 | SHBS 513 | Seminars on Yogācāra, Mahidol University, Thailand
Reading of Vasubandhu’s *Abhidharmakośabhāṣya* chapter 1, led by Dr. Mattia Salvini; responsibility: revision classes.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Tantric Buddhism, the Hevajra System, the Guhyasamāja Schools, *mahāmudrā*, *mantranaya* in Southeast Asia, manuscript studies et al.

SOCIAL SKILLS AND COMPETENCES

Intercultural competences, good ability to adapt to multicultural environments gained through studies and work experience abroad. Highly developed team spirit, selflessness, good communication skills through advanced language education and work experience abroad.

COMPUTER SKILLS

Advanced knowledge of AppleTM and Microsoft WindowsTM operating systems and Microsoft OfficeTM tools, good command of graphic design applications (Adobe PhotoshopTM), advanced experience with L^AT_EX word processing software, hardware installation and network solutions. Experienced in scanning and digitization procedures (of manuscripts) and database maintenance; educated in Internet- and Media Competences at the University of Hamburg.

PUBLICATIONS

Gerloff, Torsten. “The *Śrīmadrakṭayamāritantra* – A Preliminary Survey of the Surviving Witnesses”. In: Birgit Kellner, Xuezhu Li, Jowita Kramer (eds.). *Sanskrit manuscripts in China* (IV). Beijing: China Tibetology Publishing House (forthcoming). 2021.

Gerloff, Torsten and Julian Schott. *Lakṣmīnīkarā’s Advayasiddhi*. Crema: Libri di Marpa (forthcoming). 2021.

Gerloff, Torsten and Julian Schott. “Towards a Reassessment of Indrabhūti’s *Jñānasiddhi*”. In: *Buddhist Studies Review* (forthcoming). 2021.

Gerloff, Torsten. *Saroruhavajra’s Hevajra-Lineage: A Close Study of the Surviving Sanskrit and Tibetan Works. Part I: Saroruhavajra’s Works & Part II: Commentarial Works*. Hamburg: Department of Indian and Tibetan Studies, Universität Hamburg (*Indian and Tibetan Studies* 7, 2 Volumes). 2020.

Gerloff, Torsten. “Advayavajra’s *Tattvaratnāvalī* – A newly revised critical edition” In: Diwakar Acharya et al. (eds.). *Journal of Indian Philosophy* (Vol. 46, no.5, pp. 805-843). Springer (available online at <http://dx.doi.org/DOI:10.1007/s10781-018-9363-5>). 2018.

Gerloff, Torsten. *Saroruhavajra’s Hevajra-Lineage: A Close Study of the Surviving Sanskrit Works*. Hamburg: University of Hamburg (ePublication, available online at <http://ediss.sub.uni-hamburg.de/volltexte/2017/8746/>). 2017.

Gerloff, Torsten. “General Index”. In: Isaacson, Harunaga and Francesco Sferra. *The Sekanirdeśa of Maitreyañātha (Advayavajra) with the Sekanirdeśapañjikā of Rāmapāla* (pp. 563-590). Napoli: Università degli Studi di Napoli “L’Orientale”. 2015.

PHD CANDIDATES

Sharma, Bibek Prasad. “A Translation and Study of the *Abhidharmakośabhāṣya* and *Sphuṭārthā Abhidharmakośavyākhyā* 1.1-20.” Co-advisor together with: Dr. Giuliano Giustarini, Asst. Prof. Dr. Kengo Harimoto, Dr. Eugen Ciurtin and Dr. Mattia Salvini.

Voroshilov, Maxim. “*Pratītyasamutpāda* in the *Abhidharmakośa* of Vasubandhu: Introduction, Edition, and Annotated Translation Chapter III *Kārikās* 18-38.” Co-advisor together with: Dr. Mattia Salvini, Asst. Prof. Dr. Kengo Harimoto, Dr. Giuliano Giustarini. Final Examination passed: April 24th 2020.