

HREL 45001/SALC 48301
Studies in Buddhism: The Classics

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Course description:

The first of a two-quarter survey of the major landmarks in the study of Buddhism in the modern academy. Beginning with the earliest studies and the landmark publication of Eugène Burnouf's *Introduction à l'Histoire du Bouddhisme Indien* (1844), through the demise of Louis de la Vallée Poussin (1938), we will examine the progress of Buddhist Studies: institutionally, intellectually, and ideologically. Attention will be given to tracing the outlines of the historical contexts, strategies of legitimation, sources of funding and institutional foundations, and directions of research which characterize the study of Buddhism in its formative period.

Prerequisites: Reading knowledge of French; pref. some knowledge of Buddhism.

Course readings are available for purchase at Seminary Cooperative Bookstore and on electronic reserve at Regenstein Library.

Schedule of Class Meetings:

Week One (3 January 2005): Introduction/Orientation

Week Two (10 January 2005): Historiography and Method

Readings: J. W. de Jong, *A Brief History of Buddhist Studies in Europe and America*, pp. 9-47
Strong, Review of de Jong
L. Lancaster, "Buddhist Studies," in *Encyclopedia of Religion*, pp. 554-560
J. Silk, "Buddhist Studies," in *Encyclopedia of Buddhism*, pp. 94-101
Bourdieu, "The Field of Cultural Production"

Week Three (17 January 2005): The Colonial Pre-History

Readings: William Jones, "Discourse on the Institution of a Society"
Schwab, *The Oriental Renaissance*, pp. 11-47
Welbon, *Buddhist Nirvana and its Western Interpreters*, pp. 1-22
King, "Colonialism and Buddhism" in *Encyclopedia of Buddhism*, p.162-165.
Said, *Orientalism*, pp. 1-28

Week Four (24 January 2005): Hodgson and Wilson—early "scientists"

Readings: B. H. Hodgson, "Sketch of Buddhism"
Horace Hayman Wilson, "Notice of Three Tracts Received from Nepal"
Welbon, *Buddhist Nirvana*, pp. 23-50
Schwab, *The Oriental Renaissance*, pp. 51-80.

Week Five (31 January 2005): The Founder: Eugène Burnouf and the textual approach

Readings: E. Burnouf, *Introduction à l'Histoire du Bouddhisme Indien*, pp. i-v, 1-31.
Burnouf and Lassen, *Essai sur Le Pali*, pp. 1-19
Welbon, *Buddhist Nirvana*, pp. 51-100

Week Six (7 February 2005): Birth of the AOS, RAS, and Indian Archæology (ca. 1845-1865)

Readings: AOS, Extract of A Report,” “An Act Incorporating,” “Constitution,” and “Report of Professor Edwards,” pp. ii-ix, xxxviii-xlix.
Salisbury, “Memoir on the History of Buddhism”
Jackson, “The Emergence of the Oriental Scholar”
Abu Imam, *Alexander Cunningham and the Birth of Indian Archæology*, pp. 1-55

Week Seven (14 February 2005): Max Müller and Monier Williams (ca. 1865-1885)

Readings: Müller, *India: What Can it Teach Us?*, Lecture I
Monier-Williams, *Buddhism*, Preface, Postscript and Lecture XVIII, pp. v-viii, 537-563
Welbon, *Buddhist Nirvana*, pp. 101-127
Tweed, *American Encounter with Buddhism*, pp. 26-47
Jackson, “The Vogue of Buddhism”

Week Eight (21 February 2005): Rhys-Davids & the PTS; the 19th Century in Retrospect (ca. 1885-1895)

Readings: *Journal of the Pali Text Society*, Vol. I, (1882), pp. vii-viii, 1-29.
Welbon, *Buddhist Nirvana*, pp. 221-247
Almond, *The British Discovery of Buddhism*, pp. 1-141.

Week Nine (28 February 2005): Louis de la Vallée-Poussin, Stcherbatsky, Sylvain Lévi (ca. 1895-1915)

Readings: de la Vallée-Poussin, *Bouddhisme: Études et Matériaux (Ādikarmapradīpa)*, pp. 2-16,
de la Vallée-Poussin, *Bouddhisme: Opinions sur l’Histoire de la Dogmatique*, pp. 1-27
Welbon, *Buddhist Nirvana*, p. 248-295
Sylvain Lévi, “La science des religions et les religions de l’Inde”
S. Lévi, “Les études orientales, leurs leçons, les résultats”

Week Ten (7 March): ca. 1915-1935: SOAS and the Pandits—adumbrations of the future?

Readings: *Bulletin of the School of Oriental and African Studies*, I.1 (1917-1920), pp. 1-31.
Proceedings of the Buddhist Text Society of India,
Derek Waller, *The Pundits*, pp.1-12, 21-32, 193-213.

Final Paper due Wednesday 16 March in my box in Swift 201 by 3:00PM.

Course Reading Bibliography (n.b. newer editions may be available and/or used)

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- Salisbury, "Memoir on the History of Buddhism," *Journal of the American Oriental Society*, Vol. 1, no. 2 (1844), pp.80-135.
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