

UKABS Annual Conference 2015
The Storey at Lancaster
15-16 July 2015

Wednesday, 15th July

- 9:30 a.m. Registration starts
- 9:45 a.m. Welcome and refreshments
- 10.00-11:00 a.m. **Ashley Thomson (SOAS)**
New directions for Buddhist Studies in the UK
- 11:00-11:45 p.m. **Peter Harvey and Ian Reader**
Remembering Ian Harris; the Founding of UKABS
- 12:15 p.m. Bus leaves for Burton in Lonsdale
- 1:00 p.m. **Lunch in Burton in Lonsdale**
Hosted by Gwen Harris
- 3:00-4:00 p.m. **AGM (back at the Storey)**
- 4:00 p.m. **Refreshments**

Book Project: Buddhism and the Political Process (in tribute to Ian Harris)

- 4:30-6:00 p.m. **Brian Black** (Lancaster University)
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- Iselin Frydenlund** (Norwegian Centre for Human Rights,
University of Oslo)
The Political Paradoxes of Buddhist Revivalism in Sri Lanka
- Matt Walton** (Oxford University)
Monks and Politics in Contemporary Myanmar

Documentary Film on Buddhist Practice

- 6:00-6:45 p.m. **Rita Langer** (Bristol University)
A Buddhist Cosmology in Food (6 short documentaries)
- 7.00 p.m. **Conference Dinner at the Storey**

Thursday, 16th July

Theme: Gender and Monastic Regulations

- 9:15 a.m. **Rupert Gethin** (Bristol University)
Girls Play with Dolls, Boys Play with Ploughs": Sexual and Gender Differentiation in the Abhidharma
- 10:00 a.m. **Tzu-Lung Chiu** (Ghent University)
The Practice against Money Handling in Contemporary Chinese Buddhism
- 10:30 a.m. **Sik FaRen** (Chinese University of Hong Kong)
Being a Bhikkhunī in Hong Kong
- 11:00 a.m. **Refreshments**
- 11:30-1:00 p.m. **Postgraduate Presentations**
- Indaka Weerasekera** (Bristol University)
Reflections from Buddhist Narrative on the Tension between Community and Renunciation
- Janine Nicol** (SOAS)
A Buddhist Geographic and Cosmological Framework
- Pema Clark** (University of East Anglia)
Performing Sand: A Case for the Abandonment of Video Documentation in Buddhist Inspired Live Art
- 1:00 p.m. **Lunch at the Storey**
- Roundtable Discussions: Communal Jurisdiction of Non-ordained nuns in Myanmar, Thailand and Sri Lanka**
- 2:30-5:00 p.m.
- Monica Lindberg-Falk** (Lund University, Sweden)
- Hiroko Kawanami** (Lancaster University)
- Nirmala Salgado** (Augustana University, USA)
- Petra Kieffer-Puelz** (Academy of Sciences and Literature in Mainz, Germany)
- Chaired by:
 Ann Heirman (Ghent University, Belgium)
- 5:30 p.m. **Close**