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Dr. Sanjoy Barua Chowdhury predava na Fakulteti za religiologijo Univerze princa Mahidola na Tajskem. Doktoriral je iz budističnih študij na Univerzi Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya na Tajskem. Raziskovalno se ukvarja z zgodovino in svetimi spisi južnoazijskega budizma, psihologijo religije, globalnimi gibanji čuječnosti in sociokulturnim antropološkim pristopom k religijam. Njegovi strokovni članki, ki zajemajo področja budistične filozofije, psihologije, svetih spisov Južne Azije in sodobne religiologije, so bili objavljeni v različnih znanstvenih revijah.

KAPILA ABHAYAWANSA

Prof. Kapila Abhayawansa is a Buddhist scholar specializing in Pali, Sanskrit, Buddhist philosophy, and Western and Indian philosophies. A graduate of the University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka, he obtained a Master's degree in philosophy from Banaras Hindu University, India and earned the title Doctor of Philosophy from the University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka. He served as head of the Department of Buddhist Culture of the Postgraduate Institute of Pali and Buddhist Studies, University of Kelaniya, and is currently a permanent professor holding the posts of the Dean of the Faculty of Religious Studies and Vice Rector for Academic Affairs at the International Buddhist College in Thailand. Recently, he was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Letters (DLitt) by the Postgraduate Institute of Pali and Buddhist Studies, University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka, in recognition of his contribution to the field of Buddhist studies.

Prof. Kapila Abhayawansa je strokovnjak za budizem, specializiran za pali, sanskrt, budistično filozofijo ter zahodno in indijsko filozofijo. Dodiplomski študij je zaključil na Univerzi v Peradeniji na Šrilanki, magistrski naziv iz filozofije je pridobil na Hinduistični univerzi v Varanasiju v Indiji, doktorat iz filozofije pa na Univerzi v Kelaniji na Šrilanki. Nekdaj predstojnik Oddelka za budistično kulturo na Podiplomskem inštitutu za palijske in budistične študije Univerze v Kelaniji je zdaj redni profesor ter dekan na Fakulteti za religijske študije in prorektor za študijske zadeve na Mednarodni budistični fakulteti na Tajskem. Nedavno mu je Podiplomski inštitut za palijske in budistične študije Univerze v Kelaniji (Tajska) podelil častni doktorat iz književnosti kot priznanje za prispevek k razvoju budističnih študij.

MATTHEW A. KOSUTA

Matthew A. Kosuta received his PhD in Sciences des religions from the Université du Québec à Montréal in 2003. He is a Lecturer in the Department of Philosophy and Religion at the University of Tennessee Chattanooga. He specializes in Theravada Buddhism in Southeast Asia; Thai Religion; religion and war; and theory and method in religious studies. His broader areas interest are the history of Southeast Asia, Asian religions, and military history. Prior to joining UT Chattanooga, Matthew taught at the College of Religious Studies, Mahidol University for fifteen years from where he retired as an associate professor.

Matthew A. Kosuta je leta 2003 doktoriral iz religiologije na Quebeški univerzi v Montrealu in je predavatelj na Oddelku za filozofijo in religijo na Tennesseejski univerzi v Chattanooga. Specializiran je za področja teravadskega budizma v jugovzhodni Aziji, tajske religije, religije in vojne ter religioloških teorij in metod, njegov širši raziskovalni interes pa zajema zgodovino jugovzhodne Azije, azijske religije in vojaško zgodovino. Preden se je pridružil Tennesseejski univerzi, je petnajst let poučeval na Fakulteti za religiologijo Univerze princa Mahidola na Tajskem, nazadnje kot izredni profesor.

LUKA BENEDIČIČ

Luka Benedičič (1998) is an undergraduate student of the sociology of culture at the Faculty of Arts in Ljubljana. He is interested in interdisciplinary approaches to the study of cultural heritage, memory, religion, art and the body. In his bachelor's thesis, he discussed the processes of how something becomes a political issue – mainly from the perspective of the body, the visual, performance and pro-

test. In his free time, he writes and publishes poems, book reviews, field reports and essays on culture. Recently, he was featured in the Young Pen (“Mlado pero”) column in the newspaper Delo.

Luka Benedičič (1998) je dodiplomski študent sociologije kulture na Filozofski fakulteti v Ljubljani. Njegovi raziskovalni interesi so interdisciplinarni pristopi k raziskovanju kulturne dediščine, spomina, religije, umetnosti in telesa. V svojem diplomskem delu obravnava procese, skozi katere nekaj postane politično vprašanje – predvsem z vidika telesa, vizualnega, performansa in protesta. V prostem času piše in objavlja poezijo, knjižne recenzije, reportaže in eseje o kulturi. Nedavno se je v časopisu Delo predstavil v rubriki Mlado pero.

GUIYU SU

Ms. Su is a research student from the Department of Management Science, Institute of Science Innovation and Culture, Rajamangala University of Technology Krungthep. She holds a high interest in Buddhist arts and practices of different traditions. Academically, she often tries various approaches to studying Buddhist institutions active within and outside Thailand.

Guiyu Su je študentka raziskovalka na Oddelku za upravne vede na Inštitutu za znanstvene ino-vacije in kulturo na Kraljevi univerzi za tehnologijo v Bangkoku. Zelo jo zanimajo budistične umetnosti in prakse različnih tradicij. Na akademskem področju pogosto preizkuša različne pristope k preučevanju budističnih inštitucij, ki delujejo na Tajskem in zunaj nje.

YAOPING LIU

Dr. Liu received his Ph.D. in religious studies from Mahidol University, where he served as a lecturer of Buddhist studies from 2017 to 2021. He is currently the Director of Institute of Science Innovation and Culture at Rajamangala University of Technology Krungthep. Dr. Liu has dedicated his scholarly attention to the Chinese Buddhist Communities in Thailand and other Southeast Asian countries. He was recently granted by the American Council of Learned Societies and Robert H. N. Ho Family Foundation a new professorship in Buddhist Studies.

Dr. Yaoping Liu je doktoriral iz religiologije na Univerzi princa Mahidola, kjer je med letoma 2017 in 2021 tudi delal kot predavatelj, zdaj pa je direktor Inštituta za znanstvene inovacije in kulturo na Kraljevi univerzi za tehnologijo v Bangkoku.

Dr. Liu se raziskovalno posveča kitajskim budističnim skupnostim na Tajskem in v drugih državah jugovzhodne Azije. Nedavno sta mu ACLS (Ameriški svet znanstvenih združenj) in Fundacija družine Roberta H. N. Hoja podelila profesuro v budističnih študijah.

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Jane Dillon is a PhD candidate in the Department of Religious Studies specializing in religious politics. She has completed her PhD dissertation on secularism and modernity. She has a BA in Southeast Asian Studies and an MA in International Relations. Her research field is religion and politics in Thailand.

Jane Dillon je doktorska kandidatka iz religiologije, specializirana za religijsko politiko. Tema njene doktorske disertacije je sekularizem in sodobnost. Dillon je diplomantka jugovzhodnoazijskih študij in magistrica mednarodnih odnosov. Njeno raziskovalno področje je religija in politika Tajske.

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Somboon Watana earned a Ph.D. degree in Philosophy from Panjab University, India, and is currently an Assistant Professor in Religious studies at Mahidol University, College of Religious Studies, Thailand. His areas of interest in research concerned Buddhism and *Suvarnabhumi*, Buddhism and ageing society, and Buddhism and meditation.

Somboon Watana je doktoriral iz filozofije na Univerzi v Pandžabu v Indiji in je trenutno docent za religiologijo na Fakulteti za religiologijo Univerze princa Mahidola na Tajskem. Njegova raziskovalna področja so budizem in *Suvarnabhūmi*, budizem in starajoča se družba ter budizem in meditacija.

ANJA ZALTA

Dr. Anja Zalta studied sociology, ethnology and cultural anthropology. She is an Associate Professor for Sociology of Religion at the Sociology Department, Faculty of Arts, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia, and author of numerous articles on religious traditions and identities, Islam in Slovenia and in the Balkans, inter-religious and inter-cultural dialogue, socially engaged Buddhism, Asian religious paradigms, and the role of religion(s) in European cultural and religious history. Between 2014 and 2015, she was a Visiting Researcher at the Nan Tien Institute

(Applied Buddhist Studies) in Wollongong. Her current research is focused on the question of (religious) minorities and human rights.

Dr. Anja Zalta je študirala sociologijo, etnologijo in kulturno antropologijo. Je izredna profesorica za sociologijo religije na Oddelku za sociologijo Filozofske fakultete Univerze v Ljubljani in avtorica številnih člankov o religijskih tradicijah in identitetah, islamu v Sloveniji in na Balkanu, medreligijskem in medkulturnem dialogu, družbeno angažiranem budizmu, azijskih religijskih paradigmah ter vlo-gi religij(e) v evropski kulturni in verski zgodovini. Med letoma 2014 in 2015 je kot gostujoča raziskovalka delala na Inštitutu Nan Tien (za uporabne budistične študije) v Wollongongu v Avstraliji. Trenutno se raziskovalno posveča vprašanju (verskih) manjšin in človekovih pravic.

MOHAMMED ILYAS

Dr. Mohammed Ilyas is a lecturer in Criminology at the University of Derby. His research focuses on criminology, political violence (the global north and global south) and decoloniality. He is also interested in religion, race, hate crime, ethnicity and inequality. His current research focuses on coloniality in the terrorism industry.

Dr. Mohammed Ilyas predava kriminologijo na Univerzi v Derbyju v Veliki Britaniji. Raziskovalno se osredotoča na kriminologijo, politično nasilje (globalni sever in globalni jug) in dekolonialnost. Zanimajo ga tudi tematike religije, rase, kaznivih dejanj iz sovraštva, etnične pripadnosti in neenakosti. Njegove aktualne raziskave obravnavajo kolonialnost in industrijo terorizma.

LUKA TREBEŽNIK

Luka Trebežnik, PhD, is a post-doctoral researcher at the Science and Research Centre of Koper. His research work covers the various fields of modern philosophy (especially post-war French thought, particularly deconstruction and phenomenology) and religious studies (the relationship between faith and reason, the status of truth in religious and philosophical discourses, mystical traditions, Jewish and Christian elements in modern thought).

Luka Trebežnik je doktor religiologije, zaposlen v Znanstveno-raziskovalnem središču Koper, kjer izvaja podoktorski projekt. Njegovo raziskovalno delo sega na področja sodobne filozofije (predvsem francoske povojne misli, še zlasti dekon-

strukcije in fenomenologije) in filozofije religije (proučevanje razmerja med vero in razumom, statusov resnice v religijskih in filozofskih diskurzivnih praksah, mističnih izročil, judovskih in krščanskih elementov v sodobni misli).

JAVAD TAHERI

Javad Taheri is now pursuing a double PhD research project at the University of Ljubljana, Slovenia, and the University of Groningen, the Netherlands. His research aims to provide a novel comparative perspective to the field of philosophy of religion. The process through which Christian and Muslim philosophical theologies interact is of general interest to him. In particular, he is interested in an approach that could be employed to establish a new concept of God that is shared by Christians and Muslims.

Javad Taheri opravlja dvojni doktorski raziskovalni projekt na Univerzi v Ljubljani in na Univerzi v Groningenu, na Nizozemskem. Cilj njegove raziskave je ponuditi novo primerjalno perspektivo za področje filozofije religije. Njegov širši raziskovalni interes je usmerjen v proces sodelovanja in medsebojnega vplivanja krščanske in muslimanske filozofske teologije, ožji pa v pristop, ki bi se lahko uporabil za uveljavitev novega koncepta Boga, ki bi bil skupen kristjanom in muslimanom.