

Call for Proposals (Due by Nov. 1, 2022)

Ritual and Materiality in Buddhism and Asian Religions

International Conference at Princeton University, June 13-15, 2023

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Frontispiece of block print ritual text *Cibei daochang chanfa* 慈悲道場懺法 (Hangzhou, 1621-1722).
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Performance, ritualized actions, and praxis are central to Buddhism and the religions of Asia, and recently, scholarship has begun to appreciate the importance of objects and the human body in ritual. This conference is intended to foster work that explores the connections between ritual and different forms of materiality, including manuscripts, printed liturgies, paintings, images, statues, talismans, other ritual implements and technologies, and bodily engagement.

Subject: Papers may deal with any religious tradition across Asia, premodern or modern. **Approach:** We seek a mix of disciplinary perspectives, including history and history of religions, philology and text-critical research, art history, literary studies, and anthropology. **Proceedings:** Conference proceedings will focus on discussion and critique of papers (pre-circulated one month in advance). **Demographics:** Priority will be given to younger scholars (Ph.D. recipients including independent scholars, assistant and associate professors) and those who have not recently participated in Princeton-based conferences. **Language:** Papers and discussion will be in English. **Expenses:** Lodging, meal, and travel expenses will be provided by the organizers. **Graduate attendance:** Ph.D. students are welcome to attend; special forums will be held; meals and a partial subvention for travel and lodging will be provided by the organizers for those who apply early. Graduate registration/application will open in 2023.

Call for proposals: Paper proposals should be sent to ccsr@princeton.edu; please include “Ritual and Materiality Conference Proposal” in the subject line. Proposals should include a title and 250-word abstract. **Proposals are due by Nov. 1, 2022.** We aim to send acceptances by Dec. 15, 2022.