

Licchavi Heritage at the crossroads: Multidisciplinary approaches to history and heritage in Nepal

Monday 5 – Tuesday 6 September 2022

All Souls College, University of Oxford

Hybrid conference

Convenors:

Professor Diwakar Acharya, University of Oxford

Professor Robin Coningham, University of Durham

Professor Hong Luo, Sichuan University

Dr Nina Mirning, Austrian Academy of Sciences

This is a hybrid conference taking place in-person and online at the University of Oxford. All times shown are UK time.

Day 1: Monday 5 September 2022

- 9:00 Registration and Coffee
- 9:30–9:45 Welcome: Diwakar Acharya, Robin Coningham, Luo Hong, Nina Mirnig
- SESSION 1:** Chair: David Gellner, University of Oxford
- 9:45-10:15 *Buddhist Monks, Monasteries, and Monuments of Licchavi Inscriptions*
Diwakar Acharya, University of Oxford
- 10:15-10:45 *The Routes to Nepal from Tang China Re-visited*
Wang Bangweiwei, Peking University (online)
- 10:45-11:15 Coffee break
- 11:15-11:45 *Revisiting the Nepala Mandala: A Re-assessment of Chinese Sources on Licchavi Nepal*
Max Deeg, Cardiff University
- 11:45-12:15 *Licchavi Markers of Power: Towards Identifying Processes and Patterns of Religious Patronage and Monarchical Expansion*
Nina Mirnig, Austrian Academy of Science
- 12:15-13:30 Lunch
- SESSION 2** Chair: Julia Smith, University of Oxford
- 13:30-14:00 *Grants of Jurisdictional Rights in Licchavi Nepal*
Timothy Lubin, Washington and Lee University (online)

- 14:00-14:30 *Healthcare Provision in Licchavi Inscriptions: Reflections on Contextualisation and Historiography*
Francesco Bianchini, University of Cambridge
- 14:30-15:00 *Historical Evidence for Water Supply Systems in the Kathmandu Valley Region*
Saubhagya Pradhananga, National Archives Kathmandu (online?)
- 15:00-15:30 Coffee break
- 15:30-16:00 *Epigraphy versus Stylistic Observation: Revisiting Licchavi King Mānadeva I's Inscribed Images of Trivikrama Viṣṇu*
Gautam Vajracharya, University of Wisconsin-Madison (online)
- 16:00-16:30 *Licchavi Coinage - Kings, Types, Iconography*
Shailendra Bhandare, Ashmolean Museum
- 16:30-17:00 *On MS Kathmandu Kaiser Library 699, the Licchavi Suśrutasaṃhitā*
Dominik Wujastyk, University of Alberta
- 19:30 Conference Dinner for delegates in All Souls College

Day 2: Tuesday 6 September 2022

SESSION 3

Chair: Kai Weise, Durham University

- 9:00-9:30 *The Archaeology of the Licchavi Period in the Kathmandu Valley, and its Enhanced Study, Protection, Preservation and Presentation*
Robin Coningham, Durham University
- 9:30-10:00 *Licchavi Period Discoveries Made during Excavations of the Department of Archaeology in the Kathmandu Valley*
Damodar Gautam, Department of Archaeology Kathmandu (online)
- 10:00-10:30 Coffee break

- 10:30-11:00 *The Role of Licchavi Heritage for the Local Communities*
Sandhya Khanal, Tribhuvan University (online)
- 11:00-11:30 *Current Challenges and Pathways to the Protection of Licchavi Period Heritage*
Kosh Prasad Acharya, Department of Archaeology Kathmandu (online)
- 11:30-11:45 Short Coffee break
- 11:45-12:45 *licchaviheritage.com: Towards a Comprehensive Digital Record of Licchavi Inscriptions*
1. *Aims and Perspectives*
Diwakar Acharya, Oxford University; Nina Mirnig, Austrian Academy of Sciences
 2. *Presentation of Proposed Basic Structure*
Ajay Mani Paudel, Natural Language Processing Hub, Kathmandu (online)
 3. *Photogrammetry and Its Value for the Preservation and Presentation of Licchavi Inscriptions*
Christopher Davis, Durham University
 4. *Sustainability and Inter-functionality: Long-term Archiving and Geo-mapping*
Verena Widorn, University of Vienna
 5. *Towards a Multilingual Database: The Case of Chinese Translations*
Luo Hong, Sichuan University (online)
- 12:45-13:00 Closing remarks by David Gellner, Oxford University
- Afternoon program with visit to the Ashmolean Museum
- 19:00 Dinner for delegates at Al Shami Restaurant

