

HISTLING Exchange Workshop on Buddhist Philology (SSATH associated program)

HISTLING Exchange, hosted by the Trinity Centre for Asian Studies and supported by the Trinity Centre for Digital Humanities, is an interdisciplinary event that brings together philologists, computational linguists, and scholars of religious studies to offer a comprehensive investigation into the future of Buddhist philology in the age of digital humanities and AI research. The event's workshops highlight understudied corpora with which pioneering research in digital humanities is currently being conducted. Specific attention will be given to the ways in which newly-developed AI methods can enable new research horizons for those in the Humanities. The main workshops will run for four consecutive days (Monday – Thursday), while the fifth day will consist of a morning roundtable discussion on AI in Buddhist philology and a one-time workshop on AI-assisted textual scholarship in the afternoon.

The event builds on the background of public-facing education in ancient languages provided annually through the Summer School for Ancient Trans-Himalayan Languages at Trinity. Through the HISTLING Exchange, which will be open to former students of the Summer School, the Trinity Centre for Asian Studies seeks also to provide practical examples of how knowledge in ancient languages can be used to conduct research in various disciplines. Furthermore, instruction in computational research methods will provide former students of the Summer School a necessary introduction to the emerging field of digital humanities and its relationship to philology and ancient languages.

The event is catered to those interested in any field involving the digital analysis of corpora. Presenters and roundtable participants include a multidisciplinary team of researchers from the fields of philology, computer science, Buddhist studies, and linguistics. The HISTLING Exchange is open to everyone of all education levels and backgrounds. The event will also provide a great opportunity for networking for those researching Buddhist studies, computational linguistics, and digital humanities. Participants are free to attend all or any number of sessions based on their interest.

Location: Trinity College Dublin, College Green, Dublin 2 (Room TBD for Nov. 16 - 19; Long Room Hub Neile Lecture Hall Roundtable Event: November 20, 10 am to 4pm)

Format: Hybrid (In-person & Zoom)

In-person Venue: PX115 (16–19 Nov); Long Room Hub (20 Nov morning)

Date: November 16 – 20, 2026

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Monday, November 16:

Textual criticism of Late Indian Buddhist Literature I (Péter-Dániel Szántó)

10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break
11:00 – 12:30	Beyond Kucha: Tracing a Distinct Regional Buddhist Tradition in Yanqi/Agni I (Ruixuan Chen)
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch Break
14:00 – 16:00	From a Scholar's Problem to an AI Task: How to Translate Buddhist Philology Work Into Solvable Tasks for AI Systems I (Kai Golan Hashiloni)

Tuesday, November 17:

Textual criticism of Late Indian Buddhist Literature II (Péter-Dániel Szántó)

10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break
11:00 – 12:30	Beyond Kucha: Tracing a Distinct Regional Buddhist Tradition in Yanqi/Agni II (Ruixuan Chen)
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch Break

14:00 – 16:00 From a Scholar's Problem to an AI Task:
How to Translate Buddhist Philology Work Into Solvable Tasks for AI
Systems II (Kai Golan Hashiloni)

Wednesday, November 18:

Textual criticism of Late Indian Buddhist Literature III (Péter-Dániel Szántó)

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee Break

11:00 – 12:30 Beyond Kucha: Tracing a Distinct Regional Buddhist Tradition in
Yanqi/Agni III (Ruixuan Chen)

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch Break

14:00 – 16:00 From a Scholar's Problem to an AI Task:
How to Translate Buddhist Philology Work Into Solvable Tasks for AI
Systems III (Kai Golan Hashiloni)

Thursday, November 19:

Textual criticism of Late Indian Buddhist Literature IV (Péter-Dániel Szántó)

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee Break

11:00 – 12:30 Beyond Kucha: Tracing a Distinct Regional Buddhist Tradition in
Yanqi/Agni IV (Ruixuan Chen)

12:30 – 14:00	Lunch Break
14:00 – 16:00	From a Scholar's Problem to an AI Task: How to Translate Buddhist Philology Work Into Solvable Tasks for AI Systems IV (Kai Golan Hashiloni)

Friday, November 20:

(Moderators: Lijing Peng, Josiah Medin)

Buddhist Philology in the
World of AI Roundtable
Discussion
(Péter-Dániel Szántó,
Ruixuan Chen, Kai Golan
Hashiloni, Nathan Hill,
Yixiu Jiang)

11:30 – 11:45	Coffee Break
11:45 – 12:30	Roundtable Audience Participation and Question Period
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch Break
14:00 – 16:00	Responsible AI-Assisted Textual Scholarship (Jake Moore)