

Curriculum Vitae

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Appointments and Work Experience

Academic:

2013 - Research Consultant, University of Virginia
2013 - Research Associate, School of African and Oriental Studies
2013 - Founding Director, Shejun Agency for Bhutan's Culture Documentation and Research
2013 - Editorial board member, *Himalaya*
2012 - Specialist advisor, Dzongkha Development Commission
2011 - Editor, *Journal of Oxford Centre for Buddhist Studies*
2011 - Advisory Editor, *Bhutan Journal of Research and Development*
2010 - Advisor, Committee for Conservation of Vanishing Languages and Traditional Ecological Knowledge of Bhutan
2004 - 2012 Research Associate, University of Cambridge
2005 to 2006 Spalding Fellow in Comparative Religion, Clare Hall, Cambridge
2003 - 2006 Post-Doctoral Researcher, EPHE and ESA 8047, CNRS, Paris
2000 to 2001 Fellow, Department of Sanskrit and Indian Studies, Harvard University
1996 to 1997 Secretary and Lecturer, Ngagyur Nyingma Institute
1993 to 1994 Assistant Lecturer, Ngagyur Nyingma Institute
1992 to 1996 Co-editor for publications in Ngagyur Nyingma Institute

Non- Academic:

2014 - Board Member, Royal Education Council
2013 - Patron, The Buddhist Forum, India
2008 - Tour Lecturer, Australians Studying Abroad
2000 - Founder, The Loden Foundation
2008 - Secretary General, Ura Solidarity Fund
2008 Presenter, Smithsonian Folk Life Festival
1994 to 1995 Head of Shugseb Nunnery, Dharamsala, India
1993 Secretary, Nyingma Prayer Festival, Bodh Gaya, India
1992 to 1994 Disciplinarian, Ngagyur Nyingma Institute
1995 to 1997 Worked with Dalit communities in south India
1992 - Interpreter from Tibetan / Bhutanese to English
1978 to 1986 I spent some time herding cows and working on my family farm

Education & Qualifications

2003 D.Phil. Oriental Studies, Balliol College, University of Oxford
1999 Visiting Scholar, Harvard University
1998 M.St. in Oriental Studies (Sanskrit & Classical Indian Religions), University of Oxford

1996	The Holder of Esoteric and Definitive Doctrines (ངེས་གསང་ལེགས་བཤད་མཛོད་འཆང་) with distinction, Ngagyur Nyingma Institute. (This is the degree awarded with the “Lopen” (སློབ་དཔོན་) title on completion of an intensive nine year programme)
1993	Master of Perfection (མར་ཕྱིན་རབ་འབྱམས་), Ngagyur Nyingma Institute. (This is a degree awarded after a six-year programme in Buddhist and Tibetan studies)
1991	The Chief Exponent of the Middle Way (མཐའ་བཟུམ་སྐུ་བའི་དབང་ཕྱུག་), Ngagyur Nyingma Institute. (A monastic certificate awarded on completion of a four year programme in Buddhist and Tibetan studies)
1987 to 1988	Studies in logic and debates, Sera Monastery, Mysore, India
1986 to 1987	Monastic training, Cheri Monastery, Thimphu, Bhutan
1974 to 1986	Ura Primary School, Jakar Junior High School and Yangchenphug High School in Bhutan

Awards and Scholarships

1998 to 2000	Overseas Research Scholarship, University of Oxford
1997 to 2000	Oxford Overseas Bursary, University of Oxford
1993 to 1996	Government of India Scholarships for Bhutanese Students in India

Publications : Academic

Books

1. *The History of Bhutan*, New Delhi: Random House, 2013
2. *A Detailed Catalogue of Tibetan Books in Cambridge and Liverpool at* <http://catalogue.socanth.cam.ac.uk/exist/servlet/db/mssbp.xq>.
3. *Mipham's Dialectics and the Debates on Emptiness: To be, Not to be or Neither*, London: RoutledgeCurzon, 2005
4. ཚད་མའི་བསྟན་བཅོས་རིགས་པའི་བློ་སྐྱོད། (*Steps to Valid Reasoning: A Treatise on Logic and Epistemology*), Ngagyur Nyingma Institute, 1997 (textbook)

Edited Books

1. *The Autobiography of Pema Lingpa*, (forthcoming)
2. *The Biography of Thugse Dawa Gyaltsen*, (forthcoming)
3. With Diemberger, *Ancient Treasures, New Discoveries: Proceedings of the XIth Seminar of International Association for Tibetan Studies*, Leiden: Brill Academic Publishers, 2010.
4. ལྷ་འགྲུབ་འོད་གསལ། (*Ngagyur Clear Light*), Ngagyur Nyingma Institute, 1996.

Articles, Monographs and Book Reviews in English

1. 'The Provenance and Cataloguing of the Younghusband Collection', *Inner Asia*, vol. 14, no. 1, pp. 121-130.

2. 'Reflections on Multidisciplinary Approach in Himalayan Studies: The Case of the Book', in McKay and Denjongpa, *Buddhist Himalaya: Studies in Religion, History and Culture*, Gangtok: Namgyal Institute of Tibetology, 2012, vol. 1.
3. 'Tibetan-Mongolian Rare Books and Manuscripts Project' with Diemberger and Quessel in Diemberger and Phuntsho, *Ancient Treasures, New Discoveries: Proceedings of the XIth Seminar of International Association for Tibetan Studies*, (2010)
4. 'Unravelling Bhutanese Treasures' in Diemberger and Phuntsho, *Ancient Treasures, New Discoveries: Proceedings of the XIth Seminar of International Association for Tibetan Studies*, (2010)
5. Is the grass greener on the 'Other' side? (A review article of *Meeting the "Other": Living in the present, gender and sustainability in Bhutan* by Rieki Crins), *Newsletter 52*, Leiden: IAS, 2009. Also at <http://www.ias.nl/article/grass-greener-other-side>
6. 'Gangtey's Untold Treasures' in Ardussi and Tobgay (eds), *Written Treasures of Bhutan: Mirror of the past and bridge of the future - Proceedings of the first international conference on the rich scriptural heritage of Bhutan*, Thimphu: National Library, 2009
7. 'Ogyen Pema Lingpa, His Life and Legacy', *Dragon's Gift, the Sacred Arts of Bhutan*, Chicago: Serindia Publications, 2008
8. 'The Marriage of the Media and Religion: For Better or Worse', *Media and Public Culture - Proceedings of the Second International Seminar on Bhutan Studies*, Centre for Bhutan Studies, Thimphu, 2007, pp. 19-30
9. 'Ju Mipham rNam rgyal rGya mtsho: His Position in the Tibetan Religious Hierarchy and a Synoptic Survey of his Contributions', in Prats (ed) *Volume in Honour of E. Gene Smith*, New Delhi: Amnye Machen, 2007
10. 'Shifting Boundaries: Pramāṇa and Ontology in Dharmakṛti's Epistemology', *Journal of Indian Philosophy*, vol. 33, no. 4, August 2005, pp. 401-19
11. 'Nominal Persons and The Sound of Their Hands Clapping: a review article of *The Sound of Two Hands Clapping: The Education of a Tibetan Buddhist Monk* by George B. J. Dreyfus and *Self, Reality and Reason in Tibetan Philosophy* by Thubten Jinpa', *Buddhist Studies Review*, London, 2004, pp. 225-40
12. Review of John Pettit, *Mipham's Beacon of Certainty in Tibet* *Journal*, Vol. XXIX, No.1, pp. 108-12 Dharamsala, 2004
13. 'Echoes of Ancient Ethos: Some Reflections on Bhutanese Social Themes', *The Spider and the Piglet*, Thimphu: Centre for Bhutan Studies, 2004, pp. 564-80
14. 'Religion in Bhutan' in Melton & Baumann (eds) *Religions of the World: A Comprehensive Encyclopedia of Beliefs and Practices*, Santa Barbara: ABC-Clío Reference-book House, 2002
15. 'On the Two Ways of Learning in Bhutan', *Journal of Bhutan Studies*, Vol. 2, No. 2, Centre for Bhutan Studies, Thimphu, 2000, pp. 104-35
16. Review of Tom Tillemans, *Scripture, Logic, Language: Essays on Dharmakṛti and His Tibetan Successors* in *Journal of Royal Asiatic Society*, London, 2000
17. 'Strengths and Weaknesses of the Four Traditions of Tibetan Buddhism: A Satirical Work by Mi pham', (submitted for publication) in *The Proceedings of the 8th Seminar of the International Association for Tibetan Studies*, 1999

Publications: General

1. The Blessings of Shingkar, *Bhutan Airline Inflight Magazine*, 2014
2. 'Why we do what we do?' A fortnightly series on Bhutan's culture, *Kuensel*, 2014
3. Leveraging Bhutan's Cultural Heritage, *Bhutan Observer*, 31 May, 2013.

4. 'Bhutan's Rich Written Heritage', *Bhutan*, Tourism Council of Bhutan, Thimphu, 2010
5. *A Memorial to the Shrine of Three Jewels*, at <http://blog.tbrc.org> on 27 February, 2010
6. 'So close to nature: A Story of Bhutan's Spiritual Ecology', *Bhutan*, Tourism Council of Bhutan, Thimphu, 2009
7. 'The Selfless Acts of a Buddha: A tribute to H.H. Drubwang Penor Rinpoche', at <http://blog.tbrc.org/> on 15 April, 2009
8. 'How the Raven headed the Crown', *Bhutan*, Tourism Council of Bhutan, Thimphu, 2008 pp. 62-67
9. 'Bhutan's Unique Democracy: a first verdict', at www.opendemocracy.net/article/institutions/bhutan_s_unique_democracy_a_first_verdict, April, 2008
10. 'The Story of the Old Man of Gadan', *Bhutan*, Tourism Council of Bhutan, Thimphu, 2007
11. 'Grappling with Change', *Bhutan Now*, November, 2006
12. 'Bhutanese Reforms, Nepali Criticism', at www.opendemocracy.net/democracy-protest/bhutan_nepal_3996.jsp, October, 2006
13. 'The Perfection of Wisdom', *Bhutan*, Thimphu: Tourism Council of Bhutan, 2006
14. 'Bhutan', *Worldmark Encyclopedia of Religious Practices*, Gale Group, 2005
15. 'H.H. Khenpo Jigme Phuntsho: A Tribute and a Translation', *Journal of Bhutan Studies*, Thimphu, 2004, vol. 11, pp. 129-35
16. "Memorial to Michael Aris", *European Bulletin of Himalayan Research*, 1999

Monographs in Classical Tibetan

1. ཇོགས་པ་ཚེན་པོའི་བཅིང་གྲོལ་གྱི་གཞི། (*The Ground for Bondage and Liberation in the rDzogs chen Tradition*), Ngagyur Nyingma Institute, 1996 (monograph).
2. སྐབ་མཐའ་དང་བདེན་གཉིས་ཀྱི་རྣམ་གཞག་མདོར་བསྡུས། (*A Concise Presentation on the Tenets and Two Truths*), Ngagyur Nyingma Institute, 1995 (monograph). Translated into English by Phil Stanley.
3. དཔལ་ལྷན་རྒྱལ་བའི་རང་མཚན་གྱིས་སྐབ་པ་འགོག་པའི་སྲུང་འབྲིན་རྣམ་གསུམ། (*The Three Apagogic Arguments of Candrakīrti against the Proponents of Individually Characterized Existence*), Ngagyur Nyingma Institute, 1996 (monograph).
4. དུས་གསུམ་རབ་གསལ་སྣང་བ་གསར་བ། (*New Radiance: A Study of Three Tenses*) (co-author), Ngagyur Nyingma Institute, 1995 (monograph).
5. “དགོ་ཚུལ་གྱི་བསྐྱབ་བྱ” (*The Precepts of a Buddhist Novice*), in *Dam chos 'dul ba'i deb*, Ngagyur Nyingma Institute, 1995

Current Research Interests

1. The study of Padma Gling pa tradition in Bhutan.
2. The Himalayan book culture and life writing.
3. The exploration and preservation of Bhutan's literary and oral heritage.
4. Bhutan's history, culture and social changes and intervention through education.
5. The life and works of Mi pham rNam rgyal rGya mtsho (1846-1912) and the nineteenth century *ris med* movement in eastern Tibet.

Recent media reports about my work

Gross National Happiness

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ThTHvo3o1jw>

Buddhism, Democracy and Disfranchisement of Religious Persons (Talk at Royal Thimphu College)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TUY8B2jDPIQ>

BBC World Service Newscast

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SAZKRNi1t3g&feature=youtu.be>

Reviews and reports about The History of Bhutan, see

www.facebook.com/bhutanhistory

Individual Responsibility (Talk at Royal Institute of Management)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XjN6n1I7VHA>

Why we do what we do, K2, fortnightly series

<http://www.kuenselonline.com/k2/>

Tete a Tete: Interview with Raven magazine:

<http://theravenmag.com/a-buddhist-practitioner-who-set-up-the-loden-foundation-karma-phuntsho-believes-that-bhutanese-society-must-now-be-more-ethically-driven/>

BBS Anchor Dawa sits face-to-face with news-makers, movers and the shakers.

<http://www.youtube.com/embed/8G8BcxInUXY>

A wealth of tongues

<http://www.kuenselonline.com/2011/?p=31686>

Digital archive donated to National Library

<http://www.kuenselonline.com/2011/?p=32080>

Buddhist texts digitalized

<http://www.bbs.bt/news/?p=13829>

Scholar engages students at ILCS

<http://www.bhutanobserver.bt/scholar-engages-ilcs-students/>

Languages

Written and spoken Tibetan, Dzongkha, English, Bumthangkha, Chocha Ngacha and Tshangla. Some Sanskrit, Pali, Hindi, Nepali and French. Learning Chinese.

Teaching Experience

Academic courses

May, 2013

Education and culture in Bhutan, Universal Learn Today, New Delhi.

January 2012-13

Buddhism and Inner Asia, Department of Social Anthropology

June, 2012	<i>Buddhist Culture</i> , Institute of Language and Culture Studies, Taktse
March, 2005	<i>Connaissance du Bouddhisme</i> , a three day course on Buddhism, Institut National des Langues et Civilisations Orientales, Paris
2004 - 2005	A series entitled, <i>Indo-Tibetan Buddhism: Its Philosophies and Practices</i> , in the Department of Social Anthropology, Cambridge University
Autumn, 2004	An introductory course of eight lectures on Indo-Tibetan Buddhist Theory and Practice as part of <i>Core Lectures</i> for the Faculty of Theology and Oxford Centre for Buddhist Studies, Oxford University
2001 / 2002	Two introductory courses of eight lectures on Buddhism for the Oxford University Buddhist Society during two academic years.
1991 - 1997	Taught Buddhism and its various aspects in the medium of Tibetan and Dzongkha, including thorough and complete commentarial exposition of major treatise such as <i>Abhidharmakośa</i> , <i>MŚlamadhyamakakārikā</i> , <i>Madhyamakālaṅkāra</i> , <i>Praṇavārttika</i> , <i>Pratimokṣasūtra</i> , <i>Madhyamakavatāra</i> , <i>Mahāyānottaratantraśāstra</i> , <i>Bodhicaryavatāra</i> (five times), <i>mKhas pa la 'jug pa'i sgo</i> and <i>Tshad ma rigs pa'i them skas</i> .

Non-academic

February, 2014	Guide Workshop
January, 2014	Presenter and moderator, SAARC Literary Festival
Sep-Oct 2013	Instructor, Ethnographic documentation
2012-2013	Presenter and moderator, Mountain Echoes, Thimphu
Nov, 2008-11	<i>Tibetan Buddhism and Bhutan</i> , (two week series) Australian Studying Abroad, Bhutan
July, 2008	<i>Food and Culture in Bhutan</i> , (ten day series) Smithsonian Folk life Festival, Washington
October, 2007	<i>Translation Workshop: Theory and Practice</i> , Institute of Language and Culture Studies, Thimphu
June-July, 2007	<i>Introducing Buddhist Theory and Practice</i> , Deer Park, Thimphu
May, 2006	<i>Buddhism, Emptiness and the Non-sectarian Movement</i> , Institute of Language and Culture Studies, Thimphu
February, 2005	<i>The Relative and Ultimate Bodhicitta</i> , Palyul Centre, London
August, 2004	A three day course, <i>Developing an Enlightened Outlook: An Introduction to Buddhist Philosophies, Principles and Practices</i> , Centre for Bhutan Studies, Thimphu
Summer, 2004	An eight week course entitled <i>Developing the Buddhist Outlook</i> , Palyul Centre, London
1994 to now	I have regularly taught meditation to individual students and groups.

Language Courses

1993 - 1997	Tibetan grammar and poetry to Tibetan students
2001 - 2006	Tibetan language for western students

Talks & Presentations

I have given over 60 lectures, talks, seminars and presentations in Asia, Europe and America (See list below).

Research Projects

2013-2018: University of Virginia and Bhutan

The Oral Traditions of Bhutan

Project manager and chief researcher for the five year project to document and study the oral cultures of Bhutan.

2012-2013: Bhutan

Digital documentation of manuscripts in Dongkarla, Chizhing, Phajoding and Dodedra Temples

The British Library Endangered Archives Programme

Applicant and main investigator for the project to digitize and study the manuscript collections in these temples.

2009-2010: Cambridge and Bhutan

Digitization of the manuscripts in Thadrak, Tshamdrak and Nephu Temples

The British Library Endangered Archives Programme

Applicant and main investigator for the project to digitize and study the manuscript collections in these temples.

2007-12: Cambridge and Bhutan

The Historical Study and Documentation of the Pad gling traditions in Bhutan

University of Cambridge

As the principal investigator for this five year project, I study the religious, cultural and political significance of the Pad gling tradition in Bhutanese history and in the greater Tibetan Buddhist world. The literature connected with the tradition will be compiled and preserved in digital format and studied in order to produce the first historical account of the tradition.

2006-7: Oxford and Bhutan

Digitization of the manuscripts in Drametse and Ogyen Choling

The British Library Endangered Archives Programme

I was the sole applicant and main investigator for the project, which reproduced digital copies of the entire collection of manuscripts in these establishments.

2003-6: Cambridge, Oxford, London and Tibet

Tibetan-Mongolian Rare Books and Manuscripts Project

University of Cambridge

I was the main investigator for this project funded by the AHRC to microfilm and digitise all the Tibetan materials in the Cambridge University Library and consolidate, catalogue and digitise the Tibetan materials in the British Library, the Bodleian Library and the Cambridge University Library acquired during the Younghusband invasion of Tibet.

2003-6: Oxford and Bhutan

Digital documentation of manuscript holdings of Gangtey Monastery

The British Library Endangered Archives Programme

This project started as an initiative to photograph the *rNying ma rgyud 'bum* collection in Gangtey. Through funding from the Endangered Archives Programme, this was extended to digitize the entire collection of manuscripts in Gangtey monastery.

2000-3, Oxford and Bhutan

Tradition and Modernity in Bhutan

A study of the changing patterns of education in Bhutan, the tension between modern and traditional education, and the origin and modern use of some socio-political themes in Bhutan, the outcomes were published as by the Centre for Bhutan Studies.

1998-2003, Oxford

The Position of 'Ju Mipham in the Indo-Tibetan Debate on Emptiness

This was the topic of my doctoral research. The thesis was submitted to the University of Oxford and has been subsequently published by RoutledgeCurzon.

1997-9, Oslo and Bhutan

Worked with the renowned anthropologist Frederick Barth on social stratification and kinship in Bhutan.

1997-8: Balliol College, Oxford

Prama and Ontology in the Dharmakīrti's Epistemology

Karmaphalasambandha: The Link between Action and Result in Buddhism.

These researches resulted in the papers submitted for the degree of M.St. The first is now published in the *Journal of Indian Philosophy*.

1994-97, Ngagyur Nyingma Institute

Study of Tibetan Buddhist Logic and Epistemology toward the construction of a comprehensive and systematic textbook for the rNying ma tradition. The outcome has been published as the book, *Tshad ma'i bstan bcos rigs pa'i them skas*.

List of lectures, talks, seminars and presentations

(I give regular talks on Buddhism, Bhutan and social entrepreneurship beside formal ones listed here)

June, 2014	<i>Bhutan History</i> , School for Field Studies, Thimphu
May, 2014	<i>Buddhism and Democracy</i> , Institute for Language and Cultural Studies, Taktse
May, 2014	GNH and Cultural Preservation, Secretariat for New Development Paradigm
January, 2014	<i>GNH and Economy</i> , GNH youth camp, Thimphu
December, 2013	<i>Culture and Community</i> , Media Nomads, Thimphu
September, 2013	<i>Buddhism, Democracy and Disfranchisement of Religious Persons</i> , Royal Thimphu College, Distinguished Guest Lecture Series
May, 2013	<i>Bhutan's Cultural Transition</i> , Closing address for conference, Leveraging Bhutan's Cultural Diversity, Thimphu
December, 2012	<i>Buddhist Values in Business</i> , Brussels

April, 2012	<i>Perceptions of Buddhist Art in the Himalayas</i> , Buddhist Art Forum, Courtauld Institute of Art, London
January, 2012	<i>From Poti to Pixels: Documenting Bhutan's Textual Heritage</i> , Hamburg University
September, 2011	<i>The Journeys of the Thunder Dragon: Bhutan's transition from a medieval country to a postmodern happiness state</i> , Hungarian-Bhutan Friendship Society, Budapest
March, 2011	<i>The Journeys of the Thunder Dragon: Socio-cultural changes in Bhutan</i> , Society Switzerland-Bhutan, Zurich
February, 2011	<i>Wisdom, Knowledge or Both: The Changing Ethos of Education in Bhutan</i> , Education Department, Oxford University
December, 2010	<i>Mind or/and Brain: Response to Brain Scientists</i> , Conference on Science and Spirituality and Education, Namgyal Institute, Gangtok
May, 2009	<i>Buddhism and GNH in Bhutan</i> , International Buddhist Film Festival, London
October, 2008	<i>Multidisciplinary Approach in Himalayan Studies: The Case of the Book</i> , Buddhist Himalaya: Studies in Religion, History and Culture, conference at Namgyal Institute, Gangtok
September, 2008	<i>Bodhicitta: The Bodhisattva's Selfless Love</i> , Cambridge Buddhist Society, Cambridge
April, 2008	<i>The Buddha's Pragmatism</i> , Royal Institute of Management, Thimphu
October, 2007	<i>Buddhism and Happiness</i> , Graduate Orientation Programme, Thimphu
March, 2007	<i>New Life from Old Books: The Rare Tibetan and Mongolian Manuscripts Project</i> , (with Drs Stephen Hugh-Jones and Hildegard Diemberger) MIASU, Cambridge
November, 2006	<i>Holy Land, Neighbour or Big Brother: Bhutan's Relations with India through Ages</i> , Ancient India and Iran Trust, Cambridge
November, 2006	<i>Bhutan: The Kingdom of the Thunder Dragon</i> , Clare Hall, Cambridge
November, 2006	<i>Strengths and Weaknesses of Tibetan Buddhist Traditions</i> , SOAS, London
October, 2006	<i>Bhutan and Its Buddhist Heritage</i> , Siam Society, Bangkok
August, 2006	<i>The Digitization of Manuscripts in Bhutan</i> , 11 th Seminar of IATS, Konigswinter
August, 2006	<i>The Rare Tibetan and Mongolian Manuscripts Project</i> , 11 th Seminar of IATS, Konigswinter
June, 2006	<i>The Marriage of Religion and Media: For Better or Worse</i> , 2 nd International Seminar of Bhutan Studies, Thimphu
February, 2006	<i>Understanding Tibetan Tantric Buddhism and Its Symbolism</i> , Scholarship for Excellence, London
February, 2006	<i>Tibetan Buddhism</i> , Interfaith Group, Milton Keynes
November, 2005	<i>Reason or Beyond: The Viability of Logic and Epistemology in Delineation of Emptiness</i> , Buddhism in Logic and Analytical Philosophy Conference, Cambridge
November, 2005	<i>How Much Nothing Matters: Tibetan Controversies on Emptiness and Their Religious and Political Implications</i> , Senior Seminars, Faculty of Divinity, Cambridge

October, 2005	<i>Taming the Mind There Never Was</i> , Cambridge Buddhist Society
September, 2005	<i>The Digitization of Gangtey's Manuscript Collection</i> , 10 th Seminar of International Association for Buddhist Studies, London
June, 2005	<i>Gangtey's Untold Treasures</i> , Conference on the Written Heritage of Bhutan, National Library, Thimphu
February, 2005	<i>Sectarian Violence, Message of Peace and the Rise of Ris-med Movement in Tibetan Religious History</i> , Oriental Institute, Oxford
November, 2004	<i>Conflict and Conciliation in Tibetan Buddhist History</i> , Institut National des Langues et Civilisations Orientales, Paris
April, 2004	<i>Buddhism: An Education of the Mind</i> , National Institute of Education, Paro, Bhutan
May, 2004	<i>Buddhism as an Art of Happiness</i> , the Old Prebandal Home, Oxford
January, 2004	<i>'Ju Mipham's Satirical Discourse on the Strengths and Weaknesses of Tibetan Buddhist Traditions</i> , Maison de l'Asie, CNRS, Paris
January, 2004	<i>Capturing the Thunder Dragon: An Introduction to Bhutan's Buddhist Culture</i> , Scholarship for Excellence, London
September, 2003	<i>Opening the Door of Speech by Poking Fun at Others: 'Ju Mipham's Qualms about dGe lugs pa Scholasticism</i> , 10 th Seminar of the International Association of Tibetan Studies, Oxford
August, 2003	<i>Echoes of Ancient Ethics: Some Reflections on Bhutanese Social Themes</i> , 1st International Seminar on Bhutan Studies, Thimphu
March, 2003	<i>'Ju Mi pham and 'Brug pa Kun legs: Two Tibetan Religious Critics</i> , Oriental Institute, Oxford
March, 2003	<i>Bhutan and its Changing Phases</i> , The Old Prebandal Home, Oxford
October, 2002	<i>Emptiness and Being</i> , Centre for Bhutan Studies, Thimphu
June, 2002	<i>'Ju Mi pham: A polymath and his debates with his dGe lugs pa opponents</i> , Maison de l'Asie, ESA 8047, CNRS, Paris
June, 2002	<i>The Art of the Book in the Tibetan Buddhist World</i> , Friends of the Bodleian Society, Oxford
May, 2002	<i>Bhutan and Globalization</i> , Asia Society, New York
June, 2001	<i>The Concept of Buddhism</i> , Sherubtse College, Bhutan
August, 2000	<i>Traditional Scholarship in Modern Bhutan: Current Educational Trends and their Impact on the Traditional Systems of Learning</i> , South Asian Studies Conference, Edinburgh
August, 1999	<i>Is Seeing Believing? Mipham's Theory of Perception in Dharmakīrti's Epistemology</i> , International Association for Buddhist Studies, Lausanne
April, 1999	<i>Michael Aris and Bhutan</i> , Symposium on Bhutan, Telluride
January, 1999	<i>From Fundamentalism to Dialogue: A Buddhist Approach</i> , Interfaith Dialogue, Oxford
August, 1998	<i>'Ju Mi pham and his Contributions to Tibetan Scholarship</i> , Conference on Mipham, Himalayan and Inner Asian Resources, New York
August, 1998	<i>Satire and Humour in the Counsel of 'Ju Mipham</i> , 8 th Seminar of the International Association of Tibetan Studies, Bloomington
June, 1993	<i>Buddhist Love</i> , Benedictine-Tibetan Monastic Dialogue Meeting, Bangalore
March, 1992	<i>Bringing together Islam and Buddhism</i> , Islamic Youth Symposium, Bangalore

January, 1992 *A Tribute to Gandhi, Gandhi Martyr's Day, Bangalore*
October, 1992 *Rekindling the Light of Saddharma, Bouddha Dhamma Conference, Bombay*
October, 1991 *Religious Experience and the Struggle for Justice, Freedom and Peace, World Conference of Religions, Kochi*
June, 1990 *Buddhist Contribution in the Quest for Peace, International Buddhist Convention, Bangalore*