



# Transgression and Encounters with the Terrible in Buddhist and Śaiva Tantras

**1<sup>st</sup> Zurich International Conference on Indian Literature and Philosophy (ZICILP)  
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The conference aims to explore different levels at which Buddhist and Śaiva Tantras are interconnected. The focus is on the ritual and dogmatic similarities between these two religious traditions in relation to transgressive rituals and encounters of the practitioners with frightening and ambivalent beings (*yoginīs*, *ḍākinīs*, *rākṣasas*, etc.) brought about by those rituals. It shall be discussed how the inclusion of transgression and the horrible is conceptualized in Buddhist and Śaiva texts, and in which ways such practices are related to or embedded in standard normative contexts.

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#### **Organizers**

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#### **Location**

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