This two-day, international conference in the exciting new area of Buddhism, Law and Society will bring together scholars whose work touches on the theme of Buddhism and law from multiple perspectives and across a variety of regions and time periods. A key goal of this conference is to encourage new conversations and collaborations among scholars working in different areas. Themes to be explored include the use and interpretations of different Buddhist law codes; the key principles of continuity and discontinuity in the practice of Buddhist law in ancient and modern periods; and the differences in the conceptions and practices of ‘legality’ in monastic and state legal structures. Participants will present work on a variety of Buddhist contexts including China, Japan, Mongolia, Bhutan, Korea, Thailand, Tibet, Sri Lanka, Burma and India.

This conference builds on the edited collection, *Buddhism and Law: An Introduction* (Cambridge, 2014) by Rebecca French (SUNY Buffalo Law) and Mark Nathan (History, Univ. at Buffalo). It will also serve as the official launch of the first issue of the new peer-reviewed, academic journal dedicated to this area titled, *Buddhism, Law & Society*, published by William S. Hein Publishing.

All interested parties are welcome to attend and please RSVP to the Managing Editor of the journal, *Buddhism, Law & Society* at editor@buddhismandlaw.org. For information on the conference, please visit: https://www.buffalo.edu/baldycenter/events/conferences/buddhist.html

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Preliminary Schedule

DAY 1 - FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

9:00-9:30 – Welcome and Breakfast

9:30-11:15 - Panel 1: The Balance between Buddhist and Civil Law?

   Richard W. Whitecross – “Of Texts and Drama: Courts, Courtrooms and Due Process”

   Khemthong Tonsakulrungruang – “Thailand’s Buddhism in Constitutions”

   Benjamin Schonthal – “Litigating the Vinaya?”

11:15-11:45 - Tea Break

11:45-1:00 - Panel 2: Buddhism, Law and Democracy

   Tomas Larsson - "Buddhism, Law, and Democracy in Thailand: A Tocquevillean Perspective"

   Matthew J. Walton and Aung Tun – “Monks and the Law in Myanmar”

1:00-2:30 - Lunch

2:30-4:15 - Panel 3: Buddhist Ideals and Actualities

   Michael Chladek – “Asymmetrical Orientations to the Buddhist Monastic Code: Imagined Laity and the Performance of Monasticism in Northern Thailand”


   Brenton Sullivan – “The administration of a large-scale monastery in the Tibeto-Mongol-Chinese border”

4:15-4:45 - Tea Break

4:45-6:15 - Panel 4 Keynote

   **Keynote:** Petra Kieffer-Pülz - "Pre-Christian Monastic Law Codes and Their Application in Modern Times"
DAY 2 - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2016

9:00-9:30 – Breakfast

9:30-11:15 - Panel 1: State-Sangha Relations in East Asia

Ann Heirman and Faling – "Fighting Fu Yi: Daoxuan and his Defense of Buddhism in the Social and Political Context of the Early Tang Period"

Vesna Wallace – “The Interface of Mongolian Pastoral, Nomadic Culture and Law in the Matters of Sexual Morality"

Mark Nathan - Law, Politics, and Monastic Schism in Post-Colonial South Korean Buddhism: State Intervention and Legal Decisions in the History of the Purification Movement

11:15-11:45 - Tea Break

11:45-1:00 - Panel 2: Structures of Legality in Tibet and Burma

Berthe Jansen – “Monastic Laws and Lay Laws in Pre-modern Tibet regarding Punishment”


1:00-2:00 - Lunch

2:00-3:15 - Panel 3: New Directions in the Study of Vinaya

Jens W. Borgland – “On Taking Legal Action against Monks Who do not Acknowledge”

Shayne Clarke - "The Unique Nature of the Mūlasarvāstivādin Vinaya Corpus"

3:15-3:45 - Tea Break

3:45-5:15 - Panel 4: Final Reflections

Anne Blackburn
David Engel

5:15-6:15 and into dinner - Panel 5: Planning Meeting: Where Do We Go from Here?

Rebecca Redwood French
Paul Hackett