



# **VAJRAYANA BUDDHISM IN RUSSIA: TOPICAL ISSUES OF HISTORY AND SOCIAL AND CULTURAL ANALYTICS**

**Vajrayana Buddhism in Russia  
International interdisciplinary scientific and practical conference**

**Russian Diamond Way Karma Kagyu Buddhists Association  
Committee for Religious Liaisons of Saint Petersburg City Government  
The State Museum of the History of Religion**

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**Institute of Oriental Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences**

**Institute of History and Archaeology, Mongolian Academy of Sciences**

**Institute of Russian and Eurasian Studies Kyungpook National University**

Dear colleagues!

We have started preparing the Sixth International Scientific and Practical Conference VAJRAYANA BUDDHISM IN RUSSIA: TOPICAL ISSUES OF HISTORY AND SOCIAL AND CULTURAL ANALYTICS which will be held on October 19-22, 2018 in Saint-Petersburg.

#### **LOCATION:**

State Museum of the History of Religion (Pochtamtskaya Str., 14/5)  
of Oriental Manuscripts, Russian Academy of Sciences (Palace Emb., 18)

#### **MAIN OBJECTIVES OF THE CONFERENCE:**

- carrying out interdisciplinary scientific exchange
- researching Vajrayana Buddhism and its interaction with another traditions
- development of comparative and cross-cultural studies of Buddhism
- uniting and supporting Vajrayana researchers and practitioners

#### **SUBJECTS FOR DISCUSSIONS:**

- Buddhism in the global world
- Topical issues of history of Buddhism and Buddhist studies
- Traditions and innovations of Buddhism in Russia
- Buddhism in the context of topical social and cultural practices
- Buddhism in the light of contemporary natural sciences
- Forms of reception and acculturation of Buddhism in the West and Russia
- Buddhism in Russian philosophy, literature and art
- Experience of attribution, research, keeping and exhibiting Buddhist archives and collections
- Vajrayana methods in developing person's intellectual and creative abilities
- The conference will include a panel discussion on the topic: "Visual Dharma", presenter: PhD in History, Leading Specialist, Elikhina Yulia Igorevna (St. Petersburg)

#### **COORDINATORS:**

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#### **INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS**

The payment for participants of the conference is 1000 rubles (conditions and payment details will be reported to participants upon receiving an application and texts).

Travelling and living expenses are to be covered by the delegating organization.

A multi-authored scientific monograph will be published after the conference.

The right to select materials for publication is reserved to the Organizing committee.

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