

Dr. Himal Trikha

## **Curriculum Vitae**

Date and Place of Birth: May 18, 1969; Bremen, Germany

Nationality: German

## **Academic positions**

- since 2012      Research fellow at the Institute for the Cultural and Intellectual History of Asia, Austrian Academy of Sciences (IKGA), project: “Fragments of Indian Philosophy” (project director: Dr. Ernst Prets)
- 2008-2011      Research fellow at the Institute for South Asian, Tibetan, and Buddhist Studies, University of Vienna (ISTB), project: “A Study of the Manuscripts of the Woolner Collection, Lahore” (project director: Univ. Prof. Dr. Karin Preisendanz)
- since 2003      Lecturer at the ISTB
- 2003-2007      Academic assistant (in training) at the ISTB
- 2002-2003      Research assistant at the IKGA, project: “Dictionary of Indian Epistemology, Logic and Methodology” (project director: emer. Univ. Prof. Dr. Gerhard Oberhammer)
- 1999-2002      Academic assistant (temporary replacement) at the ISTB
- 1995-2000      Editorial work at the IKGA

## **Academic education**

- 2000-2009      Doctoral studies at the ISTB (Indology, supervisors: Prof. Karin Preisendanz, Prof. Franz Wimmer) completed with distinction
- 1994-1999      M.A. studies at the University of Vienna (Indology, Philosophy; supervisor: Prof. Gerhard Oberhammer) completed with distinction
- 1991-1994      Undergrate studies at the University of Vienna (Indology, Philosophy, Religious Studies) completed with distinction

## **Award**

- 2012              DK Award for the outstanding doctoral thesis on Sanskrit 2009-11 by the International Association of Sanskrit Studies

## Conference papers and invited lectures

- 2013 “Perspectivism in practice – *kathañcit* and other key terms in Vidyānandin’s *Satyaśāsanaparīkṣā*”, *15th Jaina Studies Workshop: Jaina Logic*, London, March 22, 2013
- 2012 – “Evaluation and classification of intertextual elements in a philosophical Jaina Sanskrit work”, *Quotations and re-use of texts in Sanskrit works*, Rome, December 21, 2012
- “Intertextual elements and a Vaiśeṣika fragment in Vidyānandin’s *Satyaśāsanaparīkṣā*”, *Transmission and Tradition: The Meaning and the Role of "Fragments" in Indian Philosophy*, Matsumoto, Japan, August 22, 2012
- “Perspectivism and polemics in the *Satyaśāsanaparīkṣā* and other Jaina works”, *15th World Sanskrit Conference*, New Delhi, January 9, 2012
- 2011 “A Study of the Manuscripts of the Woolner Collection, Lahore”, *Information Technologies and Innovation in Sanskrit-based Indian Studies, Workshop at the ISTB*, March 26, 2011
- 2010 – “Composition of the chapter on Vaiśeṣika in Vidyānandin’s *Satyaśāsanaparīkṣā*”, *31st Deutscher Orientalistentag, Sektion Indologie und Südasienskunde, Panel Jaina Studien*, Marburg, September 23, 2010
- “Vorstellung von erfolgter und geplanter Forschung zur *Satyaśāsanaparīkṣā* des Digambara Jainas Vidyānandin (9./10 Jh)” [“Presentation of previous and scheduled research in the *Satyaśāsanaparīkṣā* of the Digambara Jaina Vidyānandin”], *ISTB*, Vienna, June, 29, 2010
- “Kritischer Perspektivismus” [“Critical perspectivism”], *Wiener Gesellschaft für interkulturelle Philosophie*, Vienna, March, 25, 2010
- “A Study of the Manuscripts of the Woolner Collection, Lahore.” *Geumgang University*, Nonsan, Republic of Korea, February 3, 2010
- 2009 “Karnaḥbhāra: Ein Sanskrittheaterstück zum Thema der Freigebigkeit” [“Karnaḥbhāra: A play in Sanskrit on the topic of generosity”], *Wiener Gesellschaft für interkulturelle Philosophie*, Vienna, March 27, 2009
- 2008 “A Study of the Manuscripts of the Woolner Collection, Lahore”, *Punjab University*, Lahore, Pakistan, August 2008

## Grants

- 2009 Travel grant by the University of Vienna for attendance of the *11th Jaina Studies Workshop: Jaina Scriptures and Philosophy*, School of Oriental and African Studies, London, March 12-13, 2009
- 2004 Travel grant by the University of Vienna for attendance of the *6th Jaina Studies Workshop: Jaina Doctrines and Dialogues*, School of Oriental and African Studies, London, March 16-17, 2004

2001 Travel grant by the University of Vienna for attendance of the *2nd International Conference on Indian Studies*, Krakau, September, 19-23, 2001

### **Other Academic Activities**

2012 Referee for the Research Foundation Flanders (Belgium)

### **Courses taught at the ISTB**

- 2012 – The allegory of the blind men and the elephant (*andhagajanyāya*) in the philosophic-religious traditions of South Asia (reading)
- The notions of *pramāṇa* ("means of knowledge") and *naya* ("viewpoint") in the early commentaries on the Tattvārtha(sūtra): Umāsvāti and Pūjyapāda (reading)
- Ūrubhaṅga – Reading and literary backdrop of a Sanskrit play
- 2010 Madhyamavyāyoga II – Theory and practice of the staging of a Sanskrit play
- 2009 Madhyamavyāyoga I – Reading and literary backdrop of a Sanskrit play
- 2008 Introduction to Indology
- 2007 Concepts of emancipation according to the classical philosophical traditions of Southasia
- 2006 Karṇabhāra – Reading, literary backdrop and staging of a Sanskrit play
- 2005 Rāmāyaṇa reading
- 2004 Mahābhārata reading
- 2003 Ṣaḍdarśanasamuccaya reading
- 2000 Ṣaḍdarśanasamuccaya reading

### **Selection of Online Services programmed and developed**

- 2008-2011 „A Study of the Manuscripts of the Woolner Collection, Lahore“:  
[www.istb.univie.ac.at/swc](http://www.istb.univie.ac.at/swc)
- 2006-2007 Karṇabhāra:  
[homepage.univie.ac.at/himal.trikha/lehre/karnabhara](http://homepage.univie.ac.at/himal.trikha/lehre/karnabhara)
- 2006 Documentation of two exhibitions at the ISTB:  
[www.istb.univie.ac.at/mbh](http://www.istb.univie.ac.at/mbh)

1999-2003 „Documentation of the History of Indian Philosophies and Religions“  
[www.univie.ac.at/indologie/oracle/dip.cgi](http://www.univie.ac.at/indologie/oracle/dip.cgi) (MS Internet Explorer only)

1999-2011 Website of the ISTB (co-responsibility)  
[www.istb.univie.ac.at](http://www.istb.univie.ac.at)

### **Memberships**

since 2012 Member of the International Association of Sanskrit Studies

since 2000 Member of the De Nobili Research Library – Association for Indology and the Study of Religions