

# NOTICE

## The 7<sup>th</sup> Late Prof. Michael Hahn Memorial Lecture

Jointly organized by

**Department of Pali, SPPU & Deshana Institute of Buddhist and Allied Studies**

Department of Pali, SPPU in collaboration with Deshana Institute of Buddhist and Allied Studies is announcing 7<sup>th</sup> Prof. Michael Hahn Memorial Lecture on ‘Ocean of Stories: Thoughts on Buddhist Narrative Literature’ on **Friday, 04<sup>th</sup> December 2020 at 12:00 noon IST**. The lecture will be delivered by Prof. Peter Skilling, Special Lecturer, Faculty of Arts, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok. He is a leading scholar of Buddhist studies with special emphasis on Buddhist Art, Architecture, Inscriptions and Literature.

The talk will be arranged through the Zoom online platform. Please join us by clicking on the following link. Please note that the link will be open half an hour before the scheduled time.

Day: Friday, 04<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Time: 12.00 noon to 2.00 pm (IST)

Venue: Zoom online Platform

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87103271873?pwd=MzRiaVhpNUtCWVBnMjhPLzlyNlpwUT09>

**Meeting ID: 871 0327 1873**

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## **About the Talk:**

**Title:** Ocean of Stories: Thoughts on Buddhist Narrative Literature

by Prof. Peter Skilling

Narrative is an important part of didactic literature. A good story attracts an audience; a good story amuses and at the same time instructs unobtrusively.

Story telling begins with Gautama the Buddha's Dharma teachings, and was taken up by his disciples. Buddhist narrative drew on, developed, and elaborated many genres, including Jātaka, Pūrvayoga, Avadāna, Nidāna, and Vaṃsa. These started in Indic languages, Middle Indic and then Sanskrit, but soon migrated to neighbouring lands and were told and retold in Chinese, Tibetan Thai, and the languages of Central and East Asia. I give an overview of these oceans of narrative in tribute of Michael Hahn, master of Buddhist studies and Buddhist stories.