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Buddhist Foodways: Vegetarianism, Ritual Economies and Gastropolitics

November 28-29, 2024

Sala A, Palazzo Vendramin
Dei Carmini - Ca' Foscari
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November 28

10.00 am
Welcome Greetings

10.30 am - 12.30 pm
Vegetarianism

Sara Swenson (Dartmouth
College), *Praying for Parasites:
Hermeneutics of Vegetarianism
in Contemporary Vietnamese
Buddhism*

Amalia Rossi (Ca' Foscari
University of Venice), *A Perfect
Storm for Veganism: the Role of
Buddhism in Contemporary Thai
Foodscapes*

Francesca Tarocco (Ca' Foscari
University of Venice), *The Aura of
Abstinence: Vegetarianism and
Ethical Foodscapes in Modern
China*

2.00 pm - 4.00 pm
Ritual Economies

Patrice Ladwig (Max Planck
Institute for the Study of Religious
and Ethnic Diversity), *Feeding the
Nagas of the Mekong. Offering
Baskets and Ritual Practices in
Luang Prabang, Laos*

Rita Langer (University of Bristol),
*"Who is Cooking? Food Makers in
Sri Lankan Buddhism"*

Paulina Kolata (University of
Copenhagen), *Temporalities of
Food Rot, Loss, and Reuse in
Japanese Buddhist Temples*

November 29

10.00 am - 11.30 am
Gastropolitics

Felice Farina (University of
Naples L'Orientale) and Chiara
Ghidini (University of Naples
L'Orientale), *Shintō, Buddhism,
and Gastropolitics: The Interplay
of Religion and Heritage in Japan's
Washoku and Agricultural Systems*

Erica Baffelli (The University
of Manchester), *Feeding
Marginalities: Food, Buddhism, and
Minorities*

Final Comments
Edoardo Siani (Ca' Foscari
University of Venice)