

Tibor PORCIÓ

CURRICULUM VITAE

November 2020

Contact:

Department for the Study of Religions
University of Szeged
H-6722 Szeged
Egyetem u. 2.
Hungary
Office: +36-62-546-385
Home: +36-62-440-361
Fax: +36-62-544-418
E-mail: tporcio@yahoo.com, porcio@rel.u-szeged.hu

Personal:

Birth date	September 1, 1965
Birth place	Zalaegerszeg, Hungary
Citizenship	Hungarian
Marital status	widower, 2 children

Education:

May 2001	Dr. phil. (Ph.D.) in Tibetan and Buddhist Studies: Institute for Tibetan and Buddhist Studies, University of Vienna, Austria. Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Ernst Steinkellner. Research advisors: Dr. Cristina A. Scherrer-Schaub, Prof. Helmut Tauscher. Thesis title:
Oct. 1996 – May 2001	Doctoral program of Tibetan and Buddhist Studies at the Institute for Tibetan and Buddhist Studies, University of Vienna, Austria.
Sept. 1995 – June 1998	Doctoral study program of Comparative Historical Turkology at the Department of Altaic Studies, University of Szeged, Hungary: pre-degree certificate.
Oct. 1993 – July 1994	Supervised post-graduate studies on Buddhism, Sanskrit and Tibetan at Department of Buddhist Studies, University of Delhi.
June 1992	Master degree (<i>Magister Artium</i>) in the subjects Altaic Studies major and History of Civilisations minor. Department of Altaic Studies, Attila-József-University (now: University of Szeged), Szeged, Hungary.
From winter-semester 1988/89	Minor: History of Civilizations. Attila-József-University (now: University of Szeged), Szeged, Hungary.
From winter-semester 1986/87	Altaic Studies major. Attila-József-University (now: University of Szeged), Szeged, Hungary.

Academic year 1985 / 86

Completed two semesters in Biology and Chemistry majors. Attila-József-University (now: University of Szeged), Szeged, Hungary.

Present position:

Sept. 2007 -

Tenured Assistant Professor, Department for the Study of Religions, University of Szeged, Hungary.

Positions held:

Sept. 2001 -Aug. 2007

Senior Lecturer, Department for the Study of Religions, University of Szeged, Hungary.

Sept. 1999 -Aug. 2001

Assistant Lecturer, Department for the Study of Religions, University of Szeged, Hungary.

Sept. 1998-Aug. 1999

Junior research and teaching fellow, Research Group for Applied Religious Studies, University of Szeged, Hungary.

Nov. 1994 to Aug. 1995

Junior research and teaching fellow, Department of Altaic Studies, University of Szeged, Hungary.

Teaching Experience:

University of Szeged, Faculty of Arts

Courses taught 1994 – present

Graduate and undergraduate (in alphabetical order)

- Academic Writing
- Classical Mongolian
- Classical Mongolian Reading
- Classical Tibetan
- History of Indian Buddhism
- History of Tibetan Buddhism
- Hungarian Classics of Religious Studies
- Indian Goddesses in Buddhism
- Introduction to Buddhism
- Introduction to Islam
- Introduction to Philology of Religion
- Introduction to the Study of Religions
- Master and Disciple in Tibetan Buddhism
- Modern Turkish
- Old Turkic Buddhism
- Religions, Peoples and Cultures along the Silk Roads
- The Religious History of Early Central Asia
- Tibetan Buddhist Text-Reading
- Uygur Buddhist Literature
- Uygur Buddhist Text-Reading
- Uygur Buddhist Texts Translated from Tibetan

Doctoral course

- Linguistic-historical Analysis of Middle Turkic Texts

Masaryk University in Brno, Institute for the Study of Religions (CZ)

CEEPUS visiting lecturer

- The Turkic Peoples of Central Asia and Buddhism – April 2014

Charles University in Prague, Institute of South and Central Asia (CZ)

CEEPUS visiting lecturer

- Buddhism among the Turkic Peoples of Central Asia – April 2013
- On Saskya Pandita's 'Guruyoga'. Reading the Tibetan Original and its Uygur Translation. (*Joint seminar with Dr. Daniel Berounsky.*) – April 2011
- Buddhism among the Turks - History and Literature – April 2010
- Uygur Buddhism and its Literature – April 2008
- The Turkic Peoples of Central Asia and Buddhism – April-May 2019

University of Vienna, Department of South Asian, Tibetan and Buddhist Studies (A)

CEEPUS visiting lecturer

- Ritual and the Cult of Deities in Buddhist Central Asia and Tibet (*Joint lecture with Dr. Daniel Berounsky.*) – May 2015
- Religion and Politics among Uygurs and Tibetans during the Yuan Period (*Joint lecture with Dr. Daniel Berounsky.*) – April 2011
- Historical and Religious Contacts between the Uygurs and the Tibetans from the Tang to the End of the Yuan Era (*Joint lecture with Dr. Daniel Berounsky.*) – May 2010
- Dhāraṇī Literature in Comparative Philology - The Tibetan and Uygur Versions of *Uṣṇīṣavijāyadhāraṇī*. – May 2008

Temporary instructor March–April 2009

- Buddhism among the Turks – History and Literature

Cardiff University, School of History, Archaeology and Religion (GB)

ERASMUS visiting instructor

- Master-course: Introduction to the Old Uygur language, grammar and script – May 2011

Comenius University in Bratislava, Department of Comparative Religion (SL)

CEEPUS visiting lecturer

- Buddhism among the Turks–History and Literature – October 2010

Department of East Asian Studies

CEEPUS visiting lecturer

- The Turkic Peoples of Central Asia and Buddhism – April 2017

Jagiellonian University in Krakow, Institute of Religious Studies (PL)

CEEPUS visiting lecturer

- Buddhism among the Turks–History and Literature – October 2010
- The Turkic Peoples of Central Asia and Buddhism – May 2016

University of Vienna, Institute for the Study of Religions (AT)

CEEPUS visiting lecturer

- Uygur Buddhism – May 2007
- The Life of the Buddha: History and Myth – May 2006

Publications:

EDITED BOOK:

Editor and Foreword. *The Study of Religions in Szeged*. Szeged: JATEPress, 2010, (ISBN:978-963-315-011-5)

BOOK SECTIONS:

"Some Peculiarities of the Uygur Buddhist Pilgrim Inscriptions", in Christoph Cueppers and Max Deeg, eds., *Searching for the Dharma, Finding Salvation – Buddhist Pilgrimage in Time and Space*. Lumbini: Lumbini International Research Institute, 2014, pp. 157-178 (ISBN: 978-9937-2-8825-5)

(with Márton Vér), "Buddhizmus a török népeknél [Buddhism among the Turkic Peoples]", in Ivanics Mária and Biacsi Mónika, eds., *A török népek vallásai. Filológiai tanulmányok a török vallásos szövegek köréből [Religions of the Turkic Peoples: Philological Studies on Turkic Religious Texts]*. Szeged: University of Szeged - Research Group of Turkology, 2014, pp. 157-171. (ISBN: 978-963-306-342-2)

"A belső-ázsiai török népek és a buddhizmus [The Turkic Peoples of Central Asia and Buddhism]", in Hidas Gergely and Szilágyi Zsolt, eds., *Buddhizmus [Buddhism]*. Budapest: L'Harmattan, 2013. pp. 227-248. (ISBN: 978-963-236-727-9)

"A buddhizmus: vallás és/vagy filozófia? [Is Buddhism a religion and/or a Philosophy?]", in Kendeffy Gábor and Kopeczky Rita, eds., *Vallásfogalmak sokfélesége [The Diversity of the Concepts of Religion]*. Budapest: L'Harmattan Kiadó, 2012. pp. 69-75. (ISBN: 978-963-236-623-4)

"On the Technique of Translating Buddhist Texts into Uygur", in Sven Bretfeld and Jens Wilkens, eds., *Indien und Zentralasien – Sprach- und Kulturkontakt: Vorträge des Göttinger Symposiums vom 7. bis 10. Mai 2001*. Wiesbaden: Otto Harrassowitz, 2003. pp. 85-94. (ISBN: 3447047194)

"A szanszkrit *bhagavat* szó jelentősége a tibeti Sitātapatrā-szövegek hagyományozásának vizsgálatában [The significance of the Sanskrit word *Bhagavat* in the Study of the Transmission of the Tibetan Sitātapatrā Texts]", in Birtalan Ágnes and Yamaji Masanori, eds., *Orientalista Nap 2000 [Orientalists' Day 2000]*. Budapest: MTA Orientalisztikai Bizottság - ELTE Orientalisztikai Intézet, 2001. pp. 174-182. (ISBN: 963-463-526-1)

"Preliminary Notes on the Uigur and Tibetan Versions of the *Sitātapatrādhāraṇī*", in Árpád Berta ed., *Historical and Linguistic Interaction between Inner-Asia and Europe: Proceedings of the 39th Permanent International Altaistic Conference (PIAC)*. Szeged: JATE - John Benjamins (Studia Uralo-Altaica 39.), 1997. pp. 229-241. (ISBN: 9630481-881-1)

REFEREED ARTICLES:

"The Turkic Peoples of Central Asia and Buddhism." *Mongolo-Tibetica Pragensia* 8/2 (2015): pp. 15-42.

(with Alice Sárközi) "Traces of Uygur Influence on the Mongolian Translations of *Sitātapatrādhāraṇī*." *Acta Orientalia Hungarica* (2015) [accepted for publication]

(with András Máté-Tóth), "Vallástörténet és vallástudomány: [History of Religion and *Religionswissenschaft*]." *Vallástudományi Szemle [Religious Studies Review]* 2: (2) (2006): pp. 199-211.

"On the Brāhmī Glosses of the Uygur Sitātapatrā Text." *Central Asiatic Journal* 47 (2003): pp. 91-109.

(with András Máté-Tóth) "Madarská věda o náboženstvích a Katedra religionistiky v Szegedu [Religious Studies in Hungary and the Department for the Study of Religions in Szeged]". *Religio: Revue pro Religionistiku* (Brno. Czech Republic) 9:(1) (2001): pp. 107-112.

REVIEW ARTICLES:

Review of Eine Buddhistische Apokalypse. Die Höllenskapitel (20-25) und die Schlußkapitel (26-27) der Hami-Handschrift der alttürkischen Maitrisimit. unter Einbeziehung von Manuskriptteilen des Textes aus Sängim und Murtuk, by Geng Shimin, H.-J. Klimkeit and J. P. Laut. *Acta Orientalia Hungarica* 53 (2000): pp. 258-261.

Review of Fluent Tibetan. A Proficiency Oriented Learning System. Novice and Intermediate Levels I - III, by William A. Magee and Elizabeth S. Napper. *The Tibet Journal* 21 (Winter 1996): pp. 68-74.

OTHER PUBLICATION:

"The eight seminar of the IATS in Bloomington". *Acta Orientalia Hungarica* 52 (1999): pp. 99-100.

DISSERTATION:

"The One with the White Parasol: Four Sitātapatrā Texts in the Derge Kanjur and a Dunhuang Text (Pelliot tibétain, No. 45) with an Annotated English Translation of the Longest Canonical Version." PhD diss. University of Vienna, 2000, 151 pp.

Papers, Lectures, and Conference Participation:

- 2015 Conference Paper. "The Meanings of *čšapt* and Related Terms as Found in Old Uygur Religious Literature". Conference on "The Role of Religion in Turkic Culture", Budapest, Hungary. 9-11 September.
- Invited paper. "When the "master" becomes "king". Notes on the translations of the "Healing Buddha/Bodhisattva" in Central Asian Buddhist Literature" Conference on "Towards a History of 15th Century Tibet: Cultural Blossoming, Religious Fervour and Political Unrest", the Lumbini International Research Institute (LIRI), Lumbini, Nepal. 9-14 March.
- 2014 Invited paper. "The Testimony of Old Uygur Buddhist Pilgrim-Graffiti." *Religious Studies in Hungarian Universities*: a colloquium organized jointly by the University of Szeged and the Central European University's Center for Religious Studies. Budapest, Hungary. 9 October.
- 2013 Conference paper. "Erőszak-Mentesség. Az önégetés a buddhista hagyományban [Violence or Non-. The Self-Immolation in the Buddhist Tradition]." Conference on "Vallás és erőszak [Religion and Violence]". Szeged, Hungary. 6 December.
- 2011 Conference paper. "The Testimony of Old Uygur Buddhist Pilgrim-Graffiti." The 10th Conference of the European Association for the Study of Religions (EASR), Budapest, Hungary. 18-22 September.
- Conference paper (with Dr. Alice Sárközi). "An Analysis of the Mongolian Buddhist Terminology as Observed in the Mongolian Translations of *Sitātapatrādhāraṇī*." The XVIth Congress of the International Association of Buddhist Studies, New Taipei City, Taiwan. 20-25 June.
- 2010 Invited paper. "On Uyghur Buddhist Texts Translated from Tibetan. History, State-of-the-Art, Tasks." Workshop on "The Role of the Germans and Hungarians in Research on Central Asia", Berlin, Germany. 12-13 November.
- Invited paper. "Going on Uygur Buddhist Pilgrimage." Conference on "Buddhist Pilgrimage in History and Present Times", the Lumbini International Research Institute (LIRI), Lumbini, Nepal. 11-13 January.
- 2009 Conference paper (with Prof. Max Deeg). "Reading A Dhāraṇī – Problems Concerning the Indian Sitātapatrā in the Light of Amoghavajra's Transcription and the Tibetan Translations from Dunhuang." 14th World Sanskrit Conference, Kyoto, Japan. 31 Aug.- 5 September.
- 2008 Conference paper. "Religious Contacts and Interactions between the Uygurs and the Tibetans." The XVth Congress of the International Association of Buddhist Studies (IABS), Atlanta, Georgia (USA). 23-29 June.

- Invited Lecture. "Buddhism among the Turks - History and Literature." Cardiff University, School of Religious and Theological Studies Seminar, Cardiff, UK. 29 October.
- 2006 Conference paper. "Buddhist Communities in Present-Day Hungary - Some Questions and Some Answers." CERES (Central European Religious Studies) 2006, Bratislava, Slovakia. 23-25 October.
- Conference paper. "The Making of an Uygur-Tibetan Vocabulary." The 11th Seminar of the International Association for Tibetan Studies (IATS), Bonn, Germany. 27 August- 2 September.
Co-organizer of the Panel "Tibetan Philology, Linguistics and Lexicography".
- 2005 Invited Lectures. "Demonesses in Buddhist Protective Literature." "Disease-Causing Demons in the *Mahāmayūrīvidyārājñī* and *Sitātapatrādhāraṇī*." Institute for South Asian, Tibetan and Buddhist Studies, University of Vienna, Vienna, Austria. 14, 15 April.
- Conference paper. "Benevolent and Fierce Deities: On the Concept of the Demonic in Tantric Buddhism." 19th World Congress of the International Association for the History of Religions (IAHR), Tokyo, Japan. 24-30 March.
- Invited Public Lecture. "'No Salvation Outside the Church?'" On the Significance of the Sangha in Early Buddhism." West Virginia University, Morgantown (USA). 15 February.
- 2004 Invited Lecture. "Uygur Buddhism." Institute for South Asian, Tibetan and Buddhist Studies, University of Vienna, Vienna, Austria. 14, May.
- 2001 Conference paper. "On the Technique of Translating Buddhist Texts into Uygur." Symposium "Indien und Zentralasien–Sprach- und Kulturkontakt" Göttingen, Germany. 7-10 May.
- 2000 Conference paper. "Religious Studies in Hungary." 18th World Congress of the International Association for the History of Religions (IAHR), Durban, South Africa, 5-12 August.
- 1998 Conference paper. "Kashmirian Religious and Cultural Elements in the *Sitātapatrādhāraṇī*." The 9th Seminar of the International Association for Tibetan Studies (IATS), Bloomington, Indiana (USA). 25-31 July.
- 1997 Conference paper. "On the Uigur and Tibetan Versions of *Uṣṇīṣavijayā-dhāraṇī*." Workshop in Turkic Studies, Georgia Augusta Göttingen University, Seminar für Turkologie und Zentralasienkunde, Göttingen, Germany. November.
- 1996 Conference paper. "Preliminary Notes on the Uigur and Tibetan Versions of the *Sitātapatrādhāraṇī*." 39th Permanent International Altaistic Conference, Szeged, Hungary. 16-21 June.

1995 Conference paper. "Remarks on Some Uygur Translations from Tibetan." The 7th Seminar of the International Association for Tibetan Studies (IATS), Graz, Austria. June.

Professional Organizations:

Hungarian Association for Study of Religions; International Association for the History of Religion; International Association for Tibetan Studies; International Association of Buddhist Studies; Public Body of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences.

Editorial Boards:

- HIERON: Studies in Comparative Religion. (Comenius University, Bratislava, Slovakia)
- Keréknyomok: Orientalisztikai és buddhológiai folyóirat [Journal of Oriental and Buddhist Studies] (Budapest, Hungary).

Professional and University Services:

- 2011 Coordinator of "Religious Transformations in the Contemporary European Societies II." - ERASMUS Intensive Programme supported by Tempus Public Foundation/LLP NA Hungary, University of Szeged, Szeged, Hungary. 15-28 August.
- 2010 Coordinator of "Religious Transformations in the Contemporary European Societies I." - ERASMUS Intensive Programme supported by Tempus Public Foundation/LLP NA Hungary, University of Szeged, Szeged, Hungary. 16-30 August.
- 2009 Invited Presentation. "The Experiences of International Intensive Programs." Workshop on "The Internalization in the Higher Education." University of Szeged, International Relations Centre, Szeged, Hungary. 3 December
- 2008 Coordinator of "Religion in the Changing World" - ERASMUS Intensive Programme supported by Tempus Public Foundation/LLP NA Hungary, University of Szeged, Szeged, Hungary. 18-30 August.
- 2008-present Deputy Head of the Department for the Study of Religions, University of Szeged.
- 2006-2008 Visiting and Evaluating Committee, Hungarian Accreditation Committee.
- 2006 Coordinator of "Religiousness in a Changing World" - ERASMUS Intensive Programme supported by Tempus Public Foundation/LLP NA Hungary, University of Szeged, Szeged, Hungary. 21 August - 1 September.
- Workshop organizer. "New Approaches in the Study of Religions." University of Szeged, Szeged, Hungary. 27 April.
- Cataloguing the Tibetological items and materials (books, offprints etc.) belonging the private collection of Prof. András Róna-Tas for the

University Library of Szeged. (In 2007 the collection was donated to the Library.)

- 2005 International workshop co-organizer. "The Position of Religious Studies in the Higher Education of Central European Countries." University of Szeged, Szeged, Hungary. May.
- 2003-present Departmental Erasmus coordinator.
- 2001-present Co-founder and coordinator of the Network "Study of Religions" in the framework of CEEPUS (*Central European Exchange Programme in University Studies*).
- 2001-2005 Committee of Oriental Studies of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences.
- 1998-1999 Collaboration in the work of curriculum and course development that established the Study of Religion Major in the Faculty of Arts, University of Szeged.

Awards/Grants:

- 2010-2013 Principal Investigator. "The Mongolian *Sitātapatrādhāraṇīs*. A Philological and Religio-cultural Study." Grant from the Hungarian Research Fund (OTKA, project no. K 81908). (With a field-work in Mongolia in July/August 2012.)
- 2008-2010 "The Sanskrit, Tibetan and Chinese *Sitātapatrādhāraṇīs*. A Philological and Historical Study." Joint Research with Prof. Max Deeg (Cardiff University). Grant from the Lumbini International Research Institute (LIRI), Nepal.
- 1996 Postgraduate Scholarship of "Stiftung Aktion Österreich-Ungarn" at the Institute for Tibetan and Buddhist Studies, University of Vienna, Austria. Co-sponsored by the Soros Foundation (2 000 USD). Period: 1 March - 30 June.
- 1993-1994 Postgraduate Scholarship at the Department of Buddhist Studies, University of Delhi, India. Grant from the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR).
- 1992-1993 Language and study scholarship of the Tibetan Administration-In-Exile at the Library of Tibetan Works and Archives, Dharamsala, India. Co-sponsored by the Supplementary Program of the Soros Foundation (2 000 USD).
- 1989 Language scholarship of TÖMER in Istanbul, Turkey. July-Sept.

Research interests:

Turkic Languages and civilizations, religion and literature; History of Buddhism; Uygur, Tibetan and Mongolian Buddhism; Philology of Religion.

Languages:

Active: Hungarian (native speaker), English

Reads German, Turkish, Tibetan, Russian; Classical languages: Written/Classical Tibetan, Written/Classical Mongolian, Old- and Middle-Turkic/Uyghur.