Buddhist Art Forum  Wednesday 11 to Saturday 14 April 2012
Kenneth Clark Lecture Theatre, The Courtauld Institute of Art, Somerset House, Strand, London WC2R 0RN

This Forum will be a major event of an exceptional kind, seeking to address the philosophical issues concerning Buddhism and art in a profound and holistic way. Drawing contributors from widely varied backgrounds from Asia and the rest of the world, the Forum will have four overarching themes dealing with Buddhist art: definition; creation and function; conservation; and its role in the contemporary world.

It will be the first time that a representative group of those with a stake in Buddhist art—monks, artists, art historians, archaeologists, conservators, curators, and officials—are gathered to consider such issues, and a unique opportunity for synergistic discussion. Prompted by The Courtauld’s engagement with the complex challenges of preserving Buddhist art in China, India and Bhutan and The Ho Family Foundation’s aim to promote understanding of Buddhism, it is hoped that the Forum will make a genuine contribution to the awareness and understanding of issues and developments beyond regional and specialist boundaries.

About forty contributors will engage with an audience of scholars, students and the general public who will participate in discussion throughout the event. The Forum will include evening receptions jointly hosted with the Victoria and Albert Museum and the British Museum, and another in The Courtauld Gallery.

Booking is for all four days of the Forum. To book a place: £100 (£75 Courtauld staff/students and concessions). BOOK ONLINE: http://courtauld-institute.digitalmuseum.co.uk. For payment by cheque, or for further information, email ResearchForumEvents@courtauld.ac.uk. Since places are limited, The Courtauld regrets that it cannot guarantee that all booking requests will be accepted.

Organised by David Park and Kuenga Wangmo (The Courtauld Institute of Art)
### PROGRAMME

#### DAY 1

**DEFINING BUDDHIST ART**

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10.15 – 10.45  Matthew Kapstein (University of Chicago): The Oracle and Temple of La mo ICog: Aspects of History and Iconography

10.45 – 11.15  Tadeusz Skorupski (School of Oriental and African Studies, London): Buddha's Stupa and Image: In search of the Ultimate Icon

11.15 – 11.30  Discussion

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Session 2:  Chair: Beth McKillop (Victoria and Albert Museum, London)

12.00 – 12.30  Youngsook Pak (School of Oriental and African Studies, London): Blazing Light. Calamity-Solving Images in Medieval Korea


13.00 – 13.15  Discussion

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Session 3:  Chair: Sharon Cather (The Courtauld Institute of Art)

14.45 – 15.15  Dorjee Tshering (Department of Culture, Thimphu): Relationship of Conservation to the Function of Monuments with Particular Reference to Buddhism in Bhutan

15.15 – 15.45  John Clarke and Diana Heath (Victoria and Albert Museum, London): A New Image of the Mahasiddha Virupa, a Major Addition to the Corpus of Yongle Bronzes: Conservation and Art Historical Investigations

15.45 – 16.00  Discussion

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Session 4:  Chair: Deborah Swallow (The Courtauld Institute of Art)

16.30 – 17.00  Alice Kandell (New York): Why Collect Tibetan Art?

17.00 – 17.30  Francesca Herndon-Consagra (Pulitzer Foundation for the Arts, St Louis): Opening the Eyes: Experiencing Buddhist Art in a Building by Tadao Ando

17.30 – 17.45  Discussion

18.45 – 20.30  Evening Reception in the Joseph E Hotung Gallery of Oriental Antiquities at the British Museum
DAY 3  CONSERVATION OF BUDDHIST ART

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Session 1:  Chair: Sharon Cather (The Courtauld Institute of Art)


10.45 – 11.15  Lisa Shekede and Stephen Rickerby (The Courtauld Institute of Art): Buddhist Wall Paintings of Bhutan: Material Traditions and Conservation Realities

11.15 – 11.30  Discussion

11.30 – 12.00  COFFEE/TEA BREAK (tea-coffee provided – seminar room 1)

Session 2:  Chair: David Park (The Courtauld Institute of Art)

12.00 – 12.30  Charlotte Martin de Fonjauadran (The Courtauld Institute of Art), Sreekumar Menon and Maninder Singh Gill (Art Conservation Solutions, Delhi): Sumda Chun and Other Early Buddhist Wall Painting Sites in Ladakh: Practical and Ethical Conservation Issues from Obscuring Surface Layers to Failing Structures


13.00 – 13.15  Discussion

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14.45 – 15.15  Wang Xudong (Dunhuang Academy): The Issues Facing the Dunhuang Caves and Preventative Conservation

15.15 – 15.45  Lorinda Wong (Getty Conservation Institute, Los Angeles): Applying the China Principles: the Getty Conservation Institute’s Work at Dunhuang and Chengde in China

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Session 4:  Chair: Sharon Cather (The Courtauld Institute of Art)

16.30 – 17.00  Susan Whitfield (The British Library, London): The International Dunhuang Project and the Conservation and Digitisation of Buddhist Art

17.00 – 17.30  Yoko Taniguchi (University of Tsukuba): Conserving Bamiyan’s Wall Paintings: Dilemmas and Practical Issues

17.30 – 17.45  Discussion

18.30 – 20.30  Evening Reception in The Courtauld Gallery
DAY 4  ROLE OF BUDDHIST ART IN THE CONTEMPORARY WORLD

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Session 2:
Chair: Kate Crosby (School of Oriental and African Studies, London)
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17.00 – 17.30 Marsha Haufler (University of Kansas): Gifts for Mt. Myohyang: Pohyon Temple and the International Friendship Exhibition
17.30 – 18.00 Boreth J. Ly (University of California, Santa Cruz): Politics of Visions: Manifestations of Maitreya in Mainland Southeast Asia Art
18.00 Discussion and Concluding Remarks