

## Zsóka Gelle: Curriculum vitae

### 1. Current Coordinates

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### 2. Personal Data

Passport name: Erzsébet Gelle

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### 3. Education

2011-2014	Doctoral College for Cultural Transfers and Cross-Contacts on the Himalayan Borderlands, University of Vienna
2005-2006	Colloquial Tibetan language course at the Manjushree Institute, Darjeeling, India
1990-1995	ELTE University of Arts and Sciences, Inner Asian Department, Tibetan Studies (BA and MA)
1986-1990	Teachers' Training College "Berzsenyi Dániel", Szombathely, majors: History and Non-Profit Management (BA)

### 4. Career History

08.2018-	Independent researcher and translator
09.2016-07.2018	Head of the Hyolmo Heritage Project
11.2014-08.2016	Khyentse Fellow, Budapest Centre for Buddhist Studies, ELTE University, Budapest (teaching Tibetan literature, Sacred geography and Tibetan Buddhism courses)
08.2014-10.2014	Tibetan copy-editor of the catalogue of the Tucci thangka exhibition, University of Vienna, Western Himalayan Archive. The catalogue was published as a book titled <i>Discovering Tibet: The Tucci Expeditions and Tibetan Paintings</i> by Skira in Milan in 2016.
03.2011-2014	Research assistant at the University of Vienna, Member of the Doctoral College for Cultural Transfers and Cross-Contacts in the Himalayan Borderlands
2007-2010	Tour operator in Tibet, Nepal, Japan, China

### 5. Recent Career-related Activities: Workshops, Conferences, Collaborations

16-19. 07. 2019	11th International Conference of Asia Scholars, Leiden, The Netherlands (On the lineage history of Karma Chosang, a popular lama of Yolmo and Tamang Buddhists)
7-13. 07. 2019	15th Seminar of the International Association for Tibetan Studies, Paris, France ('Extraordinary and marvelous nectar for the ear' – The Life and Works of Zilnon Wangyal Dorje, the 4 <sup>th</sup> Yolmowa Tulku)
10-11. 01. 2019	Evolution of Tradition: Interrogating Transformations in Traditional Folk Performing Arts Conference by Centre for Knowledge Ideas & Development Studies (KnIDS), Kolkata, India (Mani Lamas of Tibet – An ancient storyteller tradition from a new perspective)
24-26. 07. 2018	The Annual Kathmandu Conference on Nepal and the Himalaya, Kathmandu, Nepal (Tibetan sources on the political and religious contacts between Tibet, Yolmo and the Kathmandu Valley in the 17-18 <sup>th</sup> century)
19-24. 06. 2016	14th Seminar of the International Association for Tibetan Studies, Bergen, Norway (Ama Yangri, the Goddess Riding on a Dragon – A Mountain Cult in the Nepal Himalaya)

- 26-27.05.2016 The Buddha's Words and Their Interpretations, Otani University, Kyoto (Treasure Texts on the Age of Decline – Authorship and Authenticity in Tibetan Prophetic Literature)
- 29.04.2016 Buddhas, Saints, Masters, ELTE University, Budapest (The Chariot of Certainty – The Biography of Terbön Nyima Sengge)
- 25.09.2015 Making Ends Meet – Cross-Cultural Perspectives on the End of Times in Medieval Christianity, Islam, and Buddhism, VISCOM, Vienna (General Description of Hidden Lands – Rigzin Gödem's Prophecy on the Age of Decline)
- 24.04.2015 Holy mountains, holy men conference organized by the Budapest Centre for Buddhist Studies, ELTE University, Budapest (The Subjugation of Ama Yangri - Syncretism in Zomia)
- 16.04.2015 International Workshop on Mongolian Buddhism, ELTE University, Budapest (Enemies or Allies? - The image of Mongolians in Tibetan prophetic literature and historical sources)
- 21.11.2014 History of Religions Workshop, Pázmány Péter Catholic University, Budapest (Interpreting Tibetan prophetic texts on Yolmo in the context of Buddhist cosmology)
- 14-15.11.2014 Yolmo Workshop, University of Heidelberg (Tibetan Prophecies on Hidden Lands or Cure Narratives of Buddhist eschatology?)
- 18-23.08.2014 Conference of the International Association of Buddhist Studies, Vienna (Notes on the Sacred Geography of Yolmo Gangra)
- 13.05.2014 Interpreting the Words of the Buddha Conference in Budapest organized by the Budapest Centre for Buddhist Studies, ELTE University in collaboration with Khyentse Foundation (A *Gter ma* on the Declining Age – On the Authorship and Authenticity of a 14th century Tibetan Manuscript)
- 7.05.2014 Crossing Borders Workshop at SOAS, London (Hidden Lands in the Himalaya – A Story of Buddhist eschatology and Himalayan Migration)
- 24-25.04.2014 BNAC Nepal Study Day in Oxford (Notes on the Sacred Geography of Yolmo)
- 24.05.2013 Sacred Topography and Cultural Transfer in the Himalayas (Subjugation of the Mountain Goddess – Notes on the Cult of Ama Yangri in Yolmo, Nepal), University of Vienna.
- 18.05.2012 Symbiosis. Forum of Hungarian Anthropologists. (Tibetan literature on the Age of Decline)
- 14.05.2011 Symbiosis. Forum of Hungarian Anthropologists. (Delog Kunga Randrol)
- 30.09.2010 IV. Lay Buddhist Forum, Korea. (Ratnabhadra's namthar – In Memoriam Buchen Gyurme, 1930-2004)
- 12-13.02.2010 International Conference on Buddhism in East Asia: Traditions, Changes and Challenges. Delhi University. (The Mani Lama tradition and its Indian parallels)

## 7. Publications

### Articles in English

- 2020 Treasure Texts on the Age of Decline: Prophecies concerning the Hidden Land of Yolmo, their reception and impact. In: *Cultures of Eschatology, vol. 1: Empires and Scriptural Authorities in Medieval Christian, Islamic and Buddhist Communities*. Wien: De Gruyter
- 2020 A Treasure Text on the Age of Decline: Authorship and Authenticity in Tibetan Prophetic Literature. In: *The Words of the Buddha*. Kyoto: Otani University.
- 2018 Sa bdag, gzhi bdag, yul lha. In: *Encyclopedia of Buddhism, vol. 2*. Leiden: Brill
- 2014 Hidden Lands in the Himalaya – Notes on a story of Buddhist eschatology and Himalayan migration (web publication by SOAS, London)
- 2012 Masters of the Mani Mantra – A Tibetan Narrative Tradition and Its Indian Parallels. In: *Buddhism in East Asia*. Delhi: Vidyanidhi Prakashan

- 2010 Ratnabhadra's Lifestory – The Origin of a Tibetan Narrative Tradition – In Memoriam Buchen Gyurme, 1930-2004. In: *Buddhism in the 21st century*. Korea: IV. Lay Buddhist Forum (also published in Korean)
- 2003 The Masters of Mani mantra. In: *Demons and Protectors*. Budapest: Hopp Ferenc Museum of East-Asian Art

### Articles in Hungarian

- 2019 Tibetan sources on the history of the Bodhnath Stupa. *Orpheus Noster* 11:3. Budapest: Gaspar Karoli University of the Reformed Church
- 2019 Inner Demons and the Tibetan Practice of "Cutting" (gcod). In: *On the Other Side of the Intermediate State – The Art of Tibor Hajas and the Tibetan Mysteries*. Budapest: Ferenc Hopp Museum of Asiatic Arts
- 2017 Ama Yangri, the Dakini Riding on a Dragon – A Mountain Cult in the Nepali Himalaya. In: *Sacred Mountains, Holy Men*. Budapest: Budapest Centre for Buddhist Studies
- 2015 Yolmo Maṅdala – In Memoriam Horváth Z. Zoltán. In: *Kéréknyomok*. Budapest: TKBF
- 2015 *Gter ma* on the Age of Decline – Notes on Authorship and Authenticity. In: *Lotus Lake under Blue Mountains, Essays in Honour of Géza Bethlenfalvy*. Budapest: L'Harmattan
- 2012 Monastic Dance in Tibet. In: *Kéréknyomok*. Budapest: TKBF
- 2010 Mo – Tibetan Divination. In: *Demons and Protectors – Tracing Our Ancestors*. Budapest: ELTE University Press
- 2009 Ratnabhadra's Namthar. *Keletkutatás*. Budapest: ELTE
- 2006 The Tibetan Narrative Thangka and Its Indian Genesis. *Keletkutatás*. Budapest: ELTE
- 2005 Kunga Rangdol's Journey into Hell – An Account of a Tibetan Delog. In: *Proceedings for Prof. György Kara's 70th birthday*. Budapest: ELTE
- 2003 The Masters of Mani mantra. In: *Demons and Protectors*. Budapest: Hopp Ferenc Museum of East-Asian Art
- 2002 Tibet – Myth and Reality. *Minority Studies and Reviews*. Budapest: Hungarian Academy of Sciences

### Translation

- 2007 Chogyal Namkhai Norbu. *The Crystal and the Way of Light*. (translation from English into Hungarian)
- 2019 Chogyal Namkhai Norbu. *The Life and Times of Jamyang Khyentse Chokyi Lodro (1893-1959)* (translation from English into Hungarian)

### Editing, copy-editing

- 2017 (editor with Imre Hamar and Gábor Kósa) *Holy mountains, holy men*. Budapest: Budapest Centre for Buddhist Studies, ELTE University
- 2017 Chögyal Namkhai Norbu. *The Tibetan Book of the Dead. Awakening Upon Dying*. Budapest: MDzK
- 2016 Chögyal Namkhai Norbu. *Rainbow Body. The Life and Realization of Togden Ugyen Tendzin*. Budapest: MDzK
- 2016 Chögyal Namkhai Norbu. *Shine and Lhagthong in the Dzogchen Teaching*. Budapest: MDzK
- 2016 (Tibetan copy-editor of) *Discovering Tibet: The Tucci Expeditions and Tibetan Paintings*. (Ed.) Deborah Klimburg-Salter. Milano: Skira
- 2016 Chögyal Namkhai Norbu. *Shine and Lhagthong*. Budapest: MDzK
- 2004 Chögyal Namkhai Norbu. *Mirror*. Budapest: Kristály Alapítvány
- 2003 *Demons and Protectors*. Budapest: Hopp Ferenc East-Asian Museum
- 2002 Chögyal Namkhai Norbu. *Dream Yoga and the Practice of Natural Light*. Budapest: Kristály Fdn
- 2002 Chögyam Trungpa. *Born in Tibet*. Budapest: Bodhisattva Publications

- 2000 His Holiness, the Dalai Lama. *Ethics for the New Millennium*. Budapest: Európa Publishing House
- 2000 Ceyon Shakabpa. *Tibet – A Political History*. Budapest: Osiris-Bodhisattva Publications
- 1999 *The Art of Tibetan Medicine*. Budapest: Sweetwater Publishing House

**Consultant for the Hungarian version of documentary films**

- 2006 Puma Yumtso. HBO
- 2006 The Third Pole by Michel Peissel. HBO
- 2005 The Dzogchen Monastery. Spektrum TV. HBO
- 2002 The Mandala. Spektrum TV. HBO