

Zsóka Gelle: Curriculum vitae

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Personal Data

Passport name: Erzsébet Gelle

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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)

Recent certificates

10. 2024	Art and Heritage Management, Università Bocconi, Coursera
02. 2023	Digital and Creative Industries, Easy Sussex College Group, Video Production
02. 2022	Graphic Design, California Institute of the Arts, Coursera, 5 courses
11. 2020	Cambridge English Level 5, CELTA, Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages

Career History

05. 2021 - till now	Archivist at the Dame Vera Lynn Archive
09. 2016 - 04. 2021	Independent researcher, 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- 04. 2014	Research assistant at the University of Vienna, Member of the Doctoral College for Cultural Transfers and Cross-Contacts in the Himalayan Borderlands
03. 2007 - 11. 2010	Tour operator in Tibet, Nepal, Japan, China (Intrepid, G Adventures)

Recent Career-related Activities: Workshops, Conferences, Collaborations

17-19. 10. 2024	First International Conference on the Northern Treasures, Paris, France (Prophecies, legends and histories concerning the life of the great treasure master, Ngachang Shakya Zangpo)
3-9. 07. 2022	16th Seminar of the International Association for Tibetan Studies, Prague, (General Description of Hidden Lands, An analysis of five versions of the <i>Spyi'i them byang</i>)
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 4th 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 17-18th 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)
07. 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)

Publications

Articles in English

- 2022 Eschatology and Apocalypticism: Tibet (working title). In: *Encyclopedia of Buddhism*. Vol. 3. Thoughts. Leiden: Brill. (submitted)
- 2021 A Treasure Text on the Age of Decline: Authorship and Authenticity in Tibetan Prophetic Literature. In: *The Buddha's Words and Their Interpretations*. Inoue, Takami and Imre Hamar (eds.). Kyoto: The Shin Buddhist Comprehensive Research Institute, Otani University.
- 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.
- 2019 Spirits of the Soil, Land, and Locality in Tibet (sa bdag, gzhi bdag, yul lha). In: *Brill's Encyclopedia of Buddhism*. Vol. 2. Lives. 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: Vidyaniidhi 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 (English and Korean).
- 2003 The Masters of Mani mantra. In: *Demons and Protectors*. Budapest: Hopp Ferenc Museum of East-Asian Art.

Ongoing writing projects

Articles

Prophecies, Legends, and Histories Concerning the Life of the Great Treasure Master: sNgags 'chang Shākya bzang po (RET 2025)

General Introduction to the Hidden Lands —Notes to the *Spyi'i them byang* (RET 2025)

Book

Ama Yangri, the goddess riding on a dragon – Mountain cult in the Nepal Himalaya (Vajra Publications)

Articles in Hungarian

- 2025 Tibetan literature (book chapter). In: *Buddhismus*. Budapest: l'Harmattan. (print in progress)
- 2024 Inventory that makes you smile – A folk compendium from the Nepali Himalaya. *Keréknymok*. Budapest: TKBF.
- 2023 Tibetan sources on the life and activities of sNgags 'chang Shākya bZang po. *Keréknymok*. Budapest: TKBF.
- 2022 Self-existing light. Narratives in the cult of the Svayambhu caitya. In Memoriam Géza Bethlenfalvy. *Keréknymok*. Budapest: TKBF.
- 2019 Tibetan sources on the history of the Bodhnath Stupa. *Orpheus Noster* 11:3. Budapest: Gáspár Károli 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 Maṇḍala – In Memoriam Horváth Z. Zoltán. In: *Keréknymok*. 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: *Keréknymok*. Budapest: TKBF.

- 2010 Mo – Tibetan Divination. In: *Demons and Protectors in Mongolia and Tibet*. Budapest: l'Harmattan.
- 2009 On the Origin of Mani Lamas. *Keletkutatás*. Budapest: ELTE.
- 2006 The Mani 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.

Book translations from English into Hungarian:

- 2022 Shamar Rinpoche. 2014. *Path to Awakening : How Buddhism's Seven Points of Mind Training Can Lead You to a Life of Enlightenment and Happiness*. Delphinium Books. (Samar Rinpöcse: A felébredéshez vezető út, avagy hogyan vezet a hétpontos tudat-tréning egy megvilágosodott, boldog élethez)
- 2020 Namkhai Norbu. 2012. *The Lamp That Enlightens Narrow Minds : The Life and Times of a Realized Tibetan Master, Khyentse ChöKyi Wangchug*. Shang Shung Publications. (Csögyal Namkhai Norbu: A korlátoltság sötétjét megvilágító lámpás)
- 2019 Shamar Rinpoche. 2013. *Boundless Awakening the Heart of Buddhist Meditation*. Chicago: Rabsel Publications. (Samar Rinpöcse: Határtalan felébredés – A buddhista meditáció szíve)
- 2007 Namkhai Norbu, and John Shane. 2000. *The Crystal and the Way of Light : Sutra, Tantra and Dzogchen*. Ithaca, NY, USA: Snow Lion Publications. (Csögyal Namkhai Norbu: A kirstály és a fény útja)

Editing, copy-editing

- 2017 (editor with Imre Hamar and Gábor Kósa) *Holy mountains, holy men*. Budapest: Budapest Centre for Buddhist Studies.
- 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 Cepon 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