

# OCR AND BEYOND

Doing Philology, Building Structured Corpora, and Computer-aided Annotation Workflows in the Age of Generative AI

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JST Time zone

**LOCATION:** Tohoku University  
Katahira Campus WPI- AIMR Main Building (B01)  
Seminar Room on the 2nd floor

## SATURDAY

10:00–10:05

### OPENING: WELCOME

Sebastian Nehrdich

10:05–10:35

### On Reading Śāstra with Claude: Practical Reflections on AI in Sanskrit Studies

Kei Kataoka

10:35–11:05

### Indological Research in 2026: How AI is helping, with various examples

Kengo Harimoto

11:05–11:35

### “They build a hut for the sacrificer” – Towards a word-aligned corpus of Vedic prose

Oliver Hellwig

11:35–12:20

### Discussion on Session 1 themes

Lead: Kyoko Amano

12:20–13:20

### LUNCH

13:20–13:50

### The Vedic Prose Corpus: Progress, Challenges, Visions

Sven Sellmer

13:50–14:20

### eText collections, repositories, and distribution: Observations towards quality control

Julian Schott

14:20–14:50

### Towards a Sustainable Dataset of Colophons, Paratexts, and Inscriptions

Ryan Conlon

14:50–15:35

### Discussion on Session 2 themes

Lead: Kengo Harimoto

15:35

### CLOSING

Session 1

Session 2

## SUNDAY

10:30–11:00

### HTR for Nepalese Manuscripts in Pracalit Script

Alexander J. O’Neill

11:00–11:30

### Who Is Speaking? Encoding and Detecting Quotation Layers in Japanese Esoteric Buddhist Texts

Gaetan Rappo

11:30–12:00

### Discussion on Session 3 themes

Lead: Oliver Hellwig, Sven Sellmer

12:00–13:00

### LUNCH

13:00–13:30

### A Preliminary Investigation of OCR Techniques for Tibetan Materials Preserved at Tohoku University

Ryuta Kikuya

13:30–14:00

### Seeing the Full Elephant: Vision Language Model and LLM Use at the Dharmamitra Project

Sebastian Nehrdich

14:00–14:15

### The Significance of Buddhist Studies in East Asian/Japanese Text Encoding

Kiyonori Nagasaki

14:15–15:00

### Discussion on Session 4 themes

Lead: Oliver Hellwig, Sven Sellmer

15:00

### CLOSING

Session 3

Session 4

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