

KARMA PHUNTSHO

PORTFOLIO

Main Positions

2020 -	Writer / Content Creator, Tsadra Foundation
2023 -	Spiritual Director, Bodhitse Centre for Study and Contemplation
2013 - 2018	Research Consultant, University of Virginia
2004 - 2012	Researcher, University of Cambridge
2003 - 2005	Post-Doctoral Researcher, EPHE and ESA 8047, CNRS, Paris
2000 - 2022	Founder and President (<i>pro bono</i>), The Loden Foundation

Other Academic Positions

2022 -	Board Member, International Association of Tibetan Studies
2022	Convenor, Buddha-Nature Panel, IATS, Prague
2020 -	Chairperson, Drukrig Network of Bhutan Scholars
2019 -	Advisory Board Member, <i>International Journal for Bhutan and Himalayan Research</i>
2016 -	Editorial Committee Member, <i>The Treasury of Lives</i>
2015 -	Editor, <i>The Druk Journal</i>
2013 - 2019	Research Associate, School of African and Oriental Studies
2013 - 2017	Editorial Board Member, <i>Himalaya</i>
2011 - 2014	Advisory Editor, <i>Bhutan Journal of Research and Development</i>
2010 - 2013	Advisor, Committee for Conservation of Vanishing Languages and Traditional Ecological Knowledge of Bhutan
2011 - 2014	Editor, <i>Journal of Oxford Centre for Buddhist Studies</i>
2005 - 2006	Spalding Fellow, Clare Hall, Cambridge
2000 - 2001	Fellow, Department of Sanskrit and Indian Studies, Harvard University
1997	Secretary and Lecturer, Ngagyur Nyingma Institute
1993 - 1994	Assistant Lecturer and co-editor for publications, Ngagyur Nyingma Institute

Non-Academic Work

2023	Convenor, Buddha-Nature Conference, Kathmandu.
2021 -	Chair, Committee for Selection of Film for International Awards
2020 - 2021	Deputy Chair, National Taskforce for Bhutan's 21 st Century Economic Roadmap
2020 - 2022	Member of Advisory Group, Bhutan Education and Technology Park, Thimphu
2019 -	Member of Advisory Board, Mountain Hazelnut
2015 - 2019	Member, University Council, Royal University of Bhutan
2014 - 2022	Secretary General, Ura Solidarity Association
2013 -	Trustee, Ogyen Choling Foundation
2013 - 2014	Member, Royal Education Council
1995 - 1997	Teacher, Dalit communities in south India
1994 - 1995	Head, Shugseb Nunnery, Dharamsala, India
1993	Secretary, Nyingma Prayer Festival, Bodh Gaya, India
1992 -	Interpreter from Tibetan to English / Dzongkha

1978 - 1986 I spent some time herding cows and working on my family farm

AWARD AND SCHOLARSHIP

2024	Ramon Magsaysay Award (Asia's premier prize and highest honor)
2015	Choice Outstanding Academic Title Award
2015	UN Volunteer Award
1998 - 2000	Overseas Research Scholarship, University of Oxford
1997 - 2000	Oxford Overseas Bursary, University of Oxford
1996 - 1997	First Prize, Ngagyur Nyingma Institute

EDUCATION

2003	D.Phil. Oriental Studies, Balliol College, University of Oxford
1999	M.St. in Oriental Studies (Sanskrit & Classical Indian Religions), University of Oxford (with distinction)
1997	The Holder of Esoteric and Definitive Doctrines (རེས་གསང་ལེགས་བཤད་མཛོད་འཆང་), with distinction, Ngagyur Nyingma Institute. (This is the degree awarded with the "Lopen" (སློབ་དཔོན) title)
1994	Master of Perfection (མར་ཕྱིན་རབ་འབྱམས་), Ngagyur Nyingma Institute.
1992	The Chief Exponent of the Middle Way (མཐའ་བྲལ་སྣུ་བའི་དབང་ཕྱུག་), Ngagyur Nyingma Institute.
1987 - 1988	Studies in logic and debates, Sera Monastery, Mysore, India
1986 - 1987	Monastic training, Cheri Monastery, Thimphu, Bhutan

SPIRITUAL PURSUITS

- Ecumenical follower of contemplative practices and regular speaker on Buddhist contemplative practices and social engagement.
- Attended Zen, Vipassana, and different Tibetan Buddhist meditation retreats and sessions and interfaith dialogues.
- Teach and led meditation and practice sessions.

LANGUAGES

Dzongkha, English, Tibetan, Bumthangkha, Khengkha, Kurtoep, Chocha Ngacha and Tshangla with proficiency. Good level of Sanskrit, Pali, Hindi, Nepali and reading French. Studied Chinese.

PUBLICATIONS (14 books, 70 articles and over 200 essays) 3

A/V & SOCIAL MEDIA OUTPUT (3 documentaries, led 3000+ ethnographic short film productions, contribute to 5 websites and 5 social media channels) 7

MEDIA COVERAGE (50+ TV/Radio/News coverage of my works) 8

TEACHING EXPERIENCE (Over 30 courses and 300 talks and presentations) 10

RESEARCH/MANAGEMENT EXPERIENCE (Some 17 projects in 30 years) 19

PUBLICATIONS (14 books, 70 articles and over 200 essays)

Authored Books

1. *The Statutes of Yakcho: Ura's Grand Annual Festival* (forthcoming)
2. (Co-author), *The Life and Deeds of Padmasambhava: A Bhutanese Chronicle*, National Library and Archives of Bhutan, 2020
3. (Co-author), *Made in Bhutan: Entrepreneur Stories*, Thimphu: Loden Foundation, 2018
4. *The History of Bhutan*, New Delhi: Random House, 2013 (Choice Magazine Outstanding Academic Title Award Winner 2015 and over 20 reviews)
5. *Mipham's Dialectics and the Debates on Emptiness: To be, Not to be or Neither*, London: RoutledgeCurzon, 2005
6. ཚོད་མའི་བསྟན་བཅོས་རིགས་པའི་ཐེམ་སྐུལ། (*Steps to Valid Reasoning: A Treatise on Logic and Epistemology*), Ngagyur Nyingma Institute, 1997 (textbook)
7. དུས་གསུམ་རབ་གསལ་སྒྲོབ་བ་གསལ་བ། (*New Radiance: A Study of Three Tenses*) (co-author), Ngagyur Nyingma Institute, 1995

Edited Books

1. *The Life and Works of Kyotön Monlam Tsultrim*, Loden Foundation, 2023.
2. *Pema Lingpa Day: Guru Practice and Prayers*, Religious Commission of Bhutan, 2020.
3. *Twilight Cultures*, Shejun, 2015
4. *The Autobiography of Pema Lingpa*, Shejun, 2015
5. *The Biography of Thugse Dawa Gyaltshen*, Shejun, 2015
6. *The Biography of Gyalse Pema Thinley*, Shejun, 2015
7. With Diemberger, *Ancient Treasures, New Discoveries: Proceedings of the XIth Seminar of International Association for Tibetan Studies*, Leiden: Brill Academic Publishers, 2010.
8. ལྷ་འགྲུབ་འོད་གསལ། (*Ngagyur Clear Light*), Ngagyur Nyingma Institute, 1996

Academic/Scholarly Articles and Book Reviews

1. Strengths and Weaknesses of the Four Traditions of Tibetan Buddhism: A Satirical Counsel by Mipham Namgyel Gyatso (1846-1912), *Journal of Tibetan Literature*, Vol. 3. No. 2 (2024).
2. Why Buddha-Nature Matters, *Buddhadharma*, Fall 2023.
3. 'Sacred Art among Hidden Treasures', [Himalayan Art in 108 Objects](#), Rubin Museum, 2023.
4. (with Maki and Pakhoutova), 'The Earliest Grand Buddhist Clay Sculpture in Bhutan and the Bhutanese Tradition of Clay Sculpting', [Himalayan Art in 108 Objects](#), Rubin Museum, 2023.

5. 'Traditions: Lost in Change', *The Druk Journal*, Autumn 2020, pp. 100-108.
6. 'From Poti to Pixels: Digitising Manuscripts in Bhutan' *Reasons and Lives in Buddhist Traditions: Studies in Honor of Matthew Kapstein*, Boston: Wisdom Publications, 2019, pp. 97-109.
7. 'Old Solutions for New Problems: Loden's Foundation's Efforts to Leverage Culture for Sustainable Development', *Intangible Cultural Heritage NGOs' Strategy in Achieving Sustainable Development*, Joenju: Intangible Cultural Heritage Centre for Asia Pacific Region, 2018, pp. 56-83.
8. 'Ura Yakchoe: The Grand Festival of Ura Village', *Splendours of Our Culture: Festivals of Bumthang Dzongkhag*, Thimphu: National Library and Archives of Bhutan, 2018, pp. 208-221.
9. 'Civic Society: Change, Challenge and Chance', *The Druk Journal*, Winter 2017, pp. 15-22.
10. 'The Promise of Broken Youth: A Positive Perspective', *The Druk Journal*, Summer 2017, pp. 33-41.
11. (With Hetényi, Roux-Mallouf, Berthet, Cattin, Cauzzi and Grolimund), 'Joint approach combining damage and paleoseismology observations constrains the 1714 A.D. Bhutan earthquake at magnitude 8 ± 0.5 ', *Geophysical Research Letters*, 43, doi: 1002/2016GL071033, pp. 1-8.
12. 'The Cultural Construction of Bhutan: An unfinished story', *The Druk Journal*, Spring 2015, pp. 53-61.
13. 'Religious History of the South: A very late review', *The Druk Journal*, Spring 2015, pp. 112-15.
14. 'The Tibetan Collection in Cambridge University Library', in Elliot, Diemberger and Clemente, *Buddha's Word: The Life of Books in Tibet and Beyond*, Cambridge: Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology, 2014, pp. 135-6.
15. "Closing Address" in Matthew Schuelka, *Proceedings from the International Conference on Leveraging Cultural Diversity*, Thimphu: Royal Thimphu College, 2013, pp. 51-4.
16. 'The Provenance and Cataloguing of the Younghusband Collection', *Inner Asia*, vol. 14, no. 1, pp. 121-130.
17. 'Reflections on Multidisciplinary Approach in Himalayan Studies: The Case of the Book', in McKay and Denjongpa, *Buddhist Himalaya: Studies in Religion, History and Culture*, Gangtok: Namgyal Institute of Tibetology, 2012, vol. 1, pp. 17-28.
18. 'Tibetan-Mongolian Rare Books and Manuscripts Project' with Diemberger and Quessel in Diemberger and Phuntsho, *Ancient Treasures, New Discoveries: Proceedings of the XIth Seminar of International Association for Tibetan Studies*, Andiast: International Institute for Tibetan and Buddhist Studies GmbH, 2010, pp. 223-248.
19. 'Unravelling Bhutanese Treasures' in Diemberger and Phuntsho, *Ancient Treasures, New Discoveries: Proceedings of the XIth Seminar of International Association for Tibetan*

- Studies*, Andiast: International Institute for Tibetan and Buddhist Studies GmbH, 2010, pp. 195-222.
20. Is the grass greener on the 'Other' side? (A review article of *Meeting the "Other": Living in the present, gender and sustainability in Bhutan* by Rieki Crins), *Newsletter 52*, Leiden: IIAS, 2009. Also at <http://www.iias.nl/article/grass-greener-other-side>
 21. 'Gangtey's Untold Treasures' in Ardussi and Tobgay (eds), *Written Treasures of Bhutan: Mirror of the past and bridge of the future - Proceedings of the first international conference on the rich scriptural heritage of Bhutan*, Thimphu: National Library, 2009.
 22. 'Ogyen Pema Lingpa, His Life and Legacy', *Dragon's Gift, the Sacred Arts of Bhutan*, Chicago: Serindia Publications, 2008.
 23. 'The Marriage of the Media and Religion: For Better or Worse', *Media and Public Culture - Proceedings of the Second International Seminar on Bhutan Studies*, Centre for Bhutan Studies, Thimphu, 2007, pp. 19-30.
 24. 'Ju Mipham rNam rgyal rGya mtsho: His Position in the Tibetan Religious Hierarchy and a Synoptic Survey of his Contributions', in Prats (ed) *Volume in Honour of E. Gene Smith*, New Delhi: Amnye Machen, 2007.
 25. 'Shifting Boundaries: Pramāṇa and Ontology in Dharmakṛti's Epistemology', *Journal of Indian Philosophy*, vol. 33, no. 4, August 2005, pp. 401-19.
 26. 'Nominal Persons and The Sound of Their Hands Clapping: a review article of *The Sound of Two Hands Clapping: The Education of a Tibetan Buddhist Monk* by George B. J. Dreyfus and *Self, Reality and Reason in Tibetan Philosophy* by Thubten Jinpa', *Buddhist Studies Review*, London, 2004, pp. 225-40.
 27. Review of John Pettit, *Mipham's Beacon of Certainty* in *Tibet Journal*, Vol. XXIX, No.1, pp. 108-12 Dharamsala, 2004.
 28. 'Echoes of Ancient Ethos: Some Reflections on Bhutanese Social Themes', *The Spider and the Piglet*, Thimphu: Centre for Bhutan Studies, 2004, pp. 564-80.
 29. 'Religion in Bhutan' in Melton & Baumann (eds) *Religions of the World: A Comprehensive Encyclopedia of Beliefs and Practices*, Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO Reference-book House, 2002.
 30. 'On the Two Ways of Learning in Bhutan', *Journal of Bhutan Studies*, Vol. 2, No. 2, Centre for Bhutan Studies, Thimphu, 2000, pp. 104-35.
 31. Review of Tom Tillemans, *Scripture, Logic, Language: Essays on Dharmakīrti and His Tibetan Successors* in *Journal of Royal Asiatic Society*, London, 2000.

General Writings

1. A weekly series on Bhutan's culture, *Kuensel*, over 200 essays of 1000-3000 words on Buddhism and Bhutanese culture published since 2014.
2. 'Introduction Bhutanese Buddhist Traditions' in *Bhután, a Mennydörgő Sárkány és az Össz nemzeteti Boldogság földje*, Budapest: Cornivus Univesity, 2023.

3. 'Zorig Chusum', *Window on Bhutan*, xix, New Delhi: Royal Bhutanese Embassy, 2022.
4. Bhutan's supreme spiritual leader becomes a trailblazer for Buddhist monasticism, *Kuensel*, 25 June, 2022.
5. The Shingkar solar project is a great initiative but for a different location, *Kuensel*, 28 August, 2021.
6. Time to Celebrate the Traditional Losar, *Kuensel*, 25 January, 2020.
7. 'Safeguarding Culture for Happiness in Bhutan', *ICHCAP Courier*, Joenju: ICHCAP, vol. 42, 2020.
8. Minding Our Gaps, *Kuensel*, 21 December, 2019.
9. Media Mindfulness: The Buddha's Advice for our Social Media Frenzy, *Kuensel*, 11 August 2018.
10. 'Trhuebab: The Descent of Sacred Water', *Kuensel*, 23 September 2017.
11. 'A Fresh Look at the Buddha's Message on Drugpa Tshezhi' *Kuensel*, 27 July, 2017.
12. 'Review of Sikkim: Requiem to a Himalayan Kingdom', *Kuensel*, 30 January, 2016.
13. Foreword, Zoltan Valcsicsak, *Almomban Bhutanban ebredtem*, Budapest: Oniva Kulturális Beteti Tarsasag, 2015.
14. Introduction, Dorji Gyaltshe ed. ལྷོ་ལྷོ་གཞུང་འཛིན་སྐུའི་རྣམ་ཐར་ས་བོན་ཅམ་བཞོད་པ། Taktse: College for Language and Culture Studies, 2015.
15. 'The Man Who Brought Bhutan to Western Readers', *Kuensel*, 2015.
16. Foreword, Kunzang Choden, *Guru Rinpoche is Coming*, Thimphu: Riyang Books, 2015.
17. 'Remembering A Renaissance Man: A Personal Tribute To Dasho Shingkar Lam', *The Bhutanese*, 17 October 2014.
18. The Blessings of Shingkar, *Bhutan Airline Inflight Magazine*, 2014.
19. Leveraging Bhutan's Cultural Heritage, *Bhutan Observer*, 31 May, 2013.
20. Have we missed the chance to read Pagar's books? *Kuensel*, 3 March, 2012.
21. Foreword, Kunzang Choden, *Membar Tsho: The Burning Lake*, Thimphu: Riyang Books, 2012.
22. 'Bhutan's Rich Written Heritage', *Bhutan*, Tourism Council of Bhutan, Thimphu, 2010.
23. *A Memorial to the Shrine of Three Jewels*, at <http://blog.tbrc.org> on 27 February, 2010
24. 'So close to nature: A Story of Bhutan's Spiritual Ecology', *Bhutan*, Tourism Council of Bhutan, Thimphu, 2009
25. 'The Selfless Acts of a Buddha: A tribute to H.H. Drubwang Penor Rinpoche', at <http://blog.tbrc.org/> on 15 April, 2009
26. 'How the Raven headed the Crown', *Bhutan*, Tourism Council of Bhutan, Thimphu, 2008 pp. 62-67
27. 'Bhutan's Unique Democracy: a first verdict', at

https://www.opendemocracy.net/en/bhutan_s_unique_democracy_a_first_verdict/, April, 2008

28. 'The Story of the Old Man of Gadan', *Bhutan*, Tourism Council of Bhutan, Thimphu, 2007
29. 'Grappling with Change', *Bhutan Now*, November, 2006
30. 'Bhutanese Reforms, Nepali Criticism', at https://www.opendemocracy.net/en/bhutan_nepal_3996jsp/, October, 2006
31. 'The Perfection of Wisdom', *Bhutan*, Thimphu: Tourism Council of Bhutan, 2006
32. 'Bhutan', *Worldmark Encyclopedia of Religious Practices*, Gale Group, 2005
33. 'H.H. Khenpo Jigme Phuntsho: A Tribute and a Translation', *Journal of Bhutan Studies*, Thimphu, 2004, vol. 11, pp. 129-35
34. 'Memorial to Michael Aris', *European Bulletin of Himalayan Research*, 1999

Articles in Classical Tibetan

1. གཏེར་སྟོན་པ་རྒྱ་སྒྲིབ་པའི་མཛད་རྣམ་དང་ཕྱག་ལུལ། (Life and Legacies of Tertön Pema Lingpa), Bumthang Monlam Chenmo Magazine, Thimphu: Zhung Dratshang, 2016?
2. ཆེད་བརྗོད། མོ་མའི་སྤང་སྤང་བསྐྱབ་བྱ་སྤང་ཚིའི་ཚུ་རྒྱུན། Thimphu: KMT, 2014.
3. རྫོགས་པ་ཆེན་པོ་བཅེང་གོལ་གྱི་གཞི། (*The Ground for Bondage and Liberation in the rDzogs chen Tradition*), Ngagyur Nyingma Institute, 1996
4. སྤྱབ་མཐའ་དང་བདེན་གཉིས་ཀྱི་རྣམ་གཞག་མདོར་བསྟུན། (*A Concise Presentation on the Tenets and Two Truths*), Ngagyur Nyingma Institute, 1995. Translated into English by Phil Stanley
5. དཔལ་ལྷན་རྒྱ་བའི་རང་མཚན་གྱིས་སྤྱབ་པ་འགོག་པའི་སྲུང་འབྲིན་རྣམ་གསུམ། (*The Three Apagogic Arguments of Candrakīrti against the Proponents of Individually Characterized Existence*), Ngagyur Nyingma Institute, 1996
6. ་དགོ་ཚུལ་གྱི་བསྐྱབ་བྱ། (The Precepts of a Buddhist Novice)', in *Dam chos 'dul ba'i deb*, Ngagyur Nyingma Institute, 1995.

Translations

1. Pema Karpo's *History of Buddhism*, Kuensel (ongoing).
2. Mipham Namgyal Gyatso's *The Shower of Blessings*, Palyul Centre UK.
- 3.

ONLINE, AV & SOCIAL MEDIA OUTPUT (Developed content and co-created 5 websites, directed 3 documentaries, led 3000+ ethnographic short film productions, and manage 5 social media channels)

Main or co-creator of content/design

1. [Bodhicitta: Wisdom and Compassion as our Way of Life](#). Website in progress. Content co-creator.

2. [Buddha-Nature: Wisdom and Compassion as our True Nature](#). 2020 Website. Content co-creator.
3. [Bhutan Cultural Library](#): A Living Archive of Bhutan's Oral and Embodied Cultures. 2017 Online Database. Project director and co-content creator.
4. [A Catalogue of Tibetan Manuscripts and Block Prints](#) Online Catalogue. Content creator.
5. [The Loden Foundation](#). Website and Facebook Page. Co-manager.
6. [Bodhitse Centre](#). Facebook Page and Website. Co-manager.
7. [Lopen Karma Phuntsho](#). Facebook Page. Co-manager.
8. [Cultures of Bhutan](#) – Loden Foundation, Facebook Page. Co-manager.
9. [Buddha-Nature Resource](#). Facebook Page. Main manager.

Documentary Films (as director)

1. Saang: Ura's Festival of Women
2. Yakha: Propitiating the Yak Gods
3. Yakcho: Ura's Grand Annual Festival

MEDIA COVERAGE (50+ TV/Radio/News coverage of my works)

The following includes only interviews and reports of my scholarly work, not the media coverage of the activities of the Loden Foundation.

1. Pema Karpo's History of Buddhism, a translation published weekly on *Kuensel*.
2. [Interview with Karma Phuntsho](#), Journal of Tibetan Literature, 2023.2
3. [Buddhist Wisdom on Conservation with Lopen Karma Phuntsho](#), *Kuensel*, 9 June, 2022
4. [The Life and Deeds of Padmasambhava: A Bhutanese Chronicle](#), at *Bhutan Echoes*, Thimphu. *Bhutan Echoes*, 22 July, 2022
5. [What Leaders Can Learn From Mindfulness And Entrepreneurship In Bhutan](#), *Forbes*, 23 July, 2021
6. [Harnessing Civil Society Potential](#), Bhutan Centre for Media and Democracy, 2022.
7. [How Myth and Superstition are Encouraging Wildlife Trade and Poaching](#), Bhutan Ecological Society, 2022
8. On early history of Bhutan, BBS, 16 December 2020
9. [The Sublime Ura Valley & Vibrant Ura Yakchoe Festival](#), *Visit Bhutan*, 2021
10. [On Dzongkha Language Testing System](#), Bhutan Broadcasting Service, 14 July 2020
11. [On Dzongkha Language Testing System](#), Bhutan Broadcasting Service, 14 July 2020 in English
12. [Celebrating Pema Lingpa](#), Bhutan Broadcasting Service in English, 2020
13. The 21st Century Economic Roadmap, Bhutan Broadcasting Service, (one hour each in Dzongkha and English), 2020
14. The Life and Legacies of Pema Lingpa (one hour), Bhutan Broadcasting Service, 2019
15. Bhutan Dialogues, a monthly forum organized by the UN Bhutan and Loden Foundation www.bhutandialogues.bt
16. My Mixtape by Radio Valley, Thimphu (one hour)
<https://soundcloud.com/radiovalley/my-mixtape-dr-karma-phuntsho-26th-april-2019>
17. The Significance of National Day, Bhutan Broadcasting Service, 16 December 2019

18. The Life and Legacy of Ugyen Wangchuk (one hour), Bhutan Broadcasting Service, 14 December 2019
19. Dzongkha Standard Testing System, Bhutan Broadcasting Service, 10 December 2019
20. Gender and Culture, Bhutan Broadcasting Service
21. Trhuebab: Blessed Water Day, Bhutan Broadcasting Service Radio
22. [Bhutan on the Brink](#), *Tricycle*, 2017
23. Radio Free Asia interview on Bhutan's holy sites
<http://www.rfa.org/tibetan/world/taksang-monastery-bhutan-07262017114616.html?searchterm:utf8:ustring=bhutan>
24. Radio Free Asia interview on Bhutan's cultural landscape
<http://www.rfa.org/tibetan/society/bhutan-topography-cultural-ties-05032017121048.html?searchterm:utf8:ustring=bhutan>
25. Radio Free Asia interview on Bhutan's languages
<http://www.rfa.org/tibetan/world/history-of-bhutan-and-bhutan-tibet-relation-04182017124206.html?searchterm:utf8:ustring=bhutan>
26. Radio Free Asia interview on Bhutan's ecology
<http://www.rfa.org/tibetan/sargyur/bhutan-may-greatest-nation-on-planet-03022017155306.html?searchterm:utf8:ustring=bhutan>
27. Times of India on border conflict and change
<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/home/sunday-times/all-that-matters/with-two-belligerent-neighbours-noble-silence-was-the-only-option-for-bhutan-karma-phuntsho/articleshow/60341157.cms>
28. India Today on geopolitical situation
<http://indiatoday.intoday.in/story/india-china-bhutan-sikkim-doka-la-diplomatic-ties-karma-phuntsho/1/992652.html>
29. Global Entrepreneurship Week, Loden, 2013
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GS4NnUWnfU0>
30. Science magazine on earthquake in Bhutan
<http://www.sciencemag.org/news/2016/11/tiny-himalayan-country-may-not-be-immune-earthquakes-thought>
31. BBC Radio coverage of cultural documentation
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SAZKRNi1t3g&feature=youtu.be>
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b04lpsbz>
32. Strengths and Weaknesses of Himalayan Buddhist Traditions, Vajrayana Conference, rebroadcasted on BBS.
33. Bhutanese Architecture, interview, Bhutan Broadcasting Service Radio
34. On economic freedom
<https://www.pressreader.com/bhutan/business-bhutan/20151128/281595239450092>
35. Culture and Youth, interview, Bhutan Broadcasting Service Radio
36. Oxford Today on the History of Bhutan

- <http://www.oxfordtoday.ox.ac.uk/culture/book-of-the-week/shelf-%E2%80%93-november-2014>
37. Cultural Documentation (one hour), Bhutan Broadcasting Service
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TcGhIiskJqM>
 38. Gross National Happiness (one hour), Bhutan Broadcasting Service
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ThTHvo3o1jw>
 39. Globalisation and Bhutan at Secretariat for New Development Paradigm
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zE9S_2hQIBY&feature=youtu.be&list=PLGRYltLVGWkYKR6BEG1oQfgjBa7YY733B
 40. Report on the History of Bhutan by Asia House, London
<http://asiahouse.org/journey-dragon-country-ancient-modern-times/>
 41. Coverage of The History of Bhutan on Channel News Asia
<http://www.channelnewsasia.com/tv/tvshows/firstlook/bhutan-in-focus/1070348.html> <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8yYkCs9rTdM>
 42. Buddhism, Democracy and Disfranchisement of Religious Persons (Talk at Royal Thimphu College) <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TUY8B2jDPIQ>
 43. Reviews and reports about The History of Bhutan, see www.facebook.com/bhutanhistory
 44. Individual Responsibility (Talk at Royal Institute of Management)
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XjN6n1I7VHA>
 45. Tete a Tete: Interview with Raven magazine
<http://theravenmag.com/a-buddhist-practitioner-who-set-up-the-loden-foundation-karma-phuntsho-believes-that-bhutanese-society-must-now-be-more-ethically-driven/>
 46. BBS Anchor Dawa sits face-to-face with news-makers, movers and the shakers.
<http://www.youtube.com/embed/8G8BcxInUXY>
 47. A wealth of tongues
<http://www.kuenselonline.com/2011/?p=31686>
 48. Digital archive donated to National Library
<http://www.kuenselonline.com/2011/?p=32080>
 49. Buddhist texts digitalized
<http://www.bbs.bt/news/?p=13829>
 50. Scholar engages students at ILCS
<http://www.bhutanobserver.bt/scholar-engages-ilcs-students/>

TEACHING EXPERIENCE (Over 30 courses and 300 talks and presentations)

I regularly give lectures to University students and the general public on the following topics and also lead meditation sessions.

Buddhist Theory and Practice

Buddhist Economy and Bodhisattva Entrepreneurship

Gross National Happiness
Bhutan's History and Culture

Academic Courses

Aug 2016	<i>Reading Heart Sūtra, Diamond Sūtra and other Essential Buddhist Prayers</i> , Loden Foundation (Eight week course)
June 2014	<i>Reading of the 2nd Chapter of Pramāṇavārttika</i> , Loden Foundation (Two month programme)
May, 2013	<i>Education and culture in Bhutan</i> , Universal Learn Today, New Delhi (One day course)
2012 - 2013	<i>Buddhism and Inner Asia</i> , Department of Social Anthropology (one term course jointly with Dr Hildegard Diemberger)
June, 2012	<i>Buddhist Culture</i> , Institute of Language and Culture Studies, Taktse (Three day course)
March, 2005	<i>Connaissance du Bouddhisme</i> , Institut National des Langues et Civilisations Orientales, Paris (Three day course)
2004 - 2005	<i>Indo-Tibetan Buddhism: Its Philosophies and Practices</i> , in the Department of Social Anthropology, Cambridge University (Eight week programme)
Autumn, 2004	<i>Indo-Tibetan Buddhist Theory and Practice</i> , as part of Core Lectures for the Faculty of Theology and Oxford Centre for Buddhist Studies, Oxford University (Eight week course)
2001 / 2002	<i>Introduction to Buddhism</i> , Oxford University Buddhist Society, Oxford (Eight week lecture series)
1991 - 1997	Taught Buddhism and its various aspects in the medium of Tibetan and Dzongkha, including thorough and complete commentarial exposition of major treatise such as <i>Abhidharmakośa</i> , <i>Mūlamadhyamakakārikā</i> , <i>Madhyamakālamkāra</i> , <i>Pramāṇavārttika</i> , <i>Pratimokṣasūtra</i> , <i>Madhyamakāvatāra</i> , <i>Mahāyānottaratantraśāstra</i> , <i>Bodhicaryāvatāra</i> (six times), <i>Entry into the Way of the Wise</i> and <i>Steps to Valid Reasoning</i> .

Non-academic Courses

April, 2024	<i>Pedagogy and Research Methods</i> , Kharchu Monastery, Bumthang (Three day workshop).
Oct, 2023	<i>Wellbeing Retreat</i> , Thasos, Greece (Three day spiritual retreat).
Aug-Sep, 2023	<i>Bodhicaryāvatāra</i> , Bodhitse, Thimphu (Two month daily teaching).
Sep, 2022	<i>Delving into the Dragon</i> , Hungary (Three day spiritual retreat).
Oct, 2017	<i>Bodhicitta</i> , Two Truths Spiritual Retreat, Bumthang (Three day course)
Nov, 2016	<i>Buddhist Spirituality and Bhutan</i> , Two Truths Spiritual Retreat, Bumthang (Two day course)
Dec, 2014	Leader for <i>Neykor Spiritual Immersion Course</i> , Bhutan (Two week course)
Sep-Oct 2013	<i>Ethnographic documentation and research</i> , Shejun Agency for Bhutan's Cultural Documentation and Research, Thimphu (One month training)
Nov, 2008-11	<i>Tibetan Buddhism and Bhutan</i> , Australian Studying Abroad, Bhutan (Two week series)

July, 2008	<i>Food and Culture in Bhutan</i> , Smithsonian Folk life Festival, Washington DC (Ten day programme)
Oct, 2007	<i>Translation Workshop: Theory and Practice</i> , Institute of Language and Culture Studies, Thimphu (Three week programme)
June-July, 2007	<i>Introducing Buddhist Theory and Practice</i> , Deer Park, Thimphu (Five week programme)
May, 2006	<i>Buddhism, Emptiness and the Non-sectarian Movement</i> , Institute of Language and Culture Studies, Thimphu (Three day course)
Feb, 2005	<i>The Relative and Ultimate Bodhicitta</i> , Palyul Centre, London (Weekend course)
Aug, 2004	<i>Developing an Enlightened Outlook: An Introduction to Buddhist Philosophies, Principles and Practices</i> , Centre for Bhutan Studies, Thimphu (Three day course)
Summer, 2004	<i>Developing the Buddhist Outlook</i> , Palyul Centre, London (Eight week programme)
1994-97	During my time as a teacher in the monasteries, I also taught Western and East Asian students in the medium of English. I have read several texts on Mahāyāna and Vajrayāna Buddhism with academic researchers some of whom were Fulbright scholars, and supervised meditation-retreats for practising Buddhists, particularly on the <i>sngon 'gro</i> preliminary practice.

Language Courses

2015 -	Classical Tibetan to Bhutanese students
2005 - 2007	Beginner's Classical Tibetan to students at Cambridge
2002 - 2003	Reading of Classical Tibetan texts, Oxford
1993 - 1997	Tibetan grammar and poetry to Tibetan students
1994 - 1997	Basic English to Buddhist monks

Regular Talks

2020 - now	Host, <i>Buddha-Nature Conversations</i> (with leading Buddhist teachers and masters) at www.buddhanature.org .
2012 - now	Regular lecturer on Bhutan's history, culture, society and Buddhism, (over 35 sessions) for School for Field Studies, Paro, and for international faculty and students at Royal Thimphu College, Thimphu.
2005 - now	Regular speaker on Bhutan's History, Culture, Society, Buddhism, Art, GNH (over a 150 sessions) for guests of tour companies such as Six Senses, Aman, Windhorse, Yangphel, Trans Bhutan Trail, Tashi Tours, TingKarr Bhutan Journeys, Hada Tours, Two Truths, Bhutan Travel Bureau, My Bhutan, etc.
2001 - now	Introduction to Ura Yakchoe Festival, every year.
2017 - 2022	Host, <i>Bhutan Dialogues</i> , UN Bhutan and Loden Foundation, Thimphu
2012 - 2019	Opening and closing remarks on Bodhisattva Entrepreneurship and Buddhist Economy annually at Bhutan Entrepreneurship Festival and other related events.

Lectures and Presentations

- June, 2024 *The Life and Works of Kyotön Monlam Tsultrim*, Tsadra Buddha-Nature Conversations, online.
- May 2024 *Buddhism in Business*, University of Canberra Exchange Programme, RIM, Thimphu.
- May 2024 *Avalokiteshvara and Om mani padme hum*, Bhutan Pranic Healing Happiness Festival, Thimphu.
- May 2024 *Padmasambhava and Vajraguru Mantra*, Bhutan Pranic Healing Happiness Festival, Thimphu.
- May 2024 *The Socio-Cultural Changes in Bhutan*, Magyar-Bhutani Barati Tarsashag, online.
- May 2024 *Bhutan's Socio-cultural Changes*, Visiting Students from University of Pennsylvania, Thimphu
- March 2024 *Mindfulness Meditation*, Harvard Visitors, Institute of Happiness, Thimphu
- Oct, 2023 *Śāntideva's Mahāyāna Discourse*, Dharma Gate College, Budapest.
- Oct, 2023 *Culture and Nature: Bhutan's Story of Environment Conservation*, CYA, Athens.
- Oct, 2023 *Changes and Challenges in Bhutan: The Case of a Pastoral Festival*, INALCO, Paris
- Oct, 2023 *Saang: Ura's Festival of Women*, Loden Education Trust, London.
- Oct, 2023 *Social Cultural Changes in Bhutan*, Hungarian-Bhutan Friendship Association, Budapest.
- Oct, 2023 *Reflecting on Bhutan's Spirituality, Culture and History*, Austrian Academy of Social Sciences, Vienna.
- Aug, 2023 *Revitalizing Cultural Landscapes and Landmarks*, Bhutan Echoes, Thimphu.
- June, 2023 *Kyotön Monlam Tsultrim's Life and Legacy*, Conference on Buddha-Nature, Kathmandu.
- June, 2023 *Tsadra Foundation's Digital Resources for Buddhist Studies*, Conference on Buddha-Nature, Kathmandu.
- April, 2022 *The Life of Guru Rinpoche*, Bhutan Echoes, Thimphu.
- Nov, 2022 Keynote address, *Research in Humanities and Data Analysis*, Research Workshop, Tago Buddhist University and Taktse College of Language and Culture Studies.
- Nov, 2022 *Bhutan's Culture and History*, Darmouth College Students, Thimphu.
- Sep, 2022 *Padmasambhava and Bhutan*, Royal Bhutan Mission, Geneva.
- Sep, 2022 *Buddhist Entrepreneurship*, House of Religions, Bern.
- Sep, 2022 *Culture, Society and Change: Bhutan's Journey in the 21st Century – Challenges and Opportunities*, Society-Switzerland Bhutan, Zurich.
- Sep, 2022 *Educating for the Future: Values and Challenges*, Summit of Bhutan Friendship Associations, Budapest.
- Aug, 2022 *Big Myths and Superstitions that Encourage Wildlife Trade and Poaching*, Bhutan Ecological Society, Thimphu.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oPKTnd58gDI&t=919s>
- July, 2022 *Buddha-Nature and Dying*, Conference of the International Association of Tibetan and Himalayan Studies, Prague.
- Nov, 2021 *Four Noble Truths: the Buddha's Strategy for Problem Solving*, JSW Law College, Thimphu.
- Sep, 2021 *Harnessing Civil Society Potential*, Bhutan Centre for Media and Democracy, Thimphu.
<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=1000445920529355>

- Sep, 2021 *The Buddha's Practical Approach to Life Management*, National Pension and Provident Fund, Thimphu.
- June, 2021 *Bridging Worldviews in Bhutan*, 2021 Sustainability Research and Innovation Congress
- April, 2021 *Bhutan's Medieval Missions: What can we learn from them?*, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Thimphu
- Dec, 2020 *Reimagining the Future of Business from Buddhist Perspective*, Mandalay Forum for East Asian Studies, Myanmar.
- Nov, 2020 *Earthquake in Bhutan Himalayas*, Drukrig Network
- Nov, 2020 *After Pandemic: Bhutan Society and Resilience*, RTC
- Oct, 2020 *Health Policy Dialogue*, Khesar Gyalpo University,
<https://fb.watch/2A9MIevP18/>
- Sep, 2020 *Launch of Buddha Nature Website*, Tsadra Foundation
https://www.facebook.com/buddhanatureresource/videos/355630089132286/?modal=admin_todo_tour
- Sep, 2020 *The Culture of Enterprise*, DYS and Loden
- Feb, 2020 *Public Service at a Point of Transition*, Royal Institute of Management
- Feb, 2020 *Mindful Production and Consumption*, Motithang School, Thimphu
- Nov, 2019 *Social Entrepreneurship in Bhutan*, Bhutan Friendship Associations, Thimphu.
- Oct, 2019 *Activating Ancient ICH for New Situations*, ICHCAP, South Korea.
- July, 2019 *Entrepreneurship – An Inner Journey*, Bhutan Economic Forum for Innovative Transformation, Royal Monetary Authority, Thimphu.
- July, 2019 *Padmasambhava in Bhutan: A Reappraisal*, IATS conference, Paris.
- June, 2019 *Longchenpa's Four Cherished Points and Śāntideva's Four Forms of Mindfulness*, Palyul Centre, London.
- June, 2019 *Cultural Research and Applications in Bhutan*, Clare Hall, Cambridge.
- May, 2019 *Human Capital and Gender*, World Bank Office, Nepal.
- April, 2019 *Mahākāla and Magic in the Making of Bhutan*, Rubin Museum of Art
- April, 2019 *More than Monkeys in the Forest: Historical Consciousness and Historiography in Bhutan*, Columbia University
- Mar, 2019 *Stories from Bhutan: Cultural Research and Social Enterprise*, SOAS
- Mar, 2019 *Social Entrepreneurship*, Gedu College of Business, Gedu
- Feb, 2019 *Buddhism as Mind Science*, Royal Institute of Management, Thimphu
- Jan, 2019 *Padmasambhava: An Object of Ritual and Realisation*, IIC, New Delhi
- Jan, 2019 *The Buddha in Business*, Open House by Hard Cover, Bangkok
- Jan, 2019 *Echoes from Bhutan: Sneak Peek into its Literature and Culture*, Brahmaputra Literary Festival, Guwahati
- Jan, 2019 *Travelling from East to West: Buddhism in the Modern World*, Brahmaputra Literary Festival, Guwahati
- Oct, 2018 *Buddhist Entrepreneurs*, Royal Institute of Management, Thimphu
- Oct, 2018 *Buddhism and Enterprise*, School of Traditional Arts and Crafts, Thimphu
- Oct, 2018 *Bhutan, Change and Challenges*, Blue Poppy Group, Thimphu
- Sep, 2018 *Bhutanese Buddhism*, Wheaton Alumni Group, Thimphu
- July, 2018 *Understanding Bhutan's Buddhist culture*, Early Learning Centre, Thimphu
- May, 2018 *From Sacred to Scientific: Bhutan's Shifting Worldviews and Nature Conservation*, Dendrochronology Conference, Thimphu
- May 2018 *Bhutan's Cultural Evolution*, Royal Thimphu College, Thimphu
- May, 2018 *Bodhisattva Entrepreneurs*, GNH Centre and Schumacher College, Thimphu

- April, 2018 *Analysing Textual Data*, College of Language and Culture Studies, Taktse
- April, 2018 *What Makes Us Bhutanese: Cultural Evolution and Identity*, College of Language and Culture Studies, Taktse
- April, 2018 *Culture and Social Entrepreneurship*, Royal Thimphu College, Thimphu
- March, 2018 *Padmasambhava in Bhutan*, Rubin Museum, New York
- March, 2018 *New Problems, Old Solutions: Culture and Sustainable Development in Bhutan*, University of Virginia, Charlottesville
- March, 2018 *From Psyche to Cyber Space: Digitisation of Bhutan's Cultures*, Association of Asian Studies, Washington DC.
- March, 2018 *Earthquake in Bhutan Himalayas: Historical Records and Cultural Beliefs*, Bristol University, UK
- Feb, 2018 *Buddhist Entrepreneurship*, GNH Centre, Thimphu
- Feb, 2018 *Value Education*, Motithang High School, Thimphu
- Oct, 2017 *The Buddha as a Management Guru*, Self-made Influential Leaders, College of Science and Technology, Bhutan
- Sep, 2017 *Early History of Drukpa Kagyu in Bhutan*, Royal Thimphu College, Thimphu
- Sep, 2017 *Bhutan's Culture of Care and Compassion*, Japan Society for Spiritual Care, Kyoto
- Aug, 2017 *Innovation and Enterprise*, Ibest Annual Celebration
- Aug, 2017 *The Buddha and Bhutan's Buddhist Culture*, Young President's Organisation, Thimphu
- July, 2017 *Buddhism and Entrepreneurship in Bhutan*, Entrepreneurs' Organisation
- May, 2017 *Mindfulness and Social Work*, CSO Leadership Workshop, Thimphu
- April, 2017 *Conservation on Right Livelihood*, with Satish Kumar, Right Livelihood Programme, Thimphu
- April, 2017 *Culture and Evolution*, National Council of Bhutan, Thimphu
- March, 2017 *Buddhism and Sustainable Development*, Right Livelihood Programme, GNH Centre, Thimphu
- March, 2017 *Entrepreneurship in Bhutan*, Presidents of the Chamber of Indian Industries, Thimphu
- Jan, 2017 *Buddhism and History of Bhutan*, Guide Trainees, Institute of Professional Studies, Thimphu
- Nov, 2016 *Entrepreneurship and Sustainability*, Closing note, Global Entrepreneurship Week, Thimphu
- Nov, 2016 *The Business Buddha*, Global Entrepreneurship Week, Thimphu
- Nov, 2016 *Cultivating Body, Speech and Mind*, U-turn Youth Forum, Thimphu
- Nov, 2016 *Bhutan in Transition*, Oxford Alumni Group, Thimphu
- Oct, 2016 *Mapping Bhutan's Historical and Cultural Evolution: A Proposal for a Common Nomenclature*, International Conference on Archaeology, History and Cultural Studies, Sherubtse
- Aug, 2016 *Culture and Sustainability*, Intangible Cultural Heritage Meeting, Goa, India
- July, 2016 *Strengths and Weaknesses of Himalayan Buddhist Traditions*, Vajrayana Conference, Thimphu
- March, 2016 *Gross National Happiness*, Gangteng Shedra
- Feb, 2016, *Gross National Happiness*, Bhutan Visit Group, Thimphu
- Feb, 2016 *Developing Head, Heart and Hands: Buddhism and Youth*, Haiku Camp, Bhutan

- Nov, 2015 *Social Entrepreneurship in Bhutan*, keynote, Royal Institute Management, Thimphu
- Nov, 2015 *The Buddha in Business*, Global Entrepreneurship Week, Thimphu
- Oct, 2015 *Bhutan's Written Heritage*, during Seminar on Manuscript Studies and Textual Research, Thimphu
- Aug, 2015 *The Situation and Prospects of Dzongkha*, (Keynote address), Annual Dzongkha Conference, Thimphu
- July, 2015 *Having an Interview*, The Loden Foundation, Thimphu
- June, 2015 *Reading and Dzongkha*, BBS, Thimphu
- June, 2015 *Mentors as a Spiritual Guru*, The Loden Foundation
- June, 2015 *Bhutan's Archival Tradition and Needs*, International Archive Day, National Library and Archive of Bhutan, Thimphu
- May, 2015 *Buddhism and Entrepreneurship*, GNHC Study Group, Thimphu
- May, 2015 *Reading and Writing*, School for Language and Cultural Studies, Thimphu
- May, 2015 *Reading*, Motithang School, Thimphu
- March, 2015 *Buddhist Critical Thinking and Madhaymika Tradition*, (Eminent Speaker Series), Royal Institute of Management, Thimphu
- Jan, 2015 *Buddhism and Happiness*, Philosophical Society US, Thimphu
- Dec, 2014 *Bhutan and GNH*, World Wildlife Fund, Thimphu
- Dec, 2014 *Buddhist Entrepreneurship*, Entrepreneurs' Organisation, Thimphu
- Nov 2014 *Harnessing the Mind Power*, Global Entrepreneurship Week, Thimphu
- Nov 2014 *Buddhism and Educational Theories and Practices*, Royal Academy, Paro
- Sep 2014 *From Poti to Pixels*, Tibetan Buddhist Resource Center, Boston
- Sep 2014 *From Oral to Audio-Visual*, University of Virginia, Charlottesville
- Aug 2014 *Reincarnation and Truelku*, Institute of Language and Culture Studies, Taktse
- Aug 2014 *The Traditional Culture of the Book*, Institute of Language and Culture Studies, Taktse
- Aug 2014 *The History of Buddhist Ideas*, Institute of Language and Culture Studies, Taktse
- June, 2014 *Bhutan History*, School for Field Studies, Thimphu
- May, 2014 *Buddhism and Democracy*, Institute of Language and Cultural Studies, Taktse
- May, 2014 *GNH and Cultural Preservation*, Secretariat for New Development Paradigm
- Jan, 2014 *GNH and Economy*, GNH youth camp, Thimphu
- Dec, 2013 *Culture and Community*, Media Nomads, Thimphu
- Sep, 2013 *Buddhism, Democracy and Disfranchisement of Religious Persons*, (Distinguished Guest Lecture Series) Royal Thimphu College, Thimphu
- May, 2013 *Bhutan's Cultural Transition*, Closing address for conference, Leveraging Bhutan's Cultural Diversity, Thimphu
- Dec, 2012 *Buddhist Values in Business*, Brussels
- April, 2012 *Perceptions of Buddhist Art in the Himalayas*, Buddhist Art Forum, Courtauld Institute of Art, London
- Jan, 2012 *From Poti to Pixels: Documenting Bhutan's Textual Heritage*, Hamburg University
- Sep, 2011 *The Journeys of the Thunder Dragon: Bhutan's transition from a medieval country to a postmodern happiness state*, Hungarian-Bhutan Friendship Society, Budapest

- March, 2011 *The Journeys of the Thunder Dragon: Socio-cultural changes in Bhutan*, Society Switzerland-Bhutan, Zurich
- Feb, 2011 *Wisdom, Knowledge or Both: The Changing Ethos of Education in Bhutan*, Education Department, Oxford University
- Dec, 2010 *Mind or/and Brain: Response to Brain Scientists*, Conference on Science and Spirituality and Education, Namgyal Institute, Gangtok
- May, 2009 *Buddhism and GNH in Bhutan*, International Buddhist Film Festival, London
- Oct, 2008 *Multidisciplinary Approach in Himalayan Studies: The Case of the Book*, Buddhist Himalaya: Studies in Religion, History and Culture, conference at Namgyal Institute, Gangtok
- Sep, 2008 *Bodhicitta: The Bodhisattva's Selfless Love*, Cambridge Buddhist Society, Cambridge
- April, 2008 *The Buddha's Pragmatism*, Royal Institute of Management, Thimphu
- Oct, 2007 *Buddhism and Happiness*, Graduate Orientation Programme, Thimphu
- March, 2007 *New Life from Old Books: The Rare Tibetan and Mongolian Manuscripts Project*, (with Drs Stephen Hugh-Jones and Hildegard Diemberger) MIASU, Cambridge
- Nov, 2006 *Holy Land, Neighbour or Big Brother: Bhutan's Relations with India through Ages*, Ancient India and Iran Trust, Cambridge
- Nov, 2006 *Bhutan: The Kingdom of the Thunder Dragon*, Clare Hall, Cambridge
- Nov, 2006 *Strengths and Weaknesses of Tibetan Buddhist Traditions*, SOAS, London
- Oct, 2006 *Bhutan and Its Buddhist Heritage*, Siam Society, Bangkok
- Aug, 2006 *The Digitization of Manuscripts in Bhutan*, 11th Seminar of IATS, Konigswinter
- Aug, 2006 *The Rare Tibetan and Mongolian Manuscripts Project*, 11th Seminar of IATS, Konigswinter
- June, 2006 *The Marriage of Religion and Media: For Better or Worse*, 2nd International Seminar of Bhutan Studies, Thimphu
- Feb, 2006 *Understanding Tibetan Tantric Buddhism and Its Symbolism*, Scholarship for Excellence, London
- Feb, 2006 *Tibetan Buddhism*, Interfaith Group, Milton Keynes
- Nov, 2005 *Reason or Beyond: The Viability of Logic and Epistemology in Delineation of Emptiness*, Buddhism in Logic and Analytical Philosophy Conference, Cambridge
- Nov, 2005 *How Much Nothing Matters: Tibetan Controversies on Emptiness and Their Religious and Political Implications*, Senior Seminars, Faculty of Divinity, Cambridge
- Oct, 2005 *Taming the Mind There Never Was*, Cambridge Buddhist Society
- Sep, 2005 *The Digitization of Gangtey's Manuscript Collection*, 10th Seminar of International Association for Buddhist Studies, London
- June, 2005 *Gangtey's Untold Treasures*, Conference on the Written Heritage of Bhutan, National Library, Thimphu
- Feb, 2005 *Sectarian Violence, Message of Peace and the Rise of Ris-med Movement in Tibetan Religious History*, Oriental Institute, Oxford
- Nov, 2004 *Conflict and Conciliation in Tibetan Buddhist History*, Institut National des Langues et Civilisations Orientales, Paris
- April, 2004 *Buddhism: An Education of the Mind*, National Institute of Education, Paro, Bhutan
- May, 2004 *Buddhism as an Art of Happiness*, the Old Prebandal Home, Oxford

- Jan, 2004 *'Ju Mipham's Satirical Discourse on the Strengths and Weaknesses of Tibetan Buddhist Traditions*, Maison de l'Asie, CNRS, Paris
- Jan, 2004 *Capturing the Thunder Dragon: An Introduction to Bhutan's Buddhist Culture*, Scholarship for Excellence, London
- Sep, 2003 *Opening the Door of Speech by Poking Fun at Others: 'Ju Mipham's Qualms about dGe lugs pa Scholasticism*, 10th Seminar of the International Association of Tibetan Studies, Oxford
- Aug, 2003 *Echoes of Ancient Ethics: Some Reflections on Bhutanese Social Themes*, 1st International Seminar on Bhutan Studies, Thimphu
- March, 2003 *'Ju Mi pham and 'Brug pa Kun legs: Two Tibetan Religious Critics*, Oriental Institute, Oxford
- March, 2003 *Bhutan and its Changing Phases*, The Old Prebandal Home, Oxford
- Oct, 2002 *Emptiness and Being*, Centre for Bhutan Studies, Thimphu
- June, 2002 *'Ju Mi pham: A polymath and his debates with his dGe lugs pa opponents*, Maison de l'Asie, ESA 8047, CNRS, Paris
- June, 2002 *The Art of the Book in the Tibetan Buddhist World*, Friends of the Bodleian Society, Oxford
- May, 2002 *Bhutan and Globalization*, Asia Society, New York
- June, 2001 *The Concept of Buddhism*, Sherubtse College, Bhutan
- Aug, 2000 *Traditional Scholarship in Modern Bhutan: Current Educational Trends and their Impact on the Traditional Systems of Learning*, South Asian Studies Conference, Edinburgh
- Aug, 1999 *Is Seeing Believing? Mipham's Theory of Perception in Dharmakirti's Epistemology*, International Association for Buddhist Studies, Lausanne
- April, 1999 *Michael Aris and Bhutan*, Symposium on Bhutan, Telluride
- Jan, 1999 *From Fundamentalism to Dialogue: A Buddhist Approach*, Interfaith Dialogue, Oxford
- Aug, 1998 *'Ju Mi pham and his Contributions to Tibetan Scholarship*, Conference on Mipham, Himalayan and Inner Asian Resources, New York
- Aug, 1998 *Satire and Humour in the Counsel of 'Ju Mipham*, 8th Seminar of the International Association of Tibetan Studies, Bloomington
- June, 1993 *Buddhist Love*, Benedictine-Tibetan Monastic Dialogue Meeting, Bangalore
- March, 1992 *Bringing together Islam and Buddhism*, Islamic Youth Symposium, Bangalore
- Jan, 1992 *A Tribute to Gandhi*, Gandhi Martyr's Day, Bangalore
- Oct, 1992 *Rekindling the Light of Saddharma*, Bouddha Dhamma Conference, Bombay
- Oct, 1991 *Religious Experience and the Struggle for Justice, Freedom and Peace*, World Conference of Religions, Kochi
- June, 1990 *Buddhist Contribution in the Quest for Peace*, International Buddhist Convention, Bangalore

Social Media Talks and Presentations

- 2012 – now Regularly post essays, articles and comments on Facebook, some of which receive over hundred shares.
- 2016 – now One of the four resource persons for a local Wechat group called Shebya Rigthshol dedicated to learning Buddhism and Bhutanese Culture with over 1500 members.
- Jan – July 2017 Conducted the course *Introduction to Buddhism* for Neykor Wechat Group every week for eight weeks.

Supervision and Examinations

2010 – 2017	Given tutorials and supervised graduate students at Oxford, Cambridge, Budapest, Hamburg and Thimphu.
2013 – 2017	Supervised and mentored five business projects.
2014	Examined two MA and one D.Phil. thesis and conducted several <i>vica voce</i> .

RESEARCH/MANAGEMENT EXPERIENCE (Some 17 projects in 30 years)

1. 1999-now: *The Loden Foundation*

Education, Entrepreneurship, and Culture

Funder: Institutions and Individuals

As the founder, *pro bono* director until 2012, president until 2022, and now an active trustee of the Loden Foundation in Bhutan and the director/trustee of its sister organisation in the UK, I have been mainly responsible for the oversight of its three programmes and associated activities of resource mobilisation, administration, programme implementation, and reporting. (www.loden.org).

2. 2015-now: *Bodhitse Centre*

Library and Centre for Study and Contemplation

Funder: Self

With the hope of promoting the wisdom traditions, I have slowly developed a library and centre for study and contemplation at the heart of Thimphu. In addition to giving public access to the library, the centre organizes events and plans to develop a curriculum and run courses on subjects such as mindfulness, compassion, and meditation.

3. 2019-2020: *Dzongkha Development Commission*

Dzongkha Competency and Usage Study

Funder: Royal Government of Bhutan

As the chief advisor and director, I have worked for the Dzongkha Development Commission to carry out a nationwide survey of the usage of Dzongkha and also develop a standard Dzongkha testing system for Bhutan.

4. 2016-2018: *National Library and Archives of Bhutan*

The Life and Legacies of Guru Rinpoche

Funder: Government of India

As the chief project manager and working along three traditional scholars, we worked on three books: (1) a new biography of Guru Rinpoche, who brought Buddhism to Bhutan and the Himalayas, using the local Bhutanese written and oral sources to highlight the role of Guru Rinpoche in the construction of Bhutan's spiritual, religious, cultural, social and political identity, (2) a compilation of all *terma* treasures revealed in Bhutan along with biographies of relevant treasure discoverers and (3) a volume containing the accounts of Bhutan's spiritual sites and sanctuaries associated with Guru Rinpoche in order to understand his significance in the cultural, spiritual, ecological and social consciousness of the Bhutanese people.

5. 2017-2018: *University of Bristol*

Building Bhutanese Resilience Against Cataclysmic Events (BRACE)

Funder: Global Challenge Research Fund

I was involved in giving the historical and cultural perspective on seismic history and perception in Bhutan for the project by reading and analyzing over two dozen traditional sources. This was subsequent to my findings on the earthquake of 1714 which I jointly published in *Geophysical Letters* and *Science* covered the story.

6. 2013-2018: *University of Virginia and Bhutan*

The Oral Traditions of Bhutan

Funder: Arcadia

I am the project director and the chief researcher for the five year project to document and study the oral cultures of Bhutan. The project will result in over 3100 hours of audio-visual documentation of the oral and intangible cultures, some 3000 edited documentary films, over 200,000 images of cultural objects and events, some 4000 place descriptions, 1700 cultural subject descriptions and 250 essays on cultural topics, mostly authored by me.

7. 2012-2013: *Bhutan and London*

Digital documentation of manuscripts in Dongkarla, Chizhing, Phajoding and Dodedra Temples

Funder: The British Library Endangered Archives Programme

As the applicant and main investigator for the project to digitize and study the manuscript collections in these temples, I led the initiative to digitise manuscripts and books in the archives of Dongkarla, Chizhing, Phajoding, Mendru, Pagar, Dodedra, Thujidra and Due Gonpa temples.

8. 2009-2010: *Cambridge and Bhutan*

Digitization of the manuscripts in Thadrak, Tshamdrak and Nephu Temples

Funder: The British Library Endangered Archives Programme

As applicant and main investigator for the project to digitize and study the manuscript collections in Tshamdrak and Nephu temples through funding from the Endangered Archives Programme, Lopen Karma Phuntsho led the project to digitise manuscripts and rare block prints in Thadrak, Neyphu, Phurdrup Gonpa, and Tshamdrak temples producing 287,193 images of rare books

9. 2007-12: *Cambridge and Bhutan*

The Historical Study and Documentation of the Pad gling traditions in Bhutan

Funder: University of Cambridge and Arts and Humanities Research Council, UK

As the principal investigator for this five year project, Lopen Karma Phuntsho studied the religious, cultural and political significance of the Pema Lingpa tradition in Bhutanese history and in the greater Tibetan Buddhist world. The most important outcome of this project was the edited text used for the most recent publication of Pema Lingpa corpus, the three biographies of the founding fathers of the tradition. *The History of Bhutan* was an accidental outcome of the project.

10. 2006-7: *Oxford and Bhutan*

Digitization of the manuscripts in Drametse and Ogyen Choling

Funder: The British Library Endangered Archives Programme and Aris Centre

I was the sole applicant and main investigator for the project, which reproduced digital copies of the entire collection of manuscripts in these establishments.

11. 2003-6: *Cambridge, Oxford, London and Tibet*

Tibetan-Mongolian Rare Books and Manuscripts Project

Funder: University of Cambridge and Arts and Humanities Research Council, UK

I was the main investigator for this project funded by the AHRC to microfilm and digitise all the Tibetan materials in the Cambridge University Library and consolidate, catalogue and digitise the Tibetan materials in the British Library, the Bodleian Library and the Cambridge University Library acquired during the Younghusband invasion of Tibet. The outcome of this project was the digital copies of the Tibetan books in the three libraries and the online catalogue.

12. 2003-6: *Oxford and Bhutan*

Digital documentation of manuscript holdings of Gangtey Monastery

Funder: The British Library Endangered Archives Programme

This project started as an initiative to photograph the *rNying ma rgyud 'bum* collection in Gangtey. Through funding from the Endangered Archives Programme, this was extended to digitize the entire collection of manuscripts in Gangtey monastery.

13. 2000-now: *The Ura Makrong Village*

Sustaining Ura's Yakcho Festival

Funder: None

As a member of the village community, I have been spearheading the ways to sustain the main village festival, and document its processes.

14. 2000-3, *Oxford and Bhutan*

Tradition and Modernity in Bhutan

Funder: Oxford Research Scholarship

A study of the changing patterns of education in Bhutan, the tension between modern and traditional education, and the origin and modern use of some socio-political themes in Bhutan, the outcome was published in the article *Two Ways of Learning* by the Centre for Bhutan Studies.

15. 1998-2003, *Beijing, Sichuan, Qinghai, Tibet and Nepal*

In the Footsteps of 'Ju Mipham Namgyal Gyatso

Funder: Aris Trust

The project involved travelling in China and across Tibet to visit sites associated with Tibet's foremost polymath Mipham Namgyal Gyatso. It resulted in a detailed account and photographs of the places and people related to the life and works of Mipham.

16. 1998-2003, *Oxford*

The Position of 'Ju Mipham in the Indo-Tibetan Debate on Emptiness

Funder: John and Polly Guth, Oxford Bursary, Overseas Research Scholarship, Elizabeth Chatwin

This was the topic of my doctoral research. The thesis was submitted to the University of Oxford and has been subsequently published by RoutledgeCurzon.