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【演講】Lay Bodhisattvas in late Indian Buddhism, and the ādikarmika literature dedicated to their practices

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講題摘要:

While lay bodhisattvas play an important role in East Asian traditions, it is less well known that they also feature in the Indic tradition, and that there are a few closely related texts from the 12th century (which apparently originated in the milieu of Vikramaśīla) that treat the vows taken by lay bodhisattvas and their daily practices. These practices are identified as ādikarmika, that is, introductory or foundational (ādi). Befitting the developmental stage of late Indian Buddhism, they presume a tantric framework, albeit without engaging with the initiatory practices of the higher tantras. This talks introduces to the little studied ādikarmika literature and gives an overview of the vows and practices they prescribe, including the gurumaṇḍala. It also discusses what these texts can teach us about the state of Indian Buddhism in its final phase.

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