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Current Affiliation & Position

Tel Aviv University,

Ph.D. Candidate

Research Expertise

Seminars and Workshops

2019- July | “GIS and Aerial Imaging for religious sites” FROGBEAR workshop

2018- July | Buddhism and east Asian cultures: an intensive program of lecture series, conference on Chan studies

2016- December | Buddhism and east Asian cultures: an intensive program of lecture series, conference/forum, and fieldwork

2016- July | Chinese language and Philosophy program at Renmin university in China

Field work and Fellowships In Asia

2018- August-October | Field work on Buddhist communities in Shanghai and Shenzhen

2017- August-October | “Fudan Fellow program”

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Self-introduction

I am a Ph.D. student in the History department of Tel Aviv University- East Asian route. My interest in past projects has been Buddhist and Daoist Hermeneutics in Philosophy, Chinese Madhyamika and Buddhist living philosophical traditions. I wrote my M.A Thesis about Seng Zhao’s *Buzhenkonlun* essay.

My current project engages in Lay Buddhist communities in Urban China. The questions I am asking about the groups I study concern their liturgy and private practice, but also about their place in their society as Lay believers in Chinese Urban

sphere of the current political and social state. Prominent issues that arise in my research are the force of communication technology and social networks to religion, religion as a social force and the formation of religious groups into urban communities.

