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Localization, Globalization and Glocalization: Paradigm Shifts in the Study of Transmission and Transformation of Buddhism in Asia and Beyond

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The history of the spread of Buddhism from India to China, its subsequent appropriation by Chinese culture, and the transmission of the Sinicized form of Buddhism to the rest of East Asia in particular reveals the mechanism of cross-cultural interactions. We propose the following (non-exclusive) themes for this Special Issue:

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Buddhism's Transborder Transmission and Commercial Networks in Asia;

Buddhism's Transborder Transmission and Geopolitical Reshaping in Asia.

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