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DR. MATTHEW KING'S PRESENTATION OF

In the Forest of the Blind: The Eurasian Journey of Faxian's Record of Buddhist Kingdom

In this talk, Dr. Matthew King will discuss his second monograph, *In the Forest of the Blind: The Eurasian Journey of Faxian's Record of Buddhist Kingdoms*. *In the Forest of the Blind* is a circulatory history of the 19th century disciplining and undisciplining of "Buddhist Asia" between Paris, Beijing, Irkutsk, Ulaanbaatar, and India among new readers of Faxian's famous *Foguoji* (early 5th century CE). Pursuing a history of the humanities beyond the epistemic sovereignty of the West, this book finds new opportunities for a radical Buddhist studies to lead, not simply follow, theoretical and methodological projects in the critical Asian humanities today.

March 31, Friday, 2 PM – 3:30 PM

Harvill Building, 115, Recommended Parking: Second Street Garage, East 2nd Street, Tucson, AZ



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