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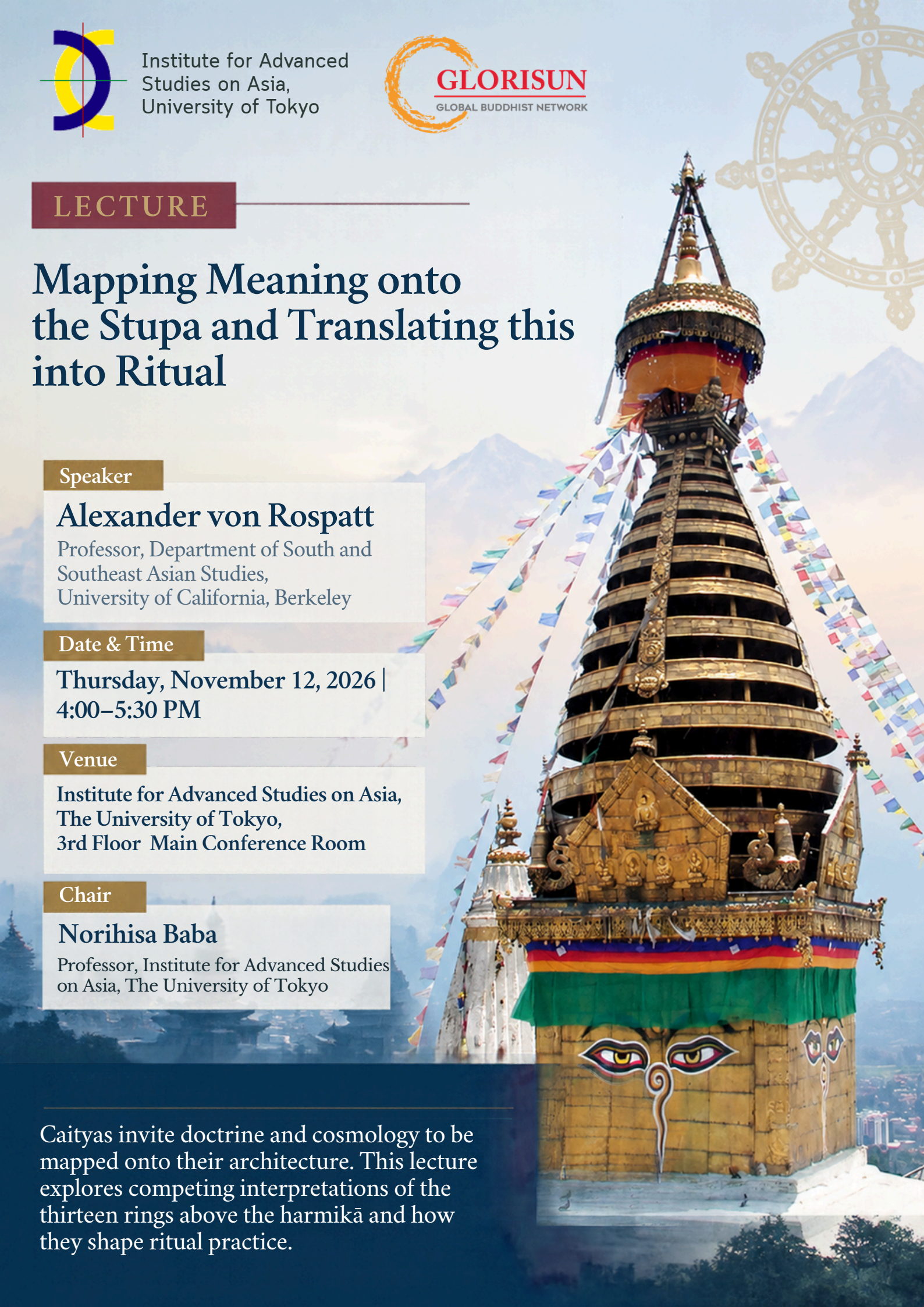
Mapping Meaning onto the Stupa and Translating this into Ritual



Speaker

Alexander von Rospatt

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Date & Time

Thursday, November 12, 2026 | 4:00–5:30 PM

Venue

Institute for Advanced Studies on Asia, The University of Tokyo, 3rd Floor Main Conference Room

Chair

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Caityas invite doctrine and cosmology to be mapped onto their architecture. This lecture explores competing interpretations of the thirteen rings above the harmikā and how they shape ritual practice.