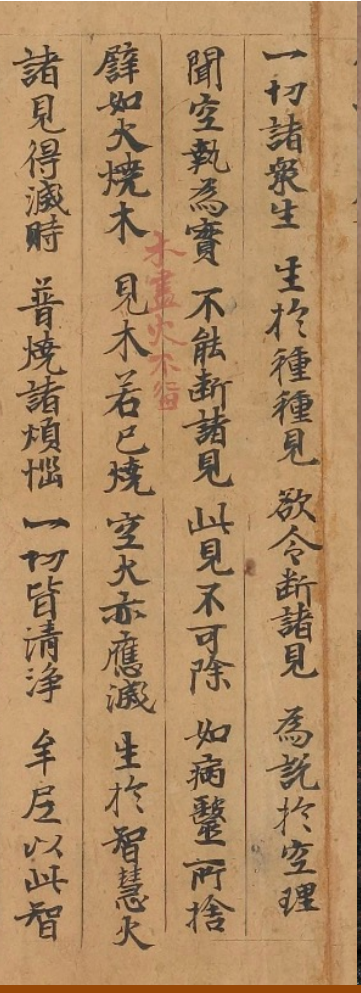

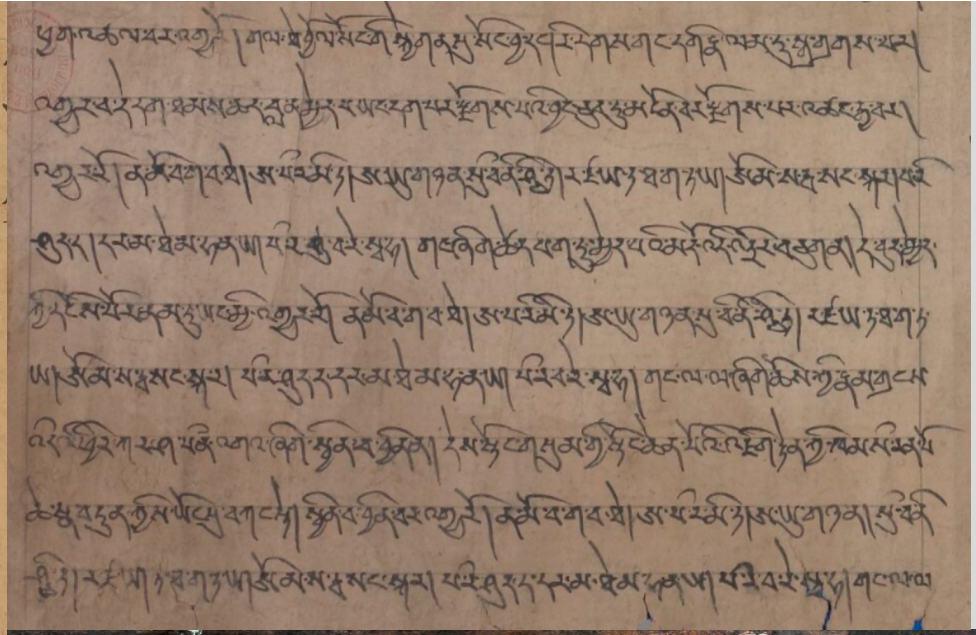

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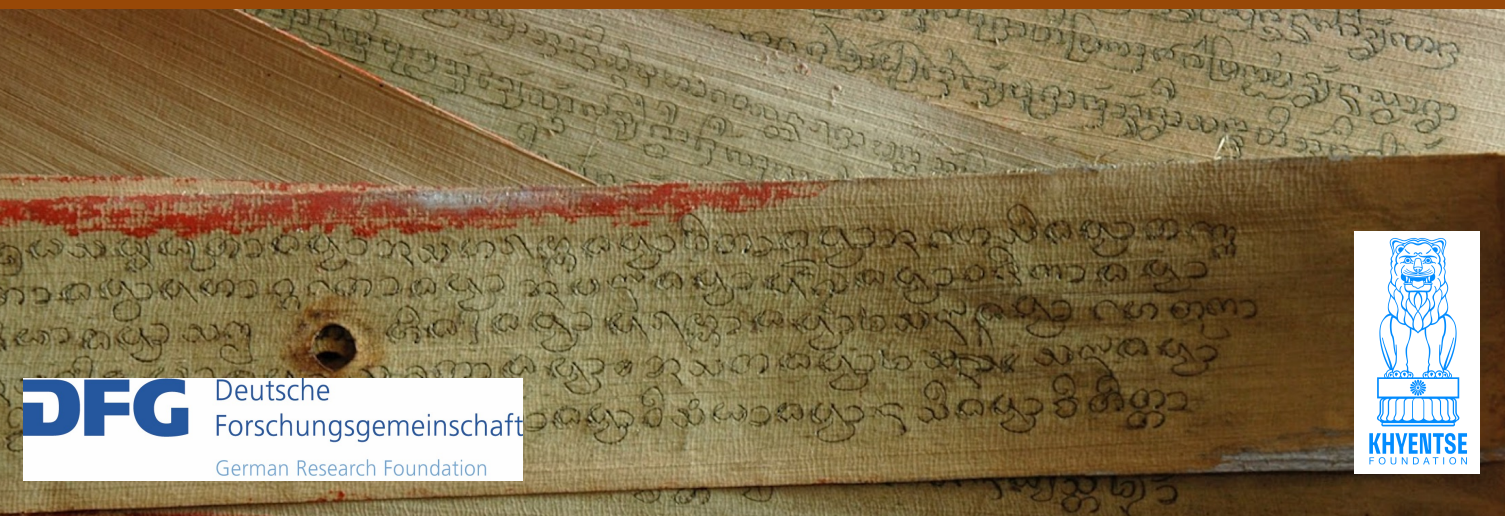

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The Winter School is organized by **Gregory Kourilsky** (EFEO), **Costantino Moretti** (EFEO), **Marta Sernesi** (EPHE & LMU) and **Vincent Tournier** (LMU).

The **3rd edition** of the **Winter School** will be held from **March 2 to 9, 2026** at the **EFEO center** in **Chiang Mai** (Thailand). **Tuition**, **lodging** and **lunch** are **free of charge**.

Students interested in participating in the 3rd Winter School are invited to consult the details of the program from **24 November 2025** and to complete the **online application form**, available at the following link:

https://forms.efeo.fr/index.php?r=survey/index&sid=853573&lang=en

The **deadline** for applications is **5 December 2025 (11:59 PM, Paris time)**. Admissions will be announced on **16 December 2025**.

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