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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Thomas Hove Doctor is a scholar of Buddhist philosophy and translator of canonical texts with over twenty years of experience in academic leadership and interdisciplinary research. He is Professor and Principal at the Kathmandu University Centre for Buddhist Studies and Director of the Centre for the Study of Apparent Selves. His work bridges classical Buddhist thought with contemporary ethics, AI, and cognitive science, and he has been a visiting scholar at leading institutions including the Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton.

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

Ph.D. in Buddhist Studies University of Lausanne, Switzerland (2012)

M.A. in Tibetan Studies University of Copenhagen, Denmark (2003)

B.A. in Tibetan Studies with Sanskrit University of Copenhagen, Denmark (1998)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS & FELLOWSHIPS

Fellow, International Society for Science and Religion

Member, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton

CURRENT POSITIONS

AI Strategic Consultant 84000: Translating the Words of the Buddha (2025–present)

Professor of Buddhist Studies & Principal KU Centre for Buddhist Studies (2024–present)

Director Center for the Study of Apparent Selves, Kathmandu (2020–present)

Co-convenor 17th Seminar of the International Association for Tibetan Studies (2025–26)

Editor Dharmachakra Translation Committee (2005–present)

Translator of Buddhist Teaching Ka-Nying Shedrub Ling Monastery (1993–present)

RESEARCH FUNDING AND GRANT AWARDS

StemAI grant for scientific modelling of caring intelligences USD 75,000 (2024)

Project Director, 'Human Flourishing through Networks of Care and Intelligence'
Templeton World Charity Foundation grant # 22085 USD 233,795 (2023–2024)

Project Director, 'Care as the Driver of Intelligence' Templeton World Charity Foundation grant # 3684 USD 100,000 (2022–2023)

Project Director, 'Where Selves Are Mere Appearance: AI and Buddhism' Templeton World Charity Foundation grant # 0470 USD 232,496 (2020–2022)

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS & VISITING POSITIONS

Visiting Scholar Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton (2023, 2018, 2017)

Associate Professor KU Centre for Buddhist Studies (2019–2024)

Associate Translator 84000: Translating the Words of the Buddha (2021)

Visiting Scholar Earth-Life Science Institute, Tokyo Institute of Technology (2017)

Research Fellow Yale-NUS College, Singapore (2015–2016)

Lecturer University of Lausanne (2006–2011)

Assistant Professor KU Centre for Buddhist Studies (2003–2007)

Lecturer & Translator Rangjung Yeshe Institute (1998–2003)

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Recent Journal Articles

"Selves as Perspectives: From Biological Life to Superintelligence and a Bodhisattva Project" (with M. Levin et al.) PsyArXiv [preprint]. https://osf.io/preprints/psyarxiv/s56zu_v1 [accessed 2025 Oct 23]

"Toward an Ethics of Autopoietic Technology: Stress, Care, and Intelligence" (with M. Levin et al.) Biosystems 231, 2023

"Biology, Buddhism, and AI: Care as the Driver of Intelligence" (with M. Levin et al.) Entropy 24(5), 2022

"What If Madhyamaka Is a Stance?" Journal of Buddhist Philosophy 3, 2020

"True Love for the Artificial?" Journal of Buddhist Ethics 27, 2020

"On Ascertaining the Stuff of Dreams" Philosophy East and West 70(3), 2020

Books

Knowing Illusion (with The Yakherds) 2 vols., Oxford University Press, 2021

Reason and Experience in Tibetan Buddhism Routledge, 2013

Major Translations – Canonical Texts (for 84000)

The Good Eon (2022)

Application of Mindfulness of the Sacred Dharma (2021)

Precious Discourse on the Blessed One's Extensive Wisdom (2019)

The Jewel Cloud (2019)

The Indistinguishable Nature of the Sphere of Reality (2018)

The Practice Manual of Noble Tārā Kurukullā (2011)

Major Translations – Philosophical Works

Ornament of the Great Vehicle Sūtras Shambhala, 2014

Distinguishing Phenomena from Their Innate Nature Snow Lion, 2013

Ornament of Reason Snow Lion, 2011

Middle Beyond Extremes Snow Lion, 2007

Speech of Delight Snow Lion, 2004

Book Chapters

"Mr. Jones and the Surpluses of Reality" in *Sellars and Buddhism*, ed. J. Garfield, Routledge, 2019

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Buddhist Philosophy and Practice
- AI and Buddhist Epistemology and Ethics
- Philosophy of Mind and Self
- Ethics of Technology
- Translation and Hermeneutics
- Science and Religion