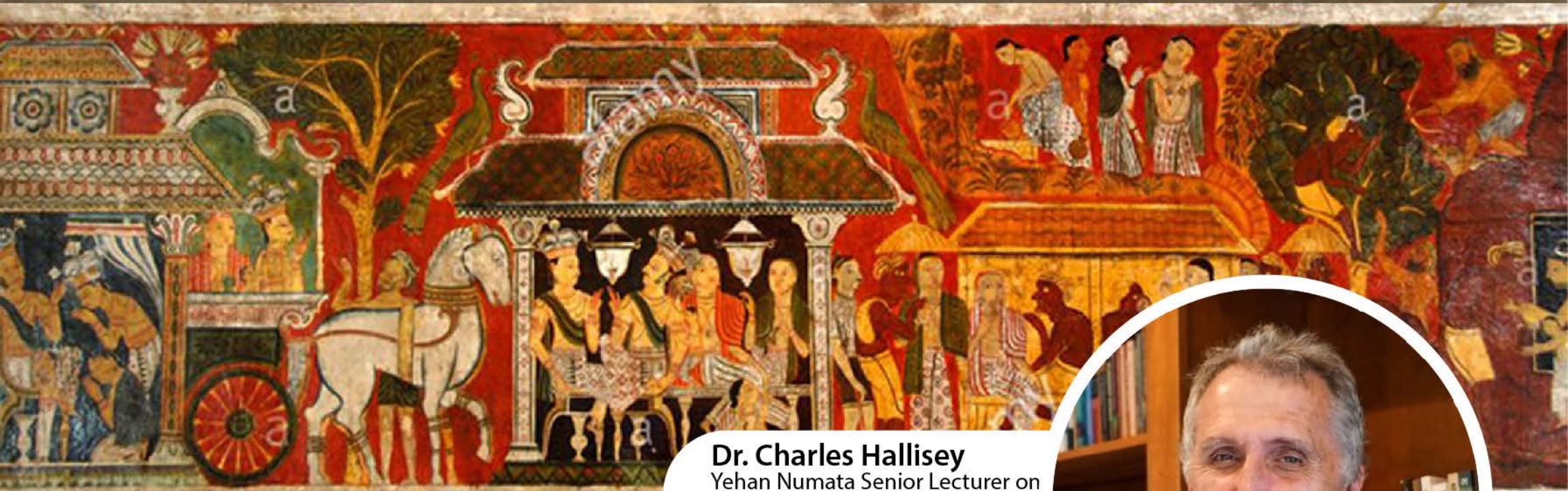




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"How We Read: Reflections on Reading a Buddhist Jataka Story"

In a short but important essay, "How We Read" (available to download here: https://sheldonpollock.org/archiv/pollock_sensitive_reading_2022.pdf), Sheldon Pollock asks us to remember that reading "is no straightforward matter." This is true of everything we read, but it is especially important to keep this in mind whenever we set out to read any text from the past. In this webinar, I will reflect on some of the many things we may want to keep in mind while reading one Buddhist story, the AbhinhaJātaka, in its Pali and Sinhala versions, and the significance of the complexities of reading for research.

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