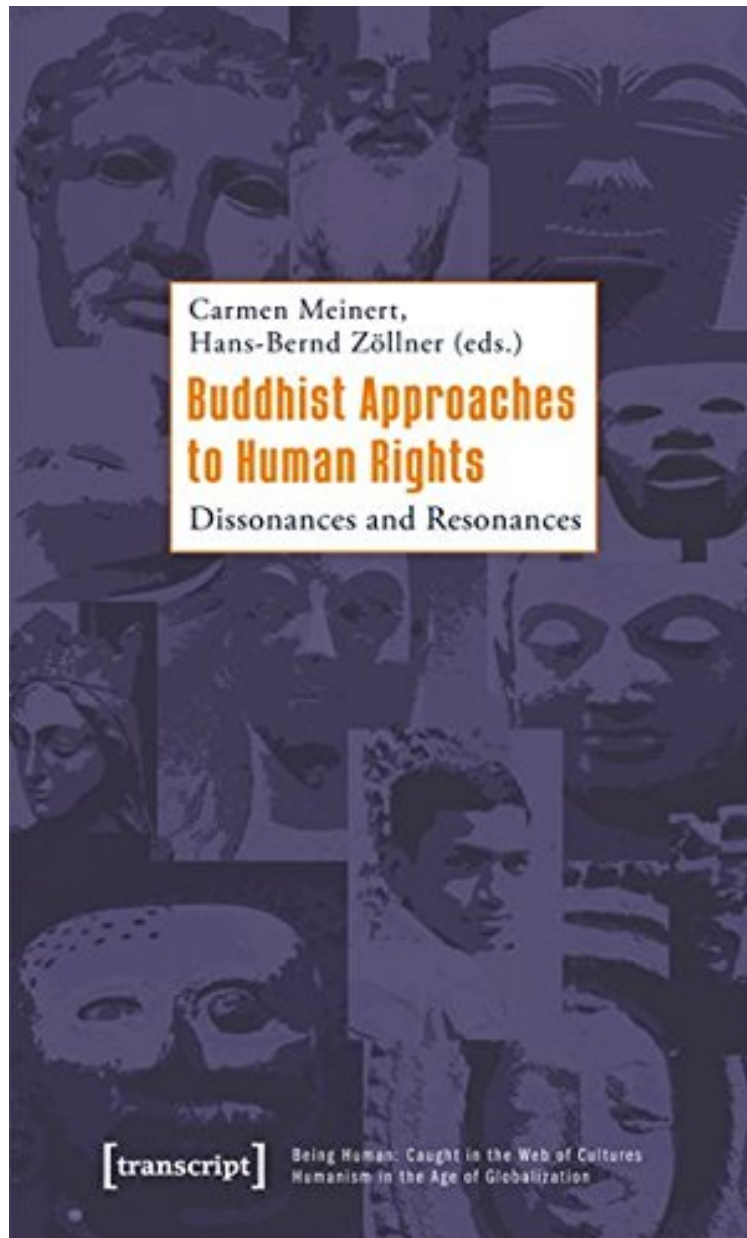


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[The] transdisciplinary, transcultural, and transreligious approach is the strong point of this book. (Gudula Linck *Internationales Asienforum*, 3-4 (2011)) About the Author Carmen Meinert (Dr. phil.), sinologist and tibetologist, currently works as a research fellow at the Institute of Advanced Studies in the Humanities (KWI) in Essen (Germany) and teaches at the University of Bochum. Her field of research includes Chinese and Tibetan intellectual and religious history and Buddhist studies. Hans-Bernd Zilner (Dr. phil.) teaches East Asian Studies at the Universities of Hamburg and Passau. His research focuses on Theravada Buddhism and politics and on modern history in Burma/Myanmar.