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Monks on the Move: Indian Ocean Buddhism 1100-1500

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Anne M. Blackburn is an historian of Buddhism, focusing on Sri Lanka and Sri Lankan Buddhist networks with Southeast Asia and the South Asia mainland. She has a special interest in monastic culture, and works at the intersection of social and intellectual history with attention to connections between Buddhist devotional practice, education and textual culture, patronage, and state formation. Her first two books (2001 & 2010) examine Buddhist monastic institutions and social projects in Sri Lanka during the 18th and 19th centuries. These projects study Buddhist activities partly in relation to problems of modernity and colonialism in southern Asia. Her current research examines intersections between monastic institutions and polities in Lankan, Mon, Burmese, and Tai arenas during the early second millennium A.D., attentive particularly to how the idea of Lankan Buddhism and Lankan monastic lineages were incorporated into Southeast Asian Buddhist and royal contexts.