

Abstract

Some Theravāda Abhidhamma and Sarvāstivāda Abhidharma terms: research into the development and differentiation

The term Pāli *viññatti*, Sanskrit *vijñapti* “making known, information, manifestation” seems to be a term used mainly in Abhidharma works. In my paper I shall trace the occurrences of the term in Pāli Abhidhamma and (Mūla)Sarvāstivāda works as in the third chapter of the *Karmaprajñaptiśāstra*, in Vasubandhu’s *Abhidharmakośabhāṣya* and *Pañcaskandhaprakaraṇa*. I shall research into the development and differentiation of this term and the related terms as *prajñapti* and *vijñāna*, until it becomes quasi synonym with *vijñāna* in the Vijñaptimātra doctrine.