

# BUDDHISM IN THE GLOBAL EYE: BEYOND EAST AND WEST

## THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA | AUGUST 10-12, 2016

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### CONFERENCE VENUE: ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE

2111 Lower Mall, Vancouver, BC, V6T 1Z4

### KEYNOTE VENUE: ASIAN CENTRE

1871 West Mall, Vancouver, BC, V6T 1Z2

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10

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### 11:30 AM

Fairmont Social Lounge

### REGISTRATION

Registration table will be open throughout the conference.

### 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

Fairmont Social Lounge

### LUNCH

### 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM

Lecture Hall 1080

Chair: Jessica L. Main,  
The University of British  
Columbia

### PANEL 1 EAST/WEST-WEST/EAST

**Victor Sogen Hori**, McGill University  
Modernized Buddhism and Secular Religion

**Jeffrey Schroeder**, University of Oregon  
Is "Religious Experience" a Western Idea?

**Sebastian Munsch**, Hochschule für Jüdische Studien  
The Reciprocal Exchange of Ideas on Buddhism and Modernity Between Germany and Asia (1900-1930)

**Jingjing Li**, McGill University  
D. T. Suzuki and the Modernization of Chinese Buddhism

### 3:00 PM – 3:30 PM

Fairmont Social Lounge

### BREAK

### 3:30 PM – 5:00 PM

Lecture Hall 1080

Chair: Alexander Soucy,  
Saint Mary's University

### PANEL 2 ASIAN AGENCY

**Paride Stortini**, University of Chicago  
Nanjō Bunyū and Max Müller: Reconceiving Modern Japanese Buddhism

**Mick Deneckere**, Ghent University  
Chōshū, the Meiji Restoration and the first Japanese Buddhist Mission Abroad: Exploring the Development of Shimaji Mokurai's Early Thought

**Rev. Soorakkulame Pamaratana**, University of Pittsburgh  
Making the Buddha Modern: Ritual and Religious Change in Sri Lanka

**Lina Verchery**, Harvard University  
An Alternative to the "Westernization" Paradigm: The Buddhist Conquest of the West and the Chinese Buddhist Imaginaire

### 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

Fairmont Social Lounge

### DINNER

### 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM

Asian Centre Auditorium

### KEYNOTE ADDRESS

**Professor Richard Jaffe**, Duke University  
Japanese Buddhism's "Western" Turn: South/Southeast Asia and the Forging of the Japanese Buddhist Modern

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### THURSDAY, AUGUST 11

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**8:00 AM - 9:00 AM**

*Fairmont Social Lounge*

**BREAKFAST**

**9:00 AM - 10:30 AM**

*Lecture Hall 1080*

*Chair: Jessica L. Main,  
The University of British  
Columbia*

**PANEL 3 TRADITION AND AUTHENTICITY**

**Shou Jen Kuo**, *University of California, Riverside*

Making Modern Buddhism Performative in America: A Study of Chinese Traditional Liturgy (Fahui) in Hsi Lai Temple in Southern California

**Christopher Emory-Moore**, *University of Waterloo*

Branding a New Buddhist Tradition: The New Kadampa Tradition's Self-Identification as "Modern Buddhism"

**Christopher Hiebert**, *University of Virginia*

Climbing the Copper-Colored Mountain: Adaptation, Contestation, and Innovation in the Tibetan Nyingma Sect from the 17th-19th Centuries

**Casey Collins**, *The University of British Columbia*

Buddha or Bust: Veneration, Material Culture, and the Making of Modern Buddhas in Shinnyo-en

**10:30 AM - 11:00 AM**

*Fairmont Social Lounge*

**BREAK**

**11:00 AM - 12:30 PM**

*Lecture Hall 1080*

*Chair: Sara Shneiderman,  
The University of British  
Columbia*

**PANEL 4 NATIONALISM AND POLITICS**

**Barbra Clayton**, *Mount Allison University*

The Development of Bhutanese Buddhism: GNH, Bhutanese Nationalism, and Global Buddhism

**Douglas Ober**, *The University of British Columbia*

The Buddha and the Left: Revolutionary Dharma in the Making of Modern Buddhism

**Justin Stein**, *University of Toronto*

Anti-Sectarianism among Buddhist Youth on the Verge of the "Pacific Era"

**John Nelson**, *University of San Francisco*

Rectifying Ideals and Harsh Realities: a Critique of and Alternative to "Socially Engaged Buddhism"

**1:00 PM - 2:30 PM**

*Fairmont Social Lounge*

**LUNCH**

**2:30 PM - 4:00 PM**

*Lecture Hall 1080*

*Chair: John Harding,  
University of Lethbridge*

**PANEL 5 GENDER, RACE, AND POWER**

**Isabel Essebag**, *McGill University*

Disenchantment-Reenchantment "with Chinese Characteristics"

**Ryan Anningson**, *Wilfrid Laurier University / University of Waterloo*

Race Theory and the Introduction of Buddhism to North America

**Marybeth White**, *Wilfrid Laurier University*

Re-thinking Space: The Story of Sao Si, Gender Dynamics, and Lao Buddhist Ordination Halls

**Alexander Soucy**, *Saint Mary's University*

Policing the Boundaries of Orthodoxy: Power, Gender and the Globalization of Buddhism

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### THURSDAY, AUGUST 11

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**4:00 PM - 4:30 PM**

*Fairmont Social Lounge*

**4:30 PM - 5:40 PM**

*Lecture Hall 1080*

*Chair: Victor Sogen Hori,  
McGill University*

*Seminar Room 2166*

*Chair: John Harding,  
University of Lethbridge*

**6:00 PM - 7:30 PM**

*Fairmont Social Lounge*

**7:30 PM - 9:00 PM**

*Asian Centre Auditorium*

**BREAK**

#### **PANEL 6 MONASTICS AND MODERNITY**

**Jack Chia**, *Cornell University*

"Being Buddhist" in Malaysia: Chuk Mor and Human-Life Buddhism

**Ven. Sirinanda Bandagiriye**, *Saint Mary's University*

The Challenges for Sri Lankan Monasticism in Canada

**Silong Li**, *Peking University*

Conservative Culture à la mode: Contemporary Chinese Buddhism Facing Globalization

#### **PANEL 7 INTERPRETATIONS AND TRANSLATIONS**

**Jessica Zu**, *Princeton University*

The Genesis of the Science of Buddhism in China: Translation and Comparative Hermeneutics

**Haema Sivanesan**, *Art Gallery of Victoria*

Buddhism as Methodology in Contemporary Art: A Survey

**Elizabeth Williams-Oerberg**, *University of Copenhagen*

Young Buddhism: Analyzing global Transformations of Buddhism through "Youth"

**DINNER**

#### **KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

**Professor David McMahan**, *Franklin & Marshall College*

Buddhism and Global Secularisms

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### FRIDAY, AUGUST 12

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#### 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM

Fairmont Social Lounge

#### BREAKFAST

#### 8:50 AM - 10:00 AM

Lecture Hall 1080

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McGill University

#### PANEL 8 TRANSNATIONAL NETWORKS

**Yulianti**, *University of Leiden / Universitas Gadjah Mada*

East-West Collision: (Re)emergence of Buddhism in Late Colonial Indonesia

**Rev. Jue Qian**, *Independent Scholar* & **Janet McLellan**, *Wilfrid Laurier University*

Localization Processes and Dynamics within Fo Guang Shan Temples in the GTA and Waterloo Regions of Ontario from 1991-2015

**Jason Ellsworth**, *Dalhousie University*

Integration, Acceptance, and The Market: Buddhist Food Projects on Prince Edward Island

Seminar Room 2166

Chair: John Harding,  
University of Lethbridge

#### PANEL 9 INTRA-ASIAN COMMUNICATIONS

**Lei Ying**, *Harvard University*

Transnational Dharma: Ven. Kong Hiap and Buddhist Modernism in Singapore

**Elsa Ngar-sze Lau**, *Lancaster University*

Practicing Transnational Theravāda Meditation practices by Han Chinese in Mainland China

**Erik Hammerstrom**, *Pacific Lutheran University*

Egalitarianism in Transnational Sinitic Buddhist Discourse

#### 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM

Fairmont Social Lounge

#### BREAK

#### 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Lecture Hall 1080

Chair: Alexander Soucy,  
Saint Mary's University

#### PANEL 10 LOCAL HISTORIES AND GLOBAL FORMS

**Victoria Montrose**, *University of Southern California*

The Emergence of Japan's Buddhist Universities and Construction of Scholar-Priest Networks, 1880s-1930s

**Jessica L. Main**, *The University of British Columbia*

Shin Buddhism and Global Modernity: Settlement Work, Social Work, and Other Brand New Ideas in the Early Twentieth Century

**John Harding**, *University of Lethbridge*

Buddhism in Europe: Navigating the Confluence of Secularism and Religions

**Kai Sheng**, *Tsing-Hua University*

The 2000 Years, 60 Years, and 30 Years of Chinese Buddhism

#### 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM

Fairmont Social Lounge

#### LUNCH & CLOSING COMMENTS