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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10

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 Pemaratana, 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
THURSDAY, AUGUST 11

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 Annington, 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
THURSDAY, AUGUST 11

4:00 PM – 4:30 PM
Fairmont Social Lounge
BREAK

4:30 PM – 5:40 PM
Lecture Hall 1080
Chair: Victor Sogen Hori, McGill University

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

Seminar Room 2166
Chair: John Harding, University of Lethbridge

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”

6:00 PM – 7:30 PM
Fairmont Social Lounge
DINNER

7:30 PM – 9:00 PM
Asian Centre Auditorium
KEYNOTE ADDRESS
Professor David McMahan, Franklin & Marshall College
Buddhism and Global Secularisms
FRIDAY, AUGUST 12

7:30 AM – 8:30 AM  
Breakfast  
Fairmont Social Lounge

8:50 AM – 10:00 AM  
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

8:50 AM – 10:00 AM  
Seminar Room 2166  
Chair: John Harding, University of Lethbridge

8:50 AM – 10:00 AM  
Lecture Hall 1080  
Chair: Victor Sogen Hori, McGill University

10:00 AM – 10:30 AM  
Break  
Fairmont Social Lounge

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM  
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  
Lunch & Closing Comments  
Fairmont Social Lounge