

International Symposium

**BRIDGES BETWEEN ASIA AND EUROPE: BUDDHISM IN
CONTEMPORARY SOCIETIES**

University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Arts, Blue Room
March 12th – 14th 2015

Thursday 12.03.

15:40

MUSICAL PROLOGUE:

Florence Gacoin Marks and Nagisa Škof Moritoki, University of Ljubljana

16:00-17:00

OPENING KEYNOTE SPEECH:

Tamara Ditrich, Nan Tien Institute, Australia:

The Birth of Modern Buddhism: Historical Conditions and their Implications

17:00-17:20

Coffee/Tea break

17:20–18.50

**PANEL 1: BUDDHISM AND INTERACTIONS BETWEEN ASIAN DISCOURSES
(Chair: Andrej Ule, University of Ljubljana)**

1. **Andrej Bekeš, University of Ljubljana:** Japanese Translations of Buddhist Works – a Contemporary Linguistic Perspective
2. **Jana S. Rošker, University of Ljubljana:** The Fusion of Modern Confucianism and Buddhism: the ‘Yixin kai ermen’ Paradigm and Mou Zongsan’s Two-Tiered Ontology
3. **Helena Motoh, University of Primorska:** Is Buddhism Chinese? – (Dis)Appropriation of Religious and Philosophical Traditions in the Nation Building Process

Friday, 13.03.

9:00–10:30

PANEL 2: SOCIAL PRACTICES AND APPLICATIONS
(Chair: Jana S. Rošker, University of Ljubljana)

1. **Maja Veselič, University of Ljubljana:** Learning to Listen: Developments in the Buddhist Psycho-Spiritual Care in Post-3.11 Japan"
2. **Tinka Delakorda Kawashima, Tsukuba University:** Buddhism in Action: Temples Confronting Changing Social Practices in Modern Japan
3. **Nataša Vampelj Suhadolnik, University of Ljubljana:** Digitalization of Buddhist Art Artefacts in Slovenia

10:30-11:00

Coffee/Tea break

11:00-12:30

PANEL 3: PHILOSOPHICAL APPROACHES
(Chair: Tamara Ditrich, University of Ljubljana)

1. **Bart Dessein, Ghent University:** Time, Temporality, and the Characteristic Marks of the Conditioned: Sarvastivada and Madhyamka Interpretations
2. **Andrej Ule, University of Ljubljana:** The Concept of (Non)-Self in Buddhism
3. **Hashi Hisaki, Vienna University:** The Significance of *Mushin* as an Unlimited Mind in Zen Buddhist Philosophy

12:30-14:00

Lunch

14:00-15:30

PANEL 4: CONTEMPLATION AND BUDDHIST PSYCHOLOGY
(Chair: Sebastjan Vöröš, University of Ljubljana)

1. **Hidenori Sakuma, Tsukuba University:** Buddhism and Buddhology from the viewpoint of Yoga Praxis and Practical Theory
2. **Borut Škodlar, University of Ljubljana:** Applications of Mindfulness in Psychotherapy: Contemporary Dilemmas
3. **Jan Ciglencečki, University of Ljubljana:** Contemplation in Comparative Perspective: Desert Fathers and Buddhism

15:30-16:00

Coffee/Tea break

16:00-18:30

ROUND TABLE:

“Challenges, Problems and Possibilities of Establishing the East and Southeast European Centre for Buddhist Studies in Ljubljana”

Conveners:

- Jana S. Rošker, University of Ljubljana
- Hidenori Sakuma, Tsukuba University
- Bart Dessein, Ghent University
- Tamara Ditrich, Nan Tien University

19:00

DINNER FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS

Saturday, 14.03.

10:00-12:00

PANEL 5: BODY AND MIND

(Chair: Helena Motoh, University of Primorska)

1. **Lenart Škof, University of Primorska:** Hospitalities of the Body: Materialism and Spirituality in Philosophical Traditions of Europe and Asia
2. **Nataša Visočnik, University of Ljubljana:** The Concept of Mindfulness in Yuasa Yasuo's Mind-Body Theory

12:00-13:00

CLOSING KEYNOTE SPEECH:

Sebastjan Vöröš, University of Ljubljana:
Buddhism and Cognitive Science: An Uneasy Liaison?

13:00-14:00

Lunch

14:00-16:00

WORKSHOP:

Planning an application for the research project “Buddhist Epistemology: the Concept of Mindfulness and its Applications in Contemporary Societies”