



UBEF VISITING PROFESSOR OF BUDDHIST STUDIES

LECTURE SERIES

This lecture series will explore a range of issues relating to the history and study of Indian and Tibetan Buddhism.

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Lecture 1. The Contested Middle: Tibetan Debates Regarding How to Understand Madhyamaka

Thursday, 28 October, 6:00-7:30pm

Lecture 2. Can Ultimate Reality Change? The Three Natures/Three Characters Doctrine in Indian Yogācāra and Its Modern Interpreters

Thursday, 4 November, 6:00-7:30pm

Lecture 3. What's Wrong with Studying Texts? Current Debates in the Field of Buddhist Studies

With Dr Mark Allon and Dr Jim Rheingans

Thursday, 11 November, 6:00-7:30pm

PUBLIC TALK

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Tibet's Rivers and Climate Change: How Events in a Remote Area Affect Australia And the World

Thursday, 18 November, 6:00-7:30pm

WORKSHOP

In these two workshop sessions, we will closely read some of the most significant sections of this influential text, along with the canonical commentaries. Knowledge of Tibetan is preferred, but not essential.

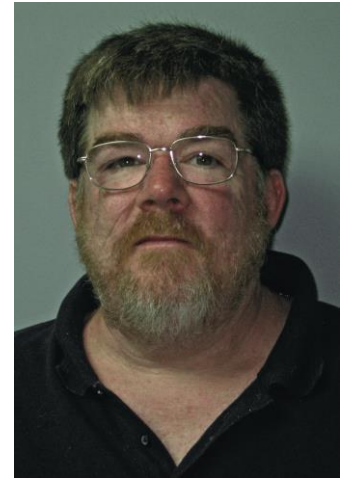
Zoom link to be disseminated at a later date.

Reading the Saṃdhinirmocana-sūtra: What Was the Buddha Really Thinking?

Friday, 26 November, 2:00-5:00pm; and

Saturday, 27 November, 27, 2:00-5:00pm

The **University Buddhist Education Foundation (UBEF) Visiting Professorship in Buddhist Studies** was established at the University of Sydney in 2009 through the generosity of the UBEF for the purpose of sponsoring an extended visit to Sydney of a distinguished international scholar in any field of Buddhist Studies in order to expose students and academics to current trends in research and to raise the profile of Buddhist Studies in Australia. It is administered by the Department of Indian Sub-continental Studies in the School of Languages and Cultures. Past recipients are Professors Peter Skilling (EFEO, 2009), Geoffrey Samuel (University of Cardiff, 2010), Karen Lang (Virginia, 2011), Bernard Faure (Columbia, 2012), David Eckel (Boston University, 2013), Richard Salomon (University of Washington, 2016), Lara Braitstein (McGill University, 2018) and Michael Zimmerman (University of Hamburg, 2019).



About the speaker

John Powers is a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Humanities and author of 18 books and more than 100 articles and book chapters, mainly focused on the Buddhist history of ideas in India and Tibet. His books include *A Bull of a Man: Images of Masculinity, Sex, and the Body in Indian Buddhism* (Harvard, 2009) and *The Buddha Party: How the Chinese Communist Party Works to Define and Control Tibetan Buddhism* (Oxford, 2015).

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