BURNING REFUGE 2024: THE INAUGURAL BUDDHISM & SOCIAL-SPIRITUAL LIBERATION CONFERENCE AT HARVARD DIVINITY SCHOOL

Conference Schedule (updated 6 March)

Additional Room Assignments

Multifaith Space (HDS Swartz Hall 2nd floor)
Low Stimulation Room (HDS Swartz Hall 114)

See the below schedule for conference session dates, times, and locations.

TH 3/7	Sperry Room	Garvin Room	Braun Room	James Room	Swartz 123	Swartz 125
5:30 PM	n/a	n/a	n/a	**Opening Reception Dinner**	n/a	n/a
6:50 PM	n/a	n/a	n/a	**Reception Conclusion**	n/a	n/a
7:00 PM	**Opening Ceremonies**	n/a	n/a	Attendee general work space	n/a	n/a
8:00 PM	**Kodo Nishimura Keynote 1:** This Monk Wears Heels--Evolution and Liberation	n/a	n/a	Attendee general work space	n/a	n/a
9:30 PM	Approximate Day-End	Approximate Day-End	Approximate Day-End	Approximate Day-End	Approximate Day-End	Approximate Day-End
FRI 3/8	Sperry Room	Garvin Room	Braun Room	James Room	Swartz 123	Swartz 125
9:00 AM	**Santosh Raut Keynote 2:** Ambedkar Dreams the Buddha: Breaking Barriers	n/a	n/a	Attendee general work space	n/a	n/a
11:00 AM	**Breakout Panel on Race, Capitalism, and Colonialism** 1.Raja Sekhar Vundru: Buddhist revivalism and realism in India: Ambedkar's idea of liberation of the Untouchables and creation of the ideal society 2. Alexandre Chami Filho: Can Equanimity become Equality? For an expansive hermeneutics of a prescriptive Buddhist political theory 3. Yuen Yee Li: Practicing Empty Speech Acts	n/a	**Breakout Workshop** DeVante Love: If Buddha Were A Trans Dancer: Meditative Movements to Detach From Hegemonic Gender Ideology	Attendee general work space	**Breakout Panel for Virtual Presenters** 1. Andrew Jon Bishop: The Fertility of Delusion: Collective Liberation as an Innate Potential and Reality 2. Rafael Diaz: Cultivating Seeds of Liberation: Personal and Political Struggle in Baldwin and Vasubandhu 3. John Negru: The Rural Buddhist Center Environmental Research Project 4. Eleanor Pontoriero: The Spiritual and Political Liberation of Puṇṇikā Therī and her Modern Day Sisters	n/a
12:00 PM	*Lunch*	*Lunch*	*Lunch*	*Lunch*	*Lunch*	*Lunch*
1:00 PM	**Mihiri Tillakaratne Keynote 3:** Auntiehood as Praxis: Shaping the Future of Buddhist Communities	n/a	n/a	Attendee general work space	n/a	n/a
2:30 PM	**Breakout Panel on Feminist, Gender, and Queer/Trans Liberation** 1. Padmalanchana Raveendran Rehnamol: Ambedkar, Buddhism and Gender: Re-visiting the Question of Women's Liberation in India 2. Corwynn Wolf Madrone: Queer Evolutions of Avalokiteśvara 3. Hongmin Ahn: 'I Can Only Marry You in the Military': The Military as a Last Refuge for Married Chogye Buddhist Clerics in Post-Colonial Korea	n/a	**Breakout Workshop** Bobbie Kite & Tracy Joosten: Amache Japanese Internment Camp: An Interfaith Social Justice Pilgrimage	Attendee general work space	**Breakout Panel on Transnational Liberation Movements** 1. Sara Shapouri: A Spiritual Failure: Buddhists' Silence on Gaza 2. Jess Navarette: The Liberative Power of Traditional Chinese Buddhism in America 3. Tania Triana: Ceasefire! Practice for Liberation at East Bay Meditation Center	**Breakout Workshop** Susan Yao: Reimagining School Through a Buddhist Lens
3:30 PM	*Break*	*Break*	*Break*	*Break*	*Break*	*Break*
4:00 PM	**Magga Sunim Keynote 4:** When I Love Myself, Peace Comes to All the World	n/a	n/a	Attendee general work space	n/a	n/a
5:30 PM	**Breakout Panel on Animal Liberation, Environmental Justice, and Deep Ecology** 1.Julia Cassaniti: A Burning Issue: Buddhism and Spirits in the Cosmopolitical Ecologies of Thailand's Haze Crisis 2.Maisie Luo: Art as a Guide to Seeing the Joy and Suffering of Animals as Our Own 3.Henry Shiu: Re-evaluating Buddhist Animal Releases Practices: Towards Sustainable Practices and Environmental Harmony 4.Rebecca Carrol: Intoxicants… or Medicines? Why Buddhists Should Consider Psychedelics	n/a	**Breakout Workshop** Marika Maypop & Syd Yang: Dharma of the Entangled Embodied Erotic	Attendee general work space	Keynote Speaker Breakout: **Kodo Nishimura**	Keynote Speaker Breakout **[Virtual] Dr. Mihiri Tillakaratne** Doing Buddhist Auntiehood: A Hands-On Workshop on Shaping Our Communities
6:30 PM	**Dinner**	**Dinner**	**Dinner**	**Dinner**	**Dinner**	**Dinner**
8:00 PM	**Documentary Screening of Magga Sunim with Magga Sunim and Director Q&A**	n/a	n/a	Attendee general work space	n/a	n/a
10:00 PM	Approximate Day-End	Approximate Day-End	Approximate Day-End	Approximate Day-End	Approximate Day-End	n/a
SAT 3/9	Sperry Room	Garvin Room	Braun Room	James Room	Swartz 123	Swartz 125
9:00 AM	**Cuong Lu Keynote 5:** Interbeing and Our True Connection with Life: The Non-Discriminatory Nature of Our Minds and Almost Everything	n/a	n/a	Attendee general work space	n/a	n/a
10:30 AM	Keynote Speaker Breakout: **Magga Sunim**	Keynote Speaker Breakout: **Cuong Lu** Silence Engenders Creation: Listening is a path to genuine connection	Keynote Speaker Breakout: **Dr. Sará King**	Attendee general work space	Keynote Speaker Breakout: **Dr. Santosh Raut** Buddhism and Social Justice: Caste, Race, and Gender	n/a
12:00 PM	*Lunch*	*Lunch*	*Lunch*	*Lunch*	*Lunch*	*Lunch*
1:30 PM	**Dr. Duncan Ryuken Williams Keynote 6:** Interlinked: A Buddhist Approach to Remembering Our Ancestors and Racial Karma	n/a	n/a	Attendee general work space	n/a	n/a
3:00 PM	**Dr. Sará King Final Keynote 7:** Ancestral Intelligence Meets Artificial Intelligence: Reflections on the Future of Contemplative Practices, Technology, and Healing	n/a	n/a	Attendee general work space	n/a	n/a
4:30 PM	**Concluding Ceremony**	n/a	n/a	Attendee general work space	n/a	n/a
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