

21st European Shin Buddhist Conference

Oxford 1st – 3rd September 2025 Program

Theme: Peace and Harmony

Monday September 1st

(10 presentations)

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| 9.00 – 9.30 am | Registration and coffee |
| 9.30 – 9.40 am | Welcome – Rev Dr Enrique Galvan-Alvarez & Rev Dr Louella Matsunaga |
| 9.40 – 10.05 am | Opening remarks from representatives of IABC and IASBS |
| 10.10 – 11.10 am | Key note speaker: Rev Dr Toshikazu Arai: The True Buddha and Transformed Buddhas |
| 11.10 – 11.20 am | Break |
| 11.20 – 12.40 | <p>Presentations (3) 20 minutes p presentation plus 20 mins discussion at the end</p> <p>Theme: Blind passions and being embraced</p> <p>Schedule of presentations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Rev John Paraskevopolous – The Serene Sustenance of Annyō: Finding Peace in a ‘Burning House’2. Rev Prof Mitsuya Dake – The Meaning of Peace and Harmony from the Perspectives of Buddhist Thoughts and Shinran-Shonin3. Rev Terumi Sasaki – “the love that loves me just as I am” – teachings of Takenaka Chishū |
| 12.40 – 1.40pm | Buffet Lunch |
| 1.40 – 3.00pm | <p>Presentations (3) 20 minutes p presentation plus 20 minutes discussion at the end</p> <p>Theme: Shin and inner peace</p> <p>Schedule of presentations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Rev Prof Kemmyo Taira Sato – Inner Peace as a Source of Harmony |

2. Rev Dr Kenneth Tanaka: The Pole-vault Metaphor Representing the Process of Psychology, General Buddhism, and Shin Buddhism: Toward a Life of Peace and Harmony

3. Dr. Ken Mullen: The Peaceful Contemplation of Amida: Reflections on Shan-tao's Kannenbōmon

3.00 – 3.30pm Coffee Break

3.30 – 5.15pm Presentations (4)

Theme: Hearing and Other Power

Schedule of Presentations:

1. Rev Prof Yasushi Kigoshi: "Peace and Harmony" realized by 'other-power' -Through Ryūkan's thought
2. Mr David Tan: Metanoetics for the 21st Century's Second Quarter: Reexamining Philosophical Harmony in Tanabe Hajime's Existential Pure Land Approach Ethics
3. Ms Maitrisiddhi Carter: 'You Too Should Let That Strength Release You': Shin Themes in the Pali Scriptures
4. Rev Angela Andrade – on hearing and nurturing life in Jōdo Shinshū

5.15 – 5.25pm Break

5.25 – 5.40pm Evening service

7pm Dinner (hosted by IABC)

Tuesday September 2nd

Entry to venue: 8.45 – 9.30

Please arrive at venue by 8.45 if you wish to attend morning service, and by 9.20 if you wish to attend the first presentation session

(12 presentations)

9.00 – 9.20 am Morning service

9.20 – 9.30 am Break

9.30 – 10.50 Presentations (3)

Theme: Historical perspectives

Schedule of presentations:

1. Dr Pia Joliffe – Jōdo Shinshū and gender relations in late medieval Japanese marriages
2. Rev Dr Eisho Nasu – Dragons, Demons, and Humans: Shinran's Reflections on the Unpredictable Nature of Lives in Rural Communities
3. Prof Dr Markus Rüschi - Hongwanji in Warring Times: Focusing on the Ishiyama Hongwanji Period and the tenth monshu Shōnyo

11.05 – 11.25 Coffee Break

11.25 – 12.45 Presentations (3)

Theme: Perspectives on War and Pure Land Buddhism

Schedule of presentations:

1. Rev Dr Michael Conway: Was Daochuo Drafted in His Youth? A Consideration of How His Experience of War Influenced His Prioritization of Pure Land Buddhism
2. Dr Max Nilsson: Where To Find Peace In The Face of War? Asylum in Anjin
3. Rev Suzu Sugo: August Monologue - from an essay written by my aunt, a bōmori who survived Hiroshima

12.45 – 2.00pm Lunch

2.00 – 3.00 pm Presentations (2)

Theme: Aesthetics and Music as a way of approaching harmony and the Pure land

Schedule of presentations:

1. Rev Nobuyuki Kashiwahara – Harmony and peace in the Pure Land

2. Mr Yotin Jitsattha – Music as Metaphor

3.00 – 3.30 pm

Coffee break

3.30 – 5.15 pm

Presentations (4)

Theme: Social Engagement:1

Schedule of presentations:

1. Rev Bettina Langner-Teramoto: Social Engagement in Jodoshinshu
- For Peace in Society

2. Dr Luke Chambers: Shinran's "Evil Person" and Contemporary
Concepts of Justice"

3. Rev Mauricio Ghigonetto : Yogacara's Bridge Between Zen and Shin
Buddhist Ecological Ethics

4. Rev Satya Robin: A call to Action

5.15 – 5.25pm

Break

5.25 – 5.45 pm

Evening service

Wednesday September 3rd

Entry to venue: 8.45 – 9.30

Please arrive at venue by 8.45 if you wish to attend morning service, and by 9.20 if you wish to attend the first presentation session

(3 presentations)

9.00 – 9.20 am Morning service

9.20 – 9.30 am Break

9.30 – 10.50am Presentations (3)

Theme: Social Engagement II

Schedule of presentations:

1. Dr Aline Yuri Hasegawa: Jōdo Shinshū on the Border: How We Nurture Trust in the Brazilian Diaspora

2. Rev Dr Marc Nottelmann: Disharmony as strategy: How to deal with the asuras in our backyard?

3. Rev Elaine Donlin – Storms and Peace

10.50 – 11.10am Coffee Break

11.10 – 12.10pm Keynote Address: Rev Dr Jérôme Ducor: What remains of the Kyōgyōshinshō?

12.10 pm – 1.30pm Lunch

1.30 pm – 2.15pm Kikyoshiki

2.15pm – 2.20pm Formal Announcement

2.20 – 2.50 pm Coffee Break

2.50pm –3.00pm Rev Jerry Hirano: Center for Buddhist Education Presentation

3.00pm – 3.45pm Summing up and plans for next conference

3.45pm-4.00pm Concluding Remarks

4.00pm – 4.20pm Final service