

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 - 9.45 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 pm | Presentations (3) 20 minutes p presentation plus 20 mins discussion at the end

Theme: Blind passions and being embraced

Schedule of presentations:

1. Rev John Paraskevopoulos – The Serene Sustenance of <i>Annyō</i> : 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-Shonin

3. Rev Terumi Sasaki – “the love that loves me just as I am” – through the words of Takenaka Chishū and Nobukuni Atsushi |
| 12.40 - 1.40 pm | Buffet Lunch |
| 1.40 - 3.00 pm | Presentations (3) 20 minutes p presentation plus 20 minutes discussion at the end

Theme: Shin and inner peace

Schedule of presentations:

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 Kenneth Mullen: The Peaceful Contemplation of Amida:
Reflections on Shan-tao's Kannenbōmon

3.00 - 3.30 pm

Coffee Break

3.30 - 5.10 pm

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

5.10 - 5.20 pm

Break

5.20 - 5.35 pm

Evening service

7 pm

Dinner (hosted by IABC)

Tuesday September 2nd

(12 presentations)

9.00 - 9.20 am Morning service

9.20 - 9.30 am Break

9.30 - 10.50 am Presentations (3)

Theme: Historical perspectives

Schedule of presentations:

1. Dr Pia Jolliffe – 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. Dr Markus Rüsç - Hongwanji in Warring Times: Focusing on the Ishiyama Hongwanji Period and the tenth monshu Shōnyo

11.05 - 11.25 am Coffee Break

11.25 - 12.45 pm 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 - 2.00 pm 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 - 5.10 pm	<p>Presentations (4)</p> <p>Theme: Social Engagement:1</p> <p>Schedule of presentations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 Robyn: A call to Action
5.10 - 5.20 pm	Break
5.20 - 5.40 pm	Evening service

Wednesday September 3rd

(3 presentations)

9.00 - 9.20 am Morning service

9.20 - 9.30 am Break

9.30 - 10.50 am 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 Marc Nottelmann: Disharmony as strategy: How to deal with the asuras in our backyard?

3. Rev Elaine Donlin – Storms and Peace

10.50 - 11.10 am Coffee Break

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

12.10 - 1.30 pm Lunch

1.30 - 2.15 pm Kikyōshiki

2.15 - 2.20pm Formal Announcement

2.20 - 2.50 pm Coffee Break

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

3.00 – 3.45pm Summing up and plans for next conference

3.45 – 4.00 pm Concluding Remarks

4.00 – 4.20 pm Final service