

**21<sup>st</sup> European Shin Buddhist Conference**  
**Oxford 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025 Program**  
**Theme: Peace and Harmony**

**Monday September 1<sup>st</sup>**

(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 am     | Opening remarks from representatives of IABC and IASBS  |
| 10 - 10.10 am    | Morning service   |
| 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 2<sup>nd</sup>**

(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	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 Robyn: A call to Action
5.10 - 5.20 pm	Break
5.20 - 5.40 pm	Evening service

## **Wednesday September 3<sup>rd</sup>**

(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 - 2.45 pm      Coffee Break

2.45 - 3.30 pm      Summing up and plans for next conference

3.30 - 3.40 pm      Concluding Remarks

3.40 - 4 pm          Final service