



# ACADEMIC ROUND TABLE BUDDHIST CONTRIBUTION TO PEACE AND HUMAN RIGHTS: CONCEPTS AND APPLICATION

INTERNATIONAL BUDDHIST STUDIES COLLEGE (IBSC) OF  
MAHACHULALONGKORNRAJAVIDYALAYA UNIVERSITY (MCU), THAILAND  
IN COLLABORATION WITH THE NORWEGIAN CENTRE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS,  
FACULTY OF LAW, UNIVERSITY OF OSLO

**6 JUNE  
2024**

VENUE: FACULTY OF LAW,  
UNIVERSITY OF OSLO

**9:00 (GMT+2)**

**Opening of the Academic Round Table**

**Speech by Prof. Dr. Phra Medhivajarpundit (Hansa Dhammhaso),**  
Director of International Buddhist Studies College, MCU  
**Speech by Representative of the University of Oslo**

**9:30 (GMT+2)**

**The Signing of MoU** between International Buddhist Studies College of  
Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University, Thailand and the Norwegian  
Centre for Human Rights, Faculty of Law, University of Oslo, Norway

**10:00 – 11:00  
(GMT+2)**

**Keynote Speech on “Global Challenges to Human Rights”**

**Dr. Nina Reiners**, Associate Professor and Director of Research,  
Norwegian Centre for Human Rights, University of Oslo, Norway  
followed by Q&A

**Moderator: Mr. Egil Lothe**, Member of Advisory Board of Oslo Coalition

**11:00 – 12:00  
(GMT+2)**

**Sub-theme: Buddhist concepts of Peace and Human Rights**

**Moderator: Dr. Iselin Frydenlund**, Professor MF Norwegian School of Theology,  
Religion and Society

**Presentation I: “Human Dignity as a foundation of Human Rights in Buddhism”**

**Dr. Jens Braarvig**, Director, The Norwegian Institute of Philology  
followed by Q&A

**Presentation II: “Do Buddhists need justice?”**

**Prof. Dr. Michael Zimmermann**, Professor of Indian Buddhism,  
Universität Hamburg, Germany (via Zoom)  
followed by Q&A

**Presentation III: “Human Rights, Responsibilities, and Nature - Buddhist Views  
and a Transmodernist Reinterpretation”**

**Gabor Karsai**, Rector of Dharma Gate Buddhist College, Hungary  
followed by Q&A

Lunch

**12:00 – 13:30  
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13:30 – 15:00  
(GMT+2)

**Sub-theme: Buddhist concepts of Peace and Human Rights**

**Moderator: Dr. Konit Srithong,**

Vice Director of International Buddhist Studies College, MCU

**“The Mindful Spiral: Inner Growth Toward Outer Change for Peace”**

**Dr. Maechee Narumon Jiwattanasuk,** Lecturer, Innovative Mindfulness and Peace Studies Program, International Buddhist Studies College, MCU followed by Q&A

**Presentation V: “A Theravada Buddhist perspective on Human Rights”**

**Unapane Pemananda Thero,** PhD. student, University of Hong Kong followed by Q&A

**Presentation VI: “Looking at Human Rights through the Lens of Theravada Buddhism”**

**Dr. Sanu Mahatthanadull,** Assoc Prof of Buddhist Studies, International Buddhist Studies College, MCU followed by Q&A

**Presentation VII: “Human Equality in the Early Buddhist Literature”**

**Dr. Joanna Gruszewska,** Assistant Professor, Centre for Comparative Studies of Civilisations, Jagiellonian University, Poland followed by Q&A

Tea Break

15:00 – 16:30  
(GMT+2)

**Sub-theme: Religious Contributions to Peace and Human Rights**

**Moderator: Gabor Karsai,** Rector of Dharma Gate Buddhist College, Hungary

**Presentation I: “A Christian Approach to Religion and Peace”**

**Dr. Trond Bakkevig,** Archdeacon Emeritus, Church of Norway followed by Q&A

**Presentation II: “Cultivating Mindfulness Harvesting Peace”**

**Prof. Dr. Phra Medhivajarpundit (Hansa Dhammhaso),** Director of International Buddhist Studies College, MCU

**Presentation III: “Religious Harmony Among Differences”**

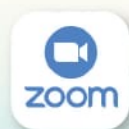
**Venerable Dr. Phramaha Somphong Khunakaro,** Assistant Professor of Buddhist Studies, International Buddhist Studies College, MCU followed by Q&A

**Presentation VI: “Buddhist dialogues on Human Rights in Myanmar”**

**Dr. Iselin Frydenlund,** Professor MF Norwegian School of Theology, Religion and Society & **Egil Lothe,** Member of Advisory Board of Oslo Coalition followed by Q&A

16:30 (GMT+2)

Closing of Academic Roundtable Table



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