

Special Issue

Contemporary Approaches to Buddhist Philosophy and Ethics

Message from the Guest Editor

Like all living beings, adherents to religious and philosophical traditions have endeavored to adapt to changing circumstances. Modern, postmodern and postcolonial contexts have been filled with turmoil regarding traditional philosophies and religions. In the contemporary world, Buddhists have been particularly creative in steering between reaction and secularism in order to realize and demonstrate their tradition's ongoing relevance to scientific, political and liberatory thought and values. This Special Issue will include academic philosophy and practical—often also philosophical—ethics. Articles may agree or disagree with various aspects of Buddhism.

Several academic articles will cover doctrines such as dependent origination, impermanence, and others as treated variously by philosophical successions such as Abhidharma, Mādhyamaka and Yogācāra. Classic interpretations of basic Buddhist doctrines will be engaged with contemporary philosophy of science, mind and religion, cognitive science, phenomenology and existentialism on topics such as causality, process, spirituality and embodiment.

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