

Special Issue

Buddhism, Science and Technology: Challenges to Religions from a Digitalized World

Message from the Guest Editors

Separation between Buddhism and science is a late modern invention. It came about after the Industrial Revolution, which saw a finer splitting of disciplines and social labors. Science and Buddhism are thereby relegated to two distinct spheres and are sometimes even portrayed as being in opposition. In reality, Buddhism and science have been complementary throughout history in Asia. Even now, Buddhism could still inform science on ethical matters where the latter falls short, especially with regard to the challenges that accompany the trends of globalization and the rapid development of technology. These include the challenges posed by AI for the fate of the humanity, population explosion, and environmental pollution. We propose the following *non-exhaustive* list of topics for this Special Issue:

- Buddhism and medicine;
- Buddhism and mathematics;
- Buddhism and astronomy;
- Buddhism and calendrical calculation;
- Buddhism and printing;
- Buddhism and scientific and technological revolutions;
- Buddhism and the cross-cultural transmission of science;
- Buddhism and Artificial Intelligence.

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