

## Special Issue

# Buddhism and Modernity in Asian Societies

### Message from the Guest Editor

This Special Issue is particularly interested in the traits and aspects of modern Buddhism in Asia that can divide communities and become xenophobic as well as unite different groups and enhance peaceful coexistence, which manifests either in a militant communalism or in a non-sectarian collaboration in the spirit of interdependence. In addition, the Issue also hopes to examine issues such as the impact of colonial legacy on Buddhist nationalism, social media and the emergence of digital leadership, and the framing of universal issues (environment, gender, and human rights) in Buddhist language to appeal to the global audience. The general aim is to explore how Buddhism continues to transform and adapt itself to contemporary demands, and introduce new debates in Buddhism that provide people with modern visions of individual, community, and civil society that may be radically different from their traditional premises.

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