

**13th Sakyadhita International Conference on Buddhist Women
Vaishali, India
January 5 to 12, 2013**

"Buddhism at the Grassroots"

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

**January 5 Afternoon
Buddhist Women of India**

Examining the Date of Mahāpajāpati's Ordination
Kustiani

Basic Buddhism in Songs: Contemporary Nuns' Oral Traditions in Kinnaur
Linda LaMacchia

Buddhist Women of the Himalayas
Namgey Lhamu

Engaged Buddhist Women of Sikkim
Diki Bhutia

New Horizons for Buddhist Nuns in Kinnaur
Tenzin Dechen

Ambedkar's Perspective on Women in Indian Society: Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar
Thich Nu Nhu Nguyet

**January 6 Morning
Buddhist Women of the World**

The Changing Roles of Buddhist Nuns and Laywomen in Cambodia
Thavory Huot

Than Hsiang Kindergarten: A Case Study
Zhen Yuan Shi

Voice of Freedom in Bhutan: Reclaiming Lost Feminist Voices in Vajrayana Buddhism
Sonam Wangmo (Tenzin Dadon)

Women in Buddhism at the Grassroots in Australia

Anna Halafoff

January 6 Afternoon

Cultivating Confidence: Self-Esteem, Self-Promotion & No-Self

Roles and Approaches of Buddhist Women in the Present and Future

Thich Nu Khiet Minh

Self-Esteem, Self-Promotion and Not-Self

Darcie Price-Wallace

Identity and Samsāra

Hsiao-Lan Hu

January 7 Morning

Is There a Feminine Dhamma? Voices, Forms & Expressions

The Good Girl Syndrome, Feminism, and Being an Authentic Practitioner

Adrienne Cochran

“New Women” and Zen in Early 20th-Century Japan: Raichō Hiratsuka and D. T. Suzuki

Akemi Iwamoto

Transforming Religions’ Negative and Limiting Views of Women and Other Groups with Psychological and Social Research

Allison Goodwin

Localization and Globalization: The Experience of One Taiwanese *Bhikkhuni*

Chueming Shih

January 7 Afternoon

Life as a Buddhist Laywoman: What Are My Roles?

Finding Space for Upāsikās in the Annals of Ancient Indian Buddhism: Inscriptional Evidence of Lay Female Devotees

Rupali Mokashi

“You Are a Bodhisattva”: The Real Reason Buddhist Laywoman are Called Bodhisattvas

Hyo Jun Sunim

Lay Buddhist Women in Buryatia

Ludamilaa Dondokova and Zhargal Ayakova

“We Love Our Nuns!” Reflections on Lay-Monastic Relations in Sri Lanka
Susanne Mrozik

Lay Buddhist Practices in Contemporary Korea: The Co-existence of Meditation and
Other-power Oriented Practices
Pori Park

January 8 Morning
Buddhism at the Grassroots: Documenting Women’s Stories

The Significance of the *Cūla-vedalla Sutta*: The Dhamma Sermon Delivered by Bhikkhuni
Dhammadinna
Bhikkhu Beligalle Dhammajoti

Beyond Text: Rebirth Narratives of Model Women in Buddhism
Juyarn Tsai

Hwang Jin-yi: The Dancer Who Challenged Social Injustice through Talent, Wit, and Audacity
Hyunmi Cho

Buddhist Nuns of Bhutan
Marie Venø Thesbjerg

January 8 Afternoon
Bhikkhuni Revolution: The Future of the Transnational Bhikkhuni Movement

The Transnational Bhikkhuni Movement
Vinita Agrawal

Dress and Liberation: Ordained Buddhist Women in Britain
Caroline Starkey

Latest Developments on the Revival of Buddhist Nuns’ Ordination in the Tibetan Tradition
Jampa Tsedroen

Proposing a Program for Women in Buddhism: “Study, Collaborate, Practice”
Lisa Fancott

January 9 Morning
Buddhism & Social Activism

Being Good or Doing Good? Buddhist Ethics and Social Justice
Karma Lekshe Tsomo

From Mercy to Justice: The Animal Protection Movement of Buddhist Female Monastics in Contemporary Taiwan
Chuan-fa Shih

The Council of Europe's Investigation on Religious and Cultural Relativism: A Menace for the Human Rights of Women?
Gabriela Frey

Buddhism, Interfaith Dialogue, and Australian Multiculturalism
Diana Cousens

January 9 Afternoon
Silence in a Noisy World

Becoming a Modern Female Chan "Master"
Chang Shen Shih

Enacting Female Buddhist Roles through Vipassana Meditation Centers
Brooke Schedneck

Working Meditation: Female Buddhist Immigrants' Path to Liberation
Shuman Chen

The Healing Power of Beauty
Paula Arai

January 10 Morning
Women & Buddhism: Critical Reflections

Working with Obstacles: Is Female Rebirth an Obstacle?
Rita M. Gross

Gender Equality among Buddhist Clerics in Won Buddhism of Korea
Seongjun Lee

Buddha's Lone Rangers: Vajrayana Buddhist Nuns of Contemporary Suvarnabhumi
Karma Tashi Choedron

Buddhism and Ageing: In Praise of Old Age
Tenzin Palmo

January 10 Afternoon
Women Changing Buddhism

Enlightened Education: The Basis for Self-Transformation
Sheng Ying Shi

Inner and Outer Journey: Monastic Women Create Their Own Institutions and Call on the Earth
to Witness an Urgent Need for Change
Bhikkhuni Santacitta

Why Educating Nuns is Important in the 21st Century: Strengthening Communities, Educating
Women, and Preserving Bhutanese Culture
Tashi Zangmo

