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Examining the Date of Mahāpajāpatī’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
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

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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

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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

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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*