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### DIPLOMA IN PĀLI AND BUDDHIST STUDIES Program: 3rd Semester, (Fall 2020)

#### I. DPBS 13084 SELECTED READINGS IN CHINESE BUDDHIST SUTRAS

Dates: Aug 1-2, Aug 15-16, Aug 29-30, Sept 12-13, Sept 26-27

Instructor: Ms. Katty Choi

Schedule and outline:

Dates and Time	Lecture Topics
Aug 1 (Sat) 8:30 - 11:45 AM CDT 1:15 - 4:00 PM CDT	– Course introduction: syllabus and requirements; class structure; Introduction of Chinese Tripitaka. – Introduction of Chinese Tripitaka; Q&A; Agama & Nikaya
Aug 2 (Sun) 8:30 - 11:45 AM CDT 1:15 - 4:00 PM CDT	– Agama & Nikaya/Q & A – Introduction of Prajñāpāramitā Sūtras a. Passages from Aṣṭasāharikā Prajñāpāramitā Sūtra (道行般若經)
Aug 15 (Sat) 8:30 - 11:45 AM CDT 1:15 - 4:00 PM CDT	b. Prajñāpāramitā-hṛdaya (Heart Sutra 心經) c. Passages from the Vajracchedikā Prajñāpāramitā (Diamond Sutra 金剛經) c. Passages from the Vajracchedikā Prajñāpāramitā (Diamond Sutra 金剛經); Q&A
Aug 16 (Sun) 8:30 - 11:45 AM CDT 1:15 - 4:00 PM CDT	– Review & Discussion on Agama & Prajñāpāramitā – Sandhinirmocana-sūtra (sūtra of the Explanation of the Profound Secrets 解深密經); Q&A – Sandhinirmocana-sūtra (sūtra of the Explanation of the Profound Secrets 解深密經); Q&A
Aug 29 (Sat) 8:30 - 11:45 AM CDT 1:15 - 4:00 PM CDT	– Abhidharmakośabhāṣya (Verses on the Treasury of Abhidharma 阿毗達磨俱舍論) – Abhidharmakośabhāṣya (Verses on the Treasury of Abhidharma 阿毗達磨俱舍論)
Aug 30 (Sun) 8:30 - 11:45 AM CDT 1:15 - 4:00 PM CDT	– The Cheng-weishi-lun (成唯識論) (Guest speaker Don Sloane Yeye) – The Cheng-weishi-lun (成唯識論); Q&A (Guest speaker Don Sloane Yeye)
Sept 12 (Sat) 8:30 - 11:45 AM CDT 1:15 - 4:00 PM CDT	– Viṃśatikā (Twenty Verses by Vasubandhu) – Triṃśikā Vijñaptimātratā-siddhi (Thirty Verses on Manifestation Only 唯識三十論頌); Q&A
Sept 13 (Sun) 8:30 - 11:45 AM CDT 1:15 - 4:00 PM CDT	– Review on School of Yogacara & Kosa – Śrīmālā-devī-siṃhanāda-sūtra (勝鬘師子吼一乘大方便方廣經) – Śrīmālā-devī-siṃhanāda-sūtra (勝鬘師子吼一乘大方便方廣經); Q&A/Discussion
Sept 26 (Sat) 8:30 - 11:45 AM CDT 1:15 - 4:00 PM CDT	– Sukhāvāṭī-vyūha-sūtra (Infinite Life Sutra 無量壽經) – Q&A; Saddharmapuṇḍarīka-sūtra (Lotus Sutra 妙法蓮華經)
Sept 27 (Sun) 8:30 - 11:45 AM CDT 1:15 - 4:00 PM CDT	– Saddharmapuṇḍarīka-sūtra (Lotus Sutra 妙法蓮華經); Q&A – Mock Exam (Registered students only)

## **II. DPBS 13094 MODERN MOVEMENTS OF HUMANISTIC BUDDHISM**

Dates: Oct 9-11, Oct 23-25, Nov 6-8, Nov 20-22, Dec 4-6

Instructor: Mr. Ang Choo Hong

Schedule and outline:

<b>Dates and Time</b>	<b>Lecture Topics</b>
CDT: 10/9 (Fri), 7 - 10 PM (Malaysia: 10/10, 8 - 11 AM)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- What is Humanistic Buddhism?</li> <li>- Background of Humanistic Buddhism in China: Brief history of Buddhism in China, Chinese syncretic belief system, Buddhism during the Qing dynasty.</li> </ul>
CDT: 10/10 (Sat), 7 - 10 AM (Malaysia: 10/10, 8 - 11 PM)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The work of Yangwen Hui: His legacy, Jinling Sutra Publishing House, Zhiheng Monastery, Chinese Inner College and his students, lay Buddhism, Buddhist studies.</li> <li>- The work of Taixu: His life history, political involvement, Jinshansi Incident, his writings, thoughts and reform proposals.</li> <li>- RenSheng Buddhism and Renjian Buddhism.</li> </ul>
CDT: 10/10 (Sat), 7 - 10 PM (Malaysia: 10/11, 8 - 11 AM)	<p>Contribution and controversies of Taixu:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- His reform proposals, comments by Holmes Welch, and his contemporary opponents (Lianyin and others)</li> <li>- Implications of Humanistic Buddhism to our daily life.</li> </ul>
CDT: 10/11 (Sun), 7 - 10 AM (Malaysia: 10/11, 8 - 11 PM)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The advent of Lay Buddhism and theoretical basis of Lay Buddhism.</li> <li>- Role of lay buddhists during the Buddha's and its implications to modern times.</li> </ul>
CDT: 10/23 (Fri), 7 - 10 PM (Malaysia: 10/24, 8 - 11 AM)	Humanistic Buddhism of Fo Guang Shan: Hsing Yun's model, his philosophy, objectives and strategies.
CDT: 10/24 (Sat), 7 - 10 AM (Malaysia: 10/24, 8 - 11 PM)	Humanistic Buddhism of Tzu Chi: similar to above.
CDT: 10/24 (Sat), 7 - 10 PM (Malaysia: 10/25, 8-11 AM)	Humanistic Buddhism of Dharma Drum Mountain and Chung Tai Chan Monastery: similar to above.
CDT: 10/25 (Sun), 7 - 10 AM (Malaysia: 10/25, 8 - 11 PM)	<p>Ven. Yin Shun's work on Humanistic Buddhism:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- His treatise on Human Realm Buddhism (Most outstanding Buddhist scholar of our present; written about 50 books, including the Miao Yun Collection, which consisted of 24 books, totaling 7 million words, an unsurpassable quantity.)</li> <li>- Humanistic or secularized?</li> </ul>
CDT: 11/6 (Fri), 7 - 10 PM (Malaysia: 11/7, 9 AM - 12 PM)	<p>Buddhist movements in Sri Lanka:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Buddhism under British rule, the great Buddhist-Christian debate, Olcott and Anagarika Dharmapala, Revival of Pirivena in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, treatise for political Buddhism, Buddhist Protestantism or Humanistic Buddhism?</li> </ul>
CDT: 11/7 (Sat), 6:30 - 9:30 AM (Malaysia: 11/7, 8:30 - 11:30 PM)	<p>Buddhist movements in Myanmar:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- U Dhammaloka, U Ottama, U Wisara, Saffron Revolution, the Rohingya issue.</li> </ul>
CDT: 11/7 (Sat), 7 - 10 PM (Malaysia: 11/8, 9 AM - 12 PM)	<p>Buddhist movements in Thailand:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ven. Buddhadasa, Dhammika Sanghaniyama, socially engaged Buddhism, Sulak, INEB.</li> </ul>
CDT: 11/8 (Sun), 6:30 - 9:30 AM (Malaysia: 11/9, 8:30 - 11:30 PM)	<p>Buddhist movements in Vietnam:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Thich Nhat Hanh and Yin Shun, the Concept of Socially Engaged. Thiem Chieu, Annam Buddhist Association and monastic schools, suppression of Buddhism, Ven. Thich Quang Duc.</li> </ul>

CDT: 11/20 (Fri), 7 - 10 PM (Malaysia: 11/21, 9 AM - 12 PM)	Buddhist movements in India: – The demise of Buddhism in India, Dr. Ambedkar, lessons from Ambedkar's Movement, Sangharashita and Triratna.
CDT: 11/21 (Sat), 8:30 - 11:30 AM (M'sia: 11/21, 10:30 PM - 1:30 AM)	Buddhism in the USA, part 1 – Guest speaker - Master Jiru
CDT: 11/21 (Sat), 1:30 - 4:30 PM (Malaysia: 11/22, 3:30 - 6:30 AM)	Buddhism in the USA, part 2 • 1:30-2:45 PM CDT: Guest speaker 1 - Master Jiru • 3:00-4:30 PM CDT: Guest speaker 2 - Ven. Bhikkhu Bodhi
CDT: 11/22 (Sun), 6:30 - 9:30 AM (Malaysia: 11/23, 8:30 - 11:30 PM)	– Humanistic Buddhism or Buddhist modernism? Ethics of political engagement. – Humanistic and Socially engaged –are they the same?
CDT: 12/4 (Fri): 7 - 10 PM (Malaysia: 12/5, 9 AM - 12 PM)	- Final revision
CDT: 12/5 (Sat), 6:30 - 9:30 AM (Malaysia: 12/5, 8:30 - 11:30 PM)	* Starting and ending time for revision can be flexibly adjusted with agreement between teacher and students.
CDT: 12/5 (Sat), 7 - 10 PM (Malaysia: 12/6, 9 AM - 12 PM)	- Mock exam (Registered students only)
CDT: 12/6 (Sun), starts at 6:30 AM (Malaysia: 12/8, starts at 8:30 PM)	- Q&A session for mock exam (Registered students only) * Session can be ended as long as all questions are completely discussed.