

(English)

1st. WORLD ENCOUNTER TERESIAN MYSTICISM AND INTERRELIGIOUS DIALOGUE

Theravāda Buddhism and Teresian Mysticism

MEDITATION AND CONTEMPLATION

PATHWAYS TO PEACE

International Centre of Teresian and Sanjuanist Studies (CITeS), University of Mysticism

The Centre of Buddhist Studies of the University of Hong Kong

Avila ~ Spain, 27-30 July 2017

On-site or On-line

In times of spiritual crisis and division among peoples, interreligious dialogue is an urgent need. Because of this, the International Centre of Teresian and Sanjuanist Studies (CITeS), “University of Mysticism”, is pleased to announce its intention to conduct a series of encounters that will place the Teresian mysticism in dialogue with other religious traditions.

The first of these events is an encounter between Carmelites and Buddhists of the Theravāda school, the oldest among the living traditions of Buddhism, organized in collaboration with the Centre of Buddhist Studies of The University of Hong Kong.

By cordially inviting our brothers and sisters of the Theravāda tradition, we would like to deepen the understanding of our respective faith and practice. There is no wish to deny the differences between the two traditions, or trying to reduce them to a common denominator. Rather, under the principles of equality, deep respect and desire for cooperation, we would like instead to offer the possibility of a genuine and fruitful dialogue and explore options to address the current spiritual crisis. The theme proposed for this encounter is meditation and contemplation.

Among other activities, the encounter will feature presentations, roundtables, prayer and meditation workshops, chanting, all in an atmosphere of conviviality and fraternity.

PROGRAM

THURSDAY, JULY 27

17.00 Opening of the conference

17.30 The importance of interreligious dialogue and goals for the encounter:

- From Carmelite perspective / Dr. Francisco Javier Sancho Fermín, Director and professor, CITEs “University of Mysticism”

- From the Buddhist perspective / Venerable Sik Hin Hung, Director, Centre of Buddhist Studies, The University of Hong Kong (HKU)

18.30 The Order of the Discalced Carmelites / Fr. Saverio Canistrà, General of the Discalced Carmelite Order

19.30 The Theravāda Buddhist tradition / Dr. Asanga Tilakaratne, Professor of Pāli and Buddhist Studies, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka.

FRIDAY, JULY 28

08.30 Ceremony ~ chanting

10.00 Virtue and the teresian path of prayer / Dr. Maximiliano Herráiz, Professor CITEs “University of Mysticism”, Specialist and publisher of the books of Teresa of Jesus and John of the Cross

11.00 The role of sīla (virtue) in the path to liberation / Venerable Dr. Phra Suthithammanuwat, Professor in Buddhist Studies. Dean of the Faculty of Buddhism, Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University Ayutthaya Thailand

12.10 ~ 13.10 Panel discussion

17.00 Vocal and mental prayer and religiosity in the Carmelite tradition / Sister María José Pérez, Discalced Carmelite Nun, from the Puzol Monastery (Valencia)

18.00 Prayer, worship and ritual in the Theravāda tradition / Venerable Dr. Khammai Dhammasami, DPhil (Oxford), Trustee & Research Fellow, Oxford Centre for Buddhist Studies, University of Oxford, Professor, ITBMU, Yangon (Myanmar)

19.00 Panel discussion

20.00 Prayer-meditation workshop: Teresian prayer of recollection / CITEs community “University of Mysticism”

SATURDAY, JULY 29

08.30 Ceremony ~ chanting

10.00 Discursive meditation and the prayer of active recollection / Dr. Rómulo Cuartas, Subdirector and professor, CITEs "University of Mysticism"

11.00 Preliminaries of concentration meditation / Dr. G.A. Somaratne, Assistant Professor, Centre of Buddhist Studies, The University of Hong Kong (HKU)

12.10 ~ 13.10 Panel discussion

17.00 Presentation of the awarded papers in the II International Award Teresa of Jesus and interreligious dialogue

20.00 Prayer- meditation workshop: Buddhist meditation / guided by Venerable Dr. Bhikkhuni Dhammadinna (Italy), Professor at the Dharma Drum Institute of Liberal Art (Taiwan), Buddhist Studies Department. Āgama Research Group Director.

SUNDAY, JULY 30

08.30 Ceremony ~ chanting

10.00 Mystical prayer and its degrees / Dr. Francisco Javier Sancho Fermín, Director and professor, CITEs "University of Mysticism"

11.00 The Jhānas in the path to liberation / Dr. Rupert Gettin, Director and Professor, Centre for Buddhist Studies-University of Bristol, President of the Pali Text Society

12.10 ~ 13.10 Panel discussion

17.00 Awards ceremony: II International Award Teresa of Jesus and interreligious dialogue

18.30 Closing paper: Buddhism and Christianity: cooperation for peace

19.30 Conclusion of the conference

REGISTRATION

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80 € / day – double room / meals included

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