COURSE DETAIL

BUDDHISM AND SOCIAL CHANGE IN CONTEMPORARY ASIA
Country Japan
Host Institution Keio University
Program(s) Keio University
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Religious Studies Asian Studies
UCEAP Course Number 127
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title BUDDHISM AND SOCIAL CHANGE IN CONTEMPORARY ASIA
UCEAP Transcript Title BUDDHISM&SOC CHANGE
UCEAP Quarter Units 3.00
UCEAP Semester Units 2.00

Course Description

This course will be offered as a companion course to JAPANESE BUDDHISM AND SOCIAL SUFFERING by the same instructor in the second half of the semester. You do not have to take both courses, but it is recommended to do so for a fuller understanding. Buddhism is the largest indigenous religion of Asia and has ancient roots in every country in the region, including majority Muslim ones like Bangladesh and Indonesia. However, in the contemporary age, it is in crisis, principally from the way economic and scientific modernity challenges its worldview and values. Buddhist institutions throughout the region have been responding to this crisis in variety of ways from nationalistic chauvinism, to market and technologically savvy new Buddhist organizations, and also progressive social action movements known as Socially Engaged Buddhism. This course will look at these different responses and attempts by Buddhism to remain relevant in the dynamic social landscape of contemporary Asia, while offering numerous case studies familiar to the instructor’s 25 years of experience throughout the region.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
N/A

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Host Institution Course Details

Host Institution Campus
Keio University

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department
International Center

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