

# Asian Studies Program

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## Chinese Zen Meditation: Kōan Contemplation versus Silent Sitting

February 7, 2014 | 1:00 - 2:00 PM | Room: GC 276 | FIU MMC Campus

On Friday, February 7th, 2014, **Dr. Morten Schlütter** (University of Iowa) will be giving a lecture titled "Chinese Zen Meditation: Kōan Contemplation versus Silent Sitting" in **GC 276 at 1:00 PM**.

The lecture will address the differences between two main approaches to meditation and enlightenment that is best known from the Sōtō and Rinzai schools of Japanese Zen, but that first took shape in China in the twelfth century. Dr. Schlütter will look at different kōans and discuss the notion of inherent Buddha nature.



**Dr. Morten Schlütter** is Associate Professor of Chinese Religion at the University of Iowa. Dr. Schlütter is also the director of its Center for Asian and Pacific Studies. His research interests center broadly on Chinese Buddhism (especially Chan [Jpn.: Zen] Buddhism) and Chinese religions, and he has worked on a number of different topics and periods, employing a range of methodologies. What unites his work is an overall interest in trying to understand different aspects of Chinese religion in the broader context of their political, social and economic settings. Much of Dr. Schlütter's work has focused on Buddhism in the Song dynasty. He is the author of *How Zen Became Zen: The Dispute over Enlightenment and the Formation of Chan Buddhism in Song-dynasty China* (University of Hawai'i Press, 2008) and co-editor of *Readings of the Platform Sūtra* (Columbia University Press, 2012).

***Event is free and open to the public***