

Asian Studies Program

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THE ROOTS OF DŌGEN STUDIES

Symposium on the Life and Thought of Zen Master Dōgen

Friday, March 29, 2019 | 11:00 AM - 5:30 PM | FIU Modesto A. Maidique Campus | GC 355

Join us for an exciting event featuring a group of specialists on Japanese or comparative religions who will discuss, from interdisciplinary perspectives, various textual, ritual and social influences in analyzing and assessing the life, literature and legacy of Zen master Dōgen 道元 (1200-1253), founder of the Sōtō sect in medieval Japan.

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Lectures on Japanese Religion; Function of Zazen Meditation, Symbolism of the Ten Oxherding Pictures, the Spiritual Significance of Sutras, Ritual Role of Buddhist Prayer Beads, and Dōgen's Religious Poetry

1:00 PM - 1:30 PM Lunch for Invited Guests

For the afternoon session, seating is limited - please inquire with us at asian@fiu.edu or at 305-348-1914. This will consist of a seminar-style conversation involving several leading Dōgen scholars and practitioners to discuss the importance of his biography, philosophy, and use of poetry, in addition to the social implications of his religious insights as seen in traditional and modern perspectives.

1:30 PM - 3:00 PM Roundtable Discussion on Textual, Philological, and Philosophical Studies of Dōgen

3:00 PM - 3:15 PM Coffee Break

3:15 PM - 5:30 PM Roundtable Discussion on Visual, Material, and Cultural Studies of Dōgen

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Pamela Winfield
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Michaela Prostack, Katrina Ankrum, Jhonatan Baez & Rachel Levine

This event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Asian Studies at 305-348-1914 or at asian@fiu.edu.



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