

**2nd WORLD ENCOUNTER TERESIAN MYSTICISM AND INTERRELIGIOUS
DIALOGUE:**

Chan/Zen Buddhism and Carmelite Spirituality

ON LOVE AND COMPASSION



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

The Centre of Buddhist Studies of The University of Hong Kong

Ávila ~ Spain, 26th -30th, July 2022.

On-site or On-line

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In times of divisions amongst cultures, interreligious dialogue has become an urgent need. In light of this, the International Centre of Teresian and Sanjuanist Studies (CITeS) in Ávila, Spain, announced in 2016 its intention to conduct a series of interreligious encounters, placing Carmelite spirituality in dialogue with other religious traditions. The first of these events, “1st. World Encounter Teresian Mysticism and Interreligious Dialogue Theravāda Buddhism and Teresian Mysticism: Meditation and Contemplation Pathways to Peace”, took place in Ávila from the 27th to the 30th of July 2017 and was organized by CITeS in collaboration with the Centre of Buddhist Studies (CBS) of The University of Hong Kong (HKU). Following the success of this event, CITeS decided on a second congress, the “2nd World Encounter Teresian

Mysticism and Interreligious Dialogue. Chan/Zen Buddhism and Carmelite Spirituality: on Love and Compassion”, which will take place in Ávila, from 26th to 30th of July 2022, and will also be jointly organized by CITEs and CBS.

CITEs would like to extend a most cordial invitation to our brothers and sisters of the Chan/Zen school of Buddhism to participate in the event. It is the earnest wish of CITEs to deepen the mutual understanding of both traditions’ beliefs and practices. It must be emphasized that there is absolutely no wish to deny the differences between the two traditions or attempt to reduce them to a common denominator. Instead, the dialogue will be conducted in the spirit of equality, deep respect, openness and wish for cooperation. The aim is to foster genuine engagement, enhance mutual growth, and explore ways of cooperation to approach the pressing social and environmental concerns of today and help improve the welfare of mankind.

PROGRAMME

TUESDAY, JULY 26

17.30 Opening of the conference

17.45 The Importance of the Christian-Buddhist Interreligious Dialogue and Goals for the Encounter.

- Carmelite Perspective: **Dr. Francisco Javier Sancho Fermín**, Director and Professor, CITEs. “University of Mysticism”, Ávila, Spain.

- Buddhist Perspective: **Dr. Guang Xing Asanga**, Associate Professor and Director of the Centre of Buddhist Studies, The University of Hong Kong, China.

18.15 The Importance of the Carmelite Mysticism for the Catholic Church. **Dr. Luis Aróstegui Gamboa**, ex-Superior General of the Discalced Carmelite Order and current Provincial Superior of Navarra, Spain.

19.00 Presentation of the Chan/Zen School of Buddhism. **Dr. Guang Xing Asanga**, Associate Professor and Director at the Centre of Buddhist Studies, The University of Hong Kong, China.

19:45 Break

20.00 Dialogue between Catholicism and the Chan/Zen Buddhist Tradition: Past, Present, Future. **Dr. María Jesús Hernando García**, expert in Buddhism, Delegate of Ecumenism in the Diocese of Getafe, Spain.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 27

08.00 Mass

08.30 Buddhist ceremony: recitation of sutras.

10.00 Vision of the Human Being from the Perspective of Catholicism. **Dr. Jerzy Nawojowski**. Professor and Secretary of CITEs “University of Mysticism”, Ávila, Spain.

10:45 Human Nature and the Human Condition in Buddhism. The Perspective of Chan/Zen Buddhism. **Dr. Yao Zhihua**, Associate Professor, Buddhist Philosophy, Chinese University of Hong Kong, China.

11.30 Break

12:00 The Nature of the Human Being and the Human Condition. Comparative Perspective. **Dr. Francisco Díez de Velasco Abellán**, Professor of History of Religions, University of La Laguna, Spain.

12.30 – 13.15 Panel discussion. Moderator: **Dr. Francisco Díez de Velasco Abellán**.

14:00 Lunch

17:00 Love in the Christian Tradition. Perspective from the Gospels. **Dr. Pedro Fralje Yecora**. Doctor in Theology from the Pontifical University of Salamanca. Professor of the Regional Center for Theological Studies of Aragón, Spain.

17.45 Loving-kindness and Compassion in Buddhism. The Chan/Zen Buddhist Tradition. **Venerable Dr. Wei Shan**, Associate Professor, Institute for the Study of Buddhism and Religious Theory, Renmin University of China, Beijing, China.

18:30 Break

19:00 Love in the Christian Tradition and Compassion in Chan/Zen Buddhism. Comparative Perspectives. **Dr. Francesc Torradeflot Freixes**, Director of the UNESCO Association for Interreligious Dialogue (Unescocat), Barcelona, Spain.

19:30 – 20: 15 Panel discussion. Moderator: **Dr. Francesc Torradeflot Freixes**.

THURSDAY, JULY 28

08.00 Mass

08.30 Buddhist ceremony: recitation of sutras.

10.00 The Exercise of Charity: The Heart of Christian Ethics. Carmelite Perspective. **Dr. Secundino Castro Sanchez**, Professor CITEs, Theologian and Biblicist, specialist in the books of Teresa of Jesús and John of the Cross, Spain.

10.45 On Wisdom, Compassion, and Ethics in Chan/Zen Buddhism. **Dr. Robert Sharf**, Professor of Buddhist Studies, Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures, University of California, Berkeley, The United States of America.

11:30 Break

12.00 Love and Compassion in Christian and Buddhist Ethics. Comparative Perspectives. **Dr. Xabier Pikaza Ibarrodo**, Professor Emeritus at the University of Salamanca, Spain.

12.30 – 13: 15 Panel discussion. Moderator: **Dr. Xabier Pikaza Ibarrodo**.

14:00 Lunch

17.00 Love at the Centre of the Carmelite Path of Prayer and Contemplation. **Sister María José Pérez**, Discalced Carmelite Nun from the Pujol Monastery, Valencia, Spain.

17.45 The Cultivation of Compassion in Chan/Zen Meditation. **Venerable Chang Wu**, meditation teacher at the Dharma Drum Sangha University at Dharma Drum Mountain headquarters in Taipei, Taiwan.

18.30 Break

19:00 The Development of Love and Compassion through Meditation and Contemplation. Comparative Perspectives. **Dr. Justin Sloan Whitaker**, Ph.D. (2017), Goldsmiths, University of London, United Kingdom. Senior Correspondent for Buddhistdoor Global, Hong Kong, China.

19.30 -20:15 Panel discussion. Moderator: **Dr. Justin Sloan Whitaker**.

20.15 Chan/Zen Meditation Workshop on the Cultivation of Compassion (*mettā* meditation). **Venerable Chang Wu**, meditation teacher at the Dharma Drum Sangha University at Dharma Drum Mountain headquarters in Taipei. Since 2003, Venerable Chang Wu teaches meditation classes and leads retreats in countries such as Canada, USA, Mexico, Switzerland and the United Kingdom.

FRIDAY, JULY 29

08.00 Mass

08.30 Buddhist ceremony: recitation of sutras.

10.00 The Existential Consequences of the Encounter with God's Merciful Love. The Experience of the Carmel. **Dr. Francisco Javier Sancho Fermín**, Director and Professor, "University of Mysticism". Ávila, Spain.

10.45 The Source of Compassion in Buddhism. The Chan/Zen Perspective. **Venerable Dr. Chongdok**, Professor of the College of Buddhist Studies at Dongguk University in Seoul, Korea.

11.30 Break

12.00 Love and Compassion towards Others. Comparative Perspective. **Dr. Raquel Bouso García**, Associate Professor at the Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, Spain. Board Member of the European Network of Buddhist-Christian Studies (ENBCS).

12.30 – 13:15 Panel discussion. Moderator: **Dr. Raquel Bouso García**.

17:00 – 19:00 Awards Ceremony III International Award Teresa of Ávila and Interreligious Dialogue. Presentation of the works with accessit prizes. Awards Ceremony: Presentation of the Award-winning Paper. http://www.buddhism.hku.hk/documents/Spain_award2022.pdf

19:00 Break

20:00 Meditation Workshop: Practical Workshop with Guidelines for the Practice of Teresian Meditation. **Lic. Myrna Torbay**, Professor, CITEs “University of Mysticism”, Avila, Spain.

SATURDAY, JULY 30

10:00 From Spiritual Marriage to Experiencing Ecology and Politics. Life in the Seventh Mansions. **Dr. Rómulo Cuartas Londoño**, Subdirector and Professor, CITEs “University of Mysticism,” Ávila, Spain.

10:45 The Enlightenment and the Enacting of Compassion and Wisdom. **Venerable Dr. Guo Xing**, Assistant professor, Department of Buddhist Studies, Dharma Drum Institute of Liberal Arts, Dharma Drum Sangha University, Taiwan.

11:30 Break

12:00 Panel discussion. Moderator: **Dr. Daniel Millet Gil**, Centre of Buddhist Studies, The University of Hong Kong, China.

12:30 Conclusion of the Congress.

REGISTRATION

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