

8th UNESCO Workshop on Bioethics, Multiculturalism and Religion

**Religious Perspectives on Bioethics:
Protecting the environment, the biosphere and biodiversity**

September 20-22, 2022

Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand

Definitive Schedule

Monday 19 September, 2022

9:00 Day trip sightseeing of Ayutthaya (optional, not covered by organizers)

20:00 Reception cocktail

Tuesday 20 September, 2022

9:00-9:30 Opening Session

- Somsong Ngamwang, Director, Bureau of International Cooperation, Ministry of Education
- Alberto Garcia. UNESCO Chair in Bioethics and Human Rights
- Suradech Chotiudompant, Dean, Faculty of Arts, Chulalongkorn University
- Joseph Tham, workshop coordinator

9:30-10:45 Round Table: Islamic tradition

- Luzita Ball (Islam) 15m
- David Heyd (Secular Judaism) 15m
- Q&A 45m

10:45 -11:15 Coffee Break

11:15-12:30 Round Table: Secularism

- John Appleby (Environmental beneficence) 15m
- Roland Chia (Christian) 15m (*by zoom*)
- Q&A 45m

12:30-14:30 Lunch

14:30-16:00 Keynote speakers

- Henk Ten Have. *UNESCO on environment* 30 m (*by zoom*)
- Denis Chang *Integral Ecology, Natural Order & Relational Self: Towards a "Postsecular" Synthesis in an "Ecological Age"* 30 m (*by zoom*)
- Q&A 30m

16:00-16:30 Coffee break

16:30-18:45 Round Table: Christian tradition

- Chris Durante (Orthodoxy) 15m
- Vardit Ravitsky (Secularism) 15m
- David Barr (Christianity) 15m
- Sumalee Mahanarongchai (Thai Buddhism) 15m
- Q&A 75m

19:00 Gala Dinner

Wednesday 21 September, 2022

9:00-10:15 Round Table: Daoist tradition

- Edmund and Christine Lai (Daoism) 15m (*by zoom*)
- Aasim Padela (Sunni Islam) 15m (*by zoom*)
- Q&A 45m

10:15-11:30 Round Table: Confucian tradition

- Jonathan Chan (Confucianism) 15m (*by zoom*)
- Colleen Gallagher (Catholic ethicist) 15m
- Q&A 75m

11:30-13:30 Lunch at Chulalongkorn University, Main Library Foyer, 7th Floor

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13.30-16.00 Public Discussion: "Protecting the Environment: Religious Perspectives"

Panelists:

- Fr. Anil Sakaya (Buddhism)
- Chris Durante (Christianity)
- Luzita Ball (Islam)
- David Heyd (Judaism)
- Vardit Ravitsky (Secular)

Moderator: Fr. Joseph Tham

17:30 Boat cruise and dinner

Thursday 22 September, 2022

9:00-11:15 Round Table: Buddhist tradition

- Ellen Zhang (Mahayana Buddhism) 15m (*by zoom*)
- Ruiping Fan (Confucian) 15m (*by zoom*)
- Anil Sakya (Theravada Buddhist) 15m
- Lilian Santos (Brazilian Bioethicist) 15m
- Q&A 75m

11:15-11:45 Coffee break

11:45-13:00 Round Table: Jewish tradition

- Jonathan Crane (Judaism) 15m
- Paul MacNeill (Yoga and global bioethics) 15m
- Q&A 45m

13:00-14:30 Lunch

14:30-16:45 Round Table: Hindu tradition

- John Lunstroth (Scholar of Hinduism) 15m
- Sameer Advani (Asian Catholic) 15m
- RR Kishore (popular Hinduism) 15m (*by zoom*)
- Soraj Hongladarom (Theravada Buddhist) 15m
- Q&A 75m

16:45-17:15 Coffee break

17:15-18:30 Workshop: Questions and Answers. Conclusions. Conversation and topic discussion for our next 2024 workshop

19:00 Free evening