Call for Proposals

This Group solicits individual paper and (especially) thematically integrated panel proposals on themes relating to the field of Buddhist philosophy broadly construed. Our aim is to consider the philosophical dimensions of the full range of Buddhist traditions from earliest times through modernity in a manner that brings this consideration into dialogue with the larger academy. Paper and panel proposals may focus on particular philosophical themes or problems, questions about the role of philosophy within Buddhist practice, methodological issues in the study of Buddhist philosophy, recent publications, points of intersection with non-Buddhist philosophical thought, or Buddhist texts of special significance. Panels representing a diversity of methods and/or geographical and linguistic diversity are encouraged, as are creative formats. Possible topics suggested by Group members for 2012 include:

- Buddhism and postmodern ethics
- Buddhist theories of self and/or subjectivity
- Teaching Buddhist philosophy — debating pedagogy and syllabi
- Why and how Buddhism matters to the philosophy of religion
- Buddhist philosophy of religion — methods, models, and motives
- Aesthetics of Buddhist practice and thought
- Buddhist environmental philosophy — inside and outside the academy
- Buddhist narratives and Buddhist philosophy
Those interested in these topics may contact the Chairs or members of the steering committee for information on colleagues planning to develop proposals on similar themes.

**Mission**

This Group provides a forum for the scholarly study of Buddhist philosophical thought in its various forms across all regions and traditions of the Buddhist world. We seek to develop tightly organized sessions that deal not only with intra-Buddhist philosophical issues — such as those involving major philosophical traditions and major thinkers and texts — but also with topics involving the relationship between Buddhist philosophy and other traditions of philosophical thought, both ancient and modern. The Group likewise provides a venue to examine the relationship between Buddhist thought and Buddhist practice. We encourage work on the full range of Buddhist philosophy, including metaphysics, epistemology, soteriology, ethics, and philosophy of mind.

**Anonymity of Review Process**

Proposals are **anonymous** to Chairs and steering committee members during review, but **visible** to Chairs prior to final acceptance or rejection.

**Questions?**

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**Method of Submission**