

With great pleasure we hereby invite you to the

EBU Conference Event 2018

April 13/14/15, Benalmádena, Malaga, Spain

Call for papers

The European Buddhist Union (EBU, www.europeanbuddhism.org) organizes a conference event every 2 years. After the event "Buddhism in Action" In Berlin in 2016, there will be the another such event in April 2018.

The objective of the conference is to bring together Buddhists from all traditions and lineages in Europe, discuss common Buddhist goals in the context of how we can together bring Buddhist principles into European societies, serve as an inter-Buddhist platform and be a great opportunity for networking.

The theme of the conference event is **"Spreading wisdom and compassion in European societies"**, with their specific socio-political, cultural and economic features. Wisdom and Compassion are two of the most important pillars of Buddhist thought, and they appear to us as being very important nowadays.

There will be a variety of talks and workshops and we would like to cordially invite you and your organization to take part in the conference and propose a speaker, an expert or a workshop instructor.

We want to have ample space for group discussions and interactive meetings, hence we will limit the time for talks or speeches. Therefore it is necessary that those who would like to give a talk or lead a workshop send an abstract to the organization committee describing the topic of their contribution.

This is not an academic event, and it is not necessary to provide a written paper, if you prefer to rather speak freely. However, if you would prefer to submit a paper after being accepted, it is welcome.

The abstract should contain the specific topic you intend to talk about, an overview of the talk and a short biography of the speaker or expert.

We intend to publish papers which are provided to us as a book after the conference. There will be also the possibility for an audience to view the talks via video streaming, after the conference.

Guideline for speakers, experts and workshop instructors:

The deadline to submit your abstracts is October 31st, 2017.

Speakers, experts and instructors should submit an abstract of no longer than 250 words per e-mail to ron.eichhorn@europeanbuddhism.org

Talks should not exceed a maximum of 20 minutes. We will allow for additional time to permit questions and answers.

Workshops can be scheduled up to 90 minutes, with 60 minutes being the standard timeframe.

Important dates:

- Deadline for submission: October 31st, 2017
- Notification of acceptance: November 15th, 2017
- Registration for participation in the Conference as a regular participant will be possible from October 31st, 2017

Speakers, experts and workshop instructors will be reimbursed for their travel and accommodation up to an amount of €500.-

General Chair of the organization committee: Ron Eichhorn

General Co-Chair: Ricardo Guerrero

Information on the location:

The venue of the Conference is the Enlightenment Stupa at Benalmadena, <http://www.stupabenalmadena.org>

The stupa is close to Malaga, which is convenient to be reached by airplane or train.

The Stupa has two rooms which can hold approximately 150 persons each, and a variety of open air spaces for several uses. Benalmádena offers a wide range of hotels of different categories, so accommodation is possible in the town, within walking distance and easy public transportation. The organization committee will be able to provide you with support and suggestions regarding your travel and accommodation.

The Conference schedule will roughly look like this:

Start on Friday, April 13th, 2017 with welcome speeches, followed by a keynote speech. Lectures, workshops and discussion groups throughout the day, in both halls of the Stupa simultaneously. Finish around 7pm.

Saturday: Same as Friday, but we are planning an excursion or social event in the evening, after 6pm.

Sunday: More lectures, workshops and discussions. Closing with a final round before lunch, at 1pm. There will be an optional sightseeing program offered for the rest of Sunday.

For any questions, please contact Ron Eichhorn

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We look forward to seeing you at the EBU Conference Event "Wisdom and Compassion" in Benalmádena, next spring!

