

GENERIC ELECTIVES (GE-3): Engaged Buddhism

Credit distribution, Eligibility and Pre-requisites of the Course

| Course title & Code | Credits | Credit distribution of the course | | | Eligibility criteria | Pre-requisite of the course |
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| | | Lecture | Tutorial | Practical/ Practice | | |
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Learning Objectives

- This course aims to introduce the essence of philosophy of Buddhism and its engagement with issues such as caste, gender, ecology and peace of contemporary times.

Learning Outcomes

- The student will be realizing the moral potential of Buddhism by applying it to various social and political issues of everyday life.

Unit I Introduction to Engaged Buddhism

(9 hours)

- 1) Buddhism as Saddhamma
- 2) Fourteen Guidelines for Engaged Buddhism
- 3) Features of Socially Engaged Buddhism

Essential/Recommended Readings:

B.R.Ambedkar, Buddha and His Dhamma, Babasaheb Ambedkar Writings and Speeches, Vol.11, New Delhi: Dr.Ambedkar Foundation, GoI, 2014 pp.280-301

*Nhat Hanh, Thich. 1998. Interbeing: Fourteen Guidelines for Engaged Buddhism. Berkeley: Parallax Press.

* Jessica L. Main and Rongdao Lai. 2013. Introduction: Reformulating “Socially Engaged Buddhism” as an Analytical Category. The Eastern Buddhist 44, 2.

Unit 2 Buddhism as an Emancipatory Identity

(12 hours)

- 1) Ambedkar, Buddha or Karl Marx
- 2) Iyothetheassar and Tamil Buddhist movement

Essential/Recommended Readings:

B.R.Ambedkar, ‘Buddha or Karl Marx,’ Babasaheb Ambedkar Writings and Speeches, Vol.3, New Delhi: Dr.Ambedkar Foundation, GoI, 2014 pp.441-462

Alyosius, G. 1998. *IyotheeThassar and Tamil Buddhist Movement*, New Delhi: Critical Quest, 2015, Pp.177-208.

* King, S. B. 2009. *Socially Engaged Buddhism*. Honolulu: University of Hawai'i Press. pp. 159-175.

Unit 3 Women in Buddhism

(12 hours)

Essential/Recommended Readings

*Narasu, P. L. 1993. *The Essence of Buddhism*. Delhi: Asian Education Services. pp. 91-117.

Unit 4 Buddhism , Ecology and Peace Movement

(12 hours)

Essential/Recommended Readings

* King, S. B. 2009. *Socially Engaged Buddhism*. Honolulu: University of Hawai'i Press. pp. 118-136.

James J Hughes, 'World Buddhism and Peace Movement,' *Bulletin of Peace Proposal*, Vol.18, No.3, 1987

Suggestive Readings

Batchelor, M. 2002. *Women on the Buddhist Path*. London: Thorsons.

Batchelor, M., and Kerry Brown, eds. 1992. *Buddhism and Ecology*. London: Cassell

Buddhadasa, Bhikkhu. 1985. *Dharmic Socialism*. Bangkok: Thai Inter-Religious Commission for Development.

Daniel, H. Henning. 2002. *A Manual for Buddhism and Deep Ecology*. Australia: Buddha Dharma Education Association Inc.

Gross, Rita. 1993. *Buddhism after Patriarchy: A Feminist History, Analysis, and Reconstruction of Buddhism*. Albany: State University of New York Press

Jones, Ken. 2003. *The New Social Face of Buddhism: A Call to Action*. Boston: Wisdom Publications.

Joshi, Lal Mani. 1983. *Discerning the Buddha*. New Delhi: MunshiramManoharlal Publishers Pvt. Ltd.

King, S. B. 2009. *Socially Engaged Buddhism*. Honolulu: University of Hawai'i Press.

Kotler, Arnold, ed. 1996. *Engaged Buddhist Reader*. Berkeley: Parallax Press

Kesava Kumar, P. 'Religion, Caste and Modernity: Ambedkar's Reconstruction of Buddhism' Pradeep Gokhale(Ed.) *Classical Buddhism, Neo-Buddhism and the Question of Caste*, London: Routledge, 2021

Lama, Dalai. 1999. *Ethics for the New Millennium*. New York: Riverhead Books.

Narasu, P. L. 1993. *The Essence of Buddhism*. Delhi: Asian Education Services.

Payutto, Bhikkhu P. A. 1994. *Buddhist Economics: A Middle Way for the Market Place*. Bangkok: Buddhadhamma Foundation.

Queen, Christopher, and King Sallie, eds. 1996. *Engaged Buddhism: Buddhist Liberation Movements in Asia*. Albany: State University of New York Press.

Queen, Christopher, ed. 2000. *Engaged Buddhism in the West*. Boston: Wisdom Publications.

Sivaraksa, Sulak. 1988. *A Socially Engaged Buddhism*. Bangkok: Thai Inter-Religious Commission for Development.

Theresa Der-lan Yeh, *The Way to Peace: A Buddhist Perspective*, *International Journal of Peace Studies*, Vol.11 No.1, 2006