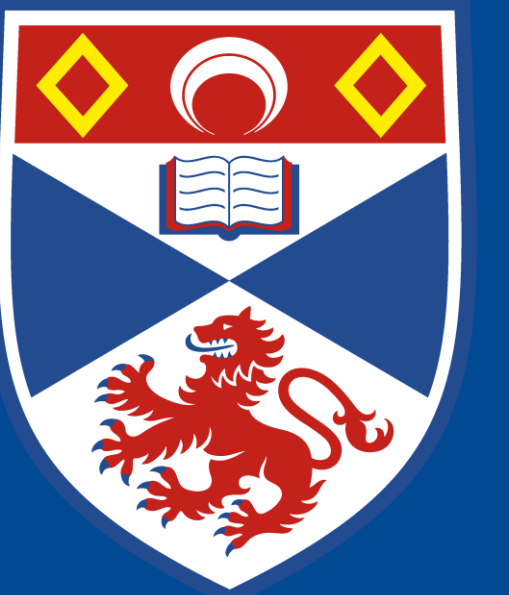


The Buddhist Philosophy Podcast



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Podcast





Introduction

This June, while completing my Laidlaw research, I launched the Buddhist Philosophy Podcast. The Podcast showcases the contributions of Buddhist philosophers, such as Nāgārjuna (pictured left).

You can listen to any episode by scanning the Spotify Codes below.

How to scan the Spotify Codes

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Code for episode 1 above.

Philosophy has largely ignored the contributions of philosophers not from the global north (Kalmanson 2019; Garfield & Van Norden 2016; Park 2013). Ignoring these philosophical traditions, my guest Professor Jay Garfield argued, is itself a continuation of a colonial attitude that “natives” are less developed. Therefore, it is particularly important to study and research Buddhist and other less commonly taught philosophies.



In the second episode, part of the same conversation, we did spoke about Buddhist attitudes to:

- **Ethics**
- Philosophical **zombies** (scan below to find out what these are!)
- The universality of **suffering**



Episode 3 – The Problem with Western Buddhism

In this episode Dr Glenn Wallis spoke to me about his disillusionment with Western Buddhism, and why he believes tools from French philosopher Francois Laruelle can show us what is wrong.

A Critique of Western Buddhism

Ruins of the Buddhist Real



During this episode, Glenn spoke to me about:

- His critique of, my previous guest, Jay Garfield’s account of suffering.
- How his **anarchist** convictions have informed his Critique of Western Buddhism and his giving up tenure at his previous University post.
- Why he thinks we should view Buddhist texts as **fiction**.



Episode 4 How do women engage with Buddhism and Philosophy?

During this episode I spoke to Professor Jin Y Park about the life of Zen Master Kim Iryōp (pictured left) and what her life and writings can tell us about Buddhism and philosophy.

Jin spoke to me about:

- Narrative (as opposed to primarily theoretical) philosophy



Sudeoksa, Iryōp's monastery

- The specific way, in patriarchal societies, that women tend to engage with Buddhism and with philosophy.



Buddhism and bell hooks

with Leah Kalmanson

How can no-self inform our understanding of radical black subjectivity?

Episode 5 – How can Buddhism help us understand bell hooks?

A little known fact about intersectional feminist bell hooks, pictured below, is that she is a Buddhist practitioner.

Professor Leah Kalmanson and I discussed:

- Tendencies among some Buddhists and post-modernists to overlook class and race.
- How Buddhism and Japanese aesthetics can inform our readings of bell hooks’ philosophy.



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