

9th Conference of the European Network of Buddhist-Christian Studies (ENCBS)

Hope: A Form of Delusion? Buddhist and Christian Perspectives

June 30th – July 4th 2011, Liverpool Hope University, U.K.

CALL FOR PAPERS

The theme of the 9th ENCBS conference is: Hope: A Form of Delusion? Buddhist and Christian Perspectives. Invited speakers will address five themes: Hope and the Critique of Hope; Hope in Pastoral Situations; Embodiments of Hope; Hope in Situations of Hopelessness; Eschatologies of Hope. In addition, papers are invited for the following open sessions:

1. **Friday afternoon (1st August): Forum for Postgraduate Research Students and Recognised Researchers.** Proposals for academic papers from postgraduate research students and other recognised researchers are invited for this forum. These papers need not be on the theme of the conference but should relate to Buddhist-Christian encounter. Parallel sessions will be arranged if enough proposals are accepted.
2. **Friday evening (1st August): Forum for Practitioners and Activists.** Proposals for non-academic workshops or presentations are invited for this forum. These should relate to Buddhist-Christian encounter and could focus on activities such as: socially engaged initiatives; meditation programmes; artistic encounters. It is hoped that Buddhist and Christian communities/groups involved in Buddhist-Christian encounter will offer presentations on their work in this session.
3. **Sunday afternoon (3rd August): Hope and Buddhist-Christian Relations** Proposals are invited for academic papers on the theme of 'Hope and Buddhist-Christian Relations'. The title of the session is specific but sufficiently open to allow for diversity of theme. Parallel sessions will run if enough proposals are accepted.

It is expected that papers and presentations will not last longer than 20 minutes with 10 minutes for feedback and discussion.

Further details of the conference programme are published on the Network's website: <http://www.buddhist-christian-studies.org/>

Proposals should include: your name, address and academic position/ affiliation; session for which the paper/presentation is submitted; title of paper; a synopsis of the content of the paper that demonstrates its relevance to the theme of the session.

Proposals for the consideration of the Network's Management Committee should be e-mailed to Dr Elizabeth Harris, President of the Network, by December 31st 2010: harrise@hope.ac.uk