



Buddhist Perspectives on Consciousness, Evolution, and AI

International Symposium

17th November 2023, 09.45–18.00

Viale Sant' Elena, 36, 35041 Battaglia Terme PD

An Interdisciplinary Project

An international symposium of creative thinkers who explore how Buddhist resources contribute to understanding and addressing emerging challenges related to scientific, technological, and societal change.

The project focuses on three interrelated arenas of intersection along the frontiers of science, societal transformation, and ethics: consciousness, evolution, and digital transformation.

The interdisciplinary team is committed to the interfusion of science, technology, and contemplative practice. Attuning Buddhist views to contemporary cultural, historical, scientific, and technological dynamics opens possibilities for responsive and responsible engagement in ways that both broaden the contemplative path and secure its deepening relevance as a guidance system for better understanding and affecting those dynamics.

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