

CPAG-UTCP Asian Philosophy Forum Lecture by

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Rethinking Dōgen

Since its introduction to modern audiences, the work of Dōgen Zenji (1200-1253) has intrigued many thinkers both in Japan and the West, and new research as well as translations of or commentaries on his essays continue to appear. However, a number of remarkable clichés have embedded themselves in the reception of Dōgen's work, most of them based on the retroactive reading of modern or Western philosophical concepts into Dōgen's thinking. The aim of my talk will be to trace some of these clichés and to show how a less biased approach might help us to attain an easier and sometimes also rationally less demanding explanation of some key passages and concepts in his work.

Moderator: Takahiro NAKAJIMA (UTCP)

Commentator: Keishi MIYAGAWA (Tentokuji Temple)

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