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Biography

Dermott J. Walsh received his Ph.D. in Asian Languages and Cultures (Buddhist studies track) from the University of California, Los Angeles with a dissertation on Myoan Eisai and the origins of Zen Buddhism in Japan. Dermott's research interests include the relationship between precepts and meditation in Chan/Zen and Tiantai Buddhism, doctrine and practice in early Japanese Zen Buddhism, the nature of Buddhist ethics, Buddhist moral philosophy and the history of philosophy in Asia. With an undergraduate degree in western philosophy and extensive experience at the Department of Japanese philosophy at Kyoto University, Japan, Dermott's work combines translation and textual analysis of premodern East Asian Buddhist texts with philosophical analysis. Outside of academics, Dermott enjoys motorcycling, nineteenth century Russian literature, and spending time with his family.

Areas of Expertise

Husserlian phenomenology, Kyoto school of Japanese Philosophy, Buddhist Ethics, Chan/Zen Buddhism, Tiantai Buddhist Philosophy, Meditation and its relation to morality in Buddhist thought, Comparative Philosophy

Sample Talks

“Paths to Freedom: Saintliness in Buddhist Traditions”
Loyola Marymount University, March 2017

Education

University of California, Los Angeles
Ph.D. Asian Languages and Cultures

Leiden University, Netherlands
M.A. Japanese Studies

Trinity College Dublin
B.A. Philosophy

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