

**European Network for Buddhist-Christian Studies (ENBCS)  
12<sup>th</sup> Conference**

**Meditation in Buddhist-Christian Encounter: A Critical Analysis  
29 June – 3 July, 2017**

**To be held at the Abbey of Montserrat, near Barcelona, Spain**

**CALL FOR PAPERS**

The theme of the 12th ENBCS conference is: Meditation in Buddhist-Christian Encounter. The focus will be on critical analysis rather than the sharing of experience, although all ENBCS conferences have an experiential dimension. Invited speakers will address five themes from Buddhist and Christian perspectives: the place of meditation in Buddhism and Christianity from a critical historical perspective; Buddhist-Christian encounter and the Zen tradition; the hesychastic tradition and Buddhist meditation; Mindfulness and Buddhist-Christian encounter; meditation and action in Buddhist-Christian encounter. Speakers include: Nicholas Allen SSF (Glasshampton Monastery), Karl Baier (University of Vienna), Elizabeth Harris (Liverpool Hope University), John Mackransky (Boston College), Robert Sharf (University of California, Berkeley) and Elizabete Taivane (University of Latvia).

Papers from postgraduate research students and experienced researchers are invited for parallel sessions on Sunday morning and Sunday evening. The Network places great importance on giving postgraduate research students the opportunity to share their research and gain feedback. It also welcomes papers from experienced academics working within Buddhist-Christian Studies.

Proposals need not be on the theme of the conference but should relate to Buddhist-Christian Studies. Each paper will be allocated 30 minutes: 20-25 minutes for the paper followed by discussion. Proposals should include: your name, address and academic position/affiliation (if you have one); title of paper; a synopsis of the content of the paper that demonstrates its relevance to Buddhist-Christian Studies.

Proposals for the consideration of the Network's Management Committee should be e-mailed to Dr Elizabeth Harris, President of the Network, by February 28th 2017: [ejharris170@btinternet.com](mailto:ejharris170@btinternet.com)

Further details about the conference programme and registration details are available on the Network's website: <http://www.buddhist-christian-studies.org>