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THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 2019

The Queen's College, Lecture Room A

- 9:00 – 9:10 A.M. Welcome and Introduction  
**Canon Brian Mountford**
- 9:10 – 9:40 A.M. Topic: *Buddhist Interpretation of Human/Animal Relations*  
Presenter: **Pia Anderson**, Assistant Professor, American University of Sharjah, United Arab Emirates
- 9:40 – 10:10 A.M. Topic: *Birth and Rebirth in Terms of Continuation and Innovation of the Buddha's Teaching*  
Presenter: **Mei-Hsia Dai**, Associate Professor, Chihlee University of Technology, Taiwan
- 10:10 – 10:40 A.M. Topic: *Does Buddhism Violate Sexual Freedom of Man? An Investigative Study with Reference to Theravada Buddhist Disciplinary Rules*  
Presenter: **Dapane Chandaratana**, Lecturer, Bhiksu University of Sri Lanka, Sri Lanka
- 10:40 – 11:00 A.M. Tea/Coffee

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- 11:00 – 11:30 A.M. Topic: *Cosmopolitanism and the Goddess Tradition in Bengal: Situating Mukundaram's Candimangalkavya in the Context of Nineteenth Century Bengal*  
Presenter: **Sudarshana Bhaumik**, Research Assistant, The Asiatic Society, India
- 11:30 – 12:00 P.M. Topic: *Paganism and Anti-Pagan Literature: Identity, Ethics, Memory*  
Presenter: **Alexander Lushnikov**, Doctoral Associate, Penza State University, Russia
- 12:10 – 1:00 P.M. Buffet Lunch
- 1:00 – 1:30 P.M. Topic: *Worship (Ibadat) in Nasir Khusraw's Doctrine*  
Presenter: **Tatyana Korneeva**, Researcher, Institute of Philosophy, RAS, Russia
- 1:30 – 2:00 P.M. Topic: *Effects of the Blasphemy Movements on Pakistan and its Community*  
Presenter: **Naseem Akhter**, Assistant Professor, Shaheed Benazir Bhutto Women University, Pakistan