



Representatives Remarks



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Dear distinguished guests, dear friends and colleagues!

It is a privilege to participate in this network of top universities who host lectures as part of the Yin-Cheng Distinguished Lecture Series on Buddhism. We are extremely grateful for the opportunity to collaborate with colleagues and friends from around the world in an effort to increase knowledge and awareness of various aspects of Buddhism, and to discuss its relevance for the society we live in. In this time of global crisis, collaboration is perhaps even more important than before.

Amidst increasing physical isolation and tightly controlled borders, it is vital that we are not defined by current limitations but continue to seek new opportunities to work, learn, and develop together. The Yin-Cheng Distinguished Lecture Series on Buddhism is a wonderful program which enables leading authorities on Buddhism to deliver lectures on their ongoing research and emphasize its significance in the modern world. The network has a global scale, involving major universities on three continents. We very much hope that we will soon have a chance to welcome our partners, and especially the distinguished professors delivering the lectures, in person.

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We very much hope that the distinguished lecture series will be a success and it will build the foundation for further collaboration on a whole range of new projects. We live in an increasingly global world and without doubt the way forward is to engage in network-type collaborative projects, stretching beyond political and geographical borders.

Thank you!

