

Pridi Banomyong International College
Thammasat University
Summer Program 2012
Course Syllabus (Tentative)
PD353 Buddhism in Thailand (3 credits)

Class time: 13.00 – 16.00 P.M.

Class room: PBIC Room, 2nd Floor, Anekprasong 3 building

Main instructor: Associate Professor Dr. Pataraporn Sirikanchana and the guest lecturers

Course Description

An investigation of the role that Buddhist institutions in Thailand today such as sects, organizations of Buddhists, practices as well as the functioning and roles of the various Thai religious institutions.

Course Schedule

Session	Date	Topic	Lecturer
1	Jul. 3, 2012	General Characteristics of Thai Buddhism	Assoc. Prof. Dr. Pataraporn Sirikanchana
2	Jul. 5, 2012	Normative Buddhism in Thailand	Guest Lecturer
3	Jul.7-8, 2012	Field Trip Ampawa Buddhism Lectured in Monastery Ampawa	
3	Jul.10, 2012	Popular Buddhism in Thailand	Assoc. Prof. Dr. Pataraporn Sirikanchana
4	Jul.12, 2012	Buddhist Art in Thailand	Guest Lecturer
5	Jul.17, 2012	Women in Thai Buddhism	Assoc. Dr. Chatsumal Kabilasingha
6	Jul. 18, 2012	Field Trip Ayutthaya	Aj.Payab Pakdeelao
7	Jul.19, 2012	Meditation in Thai Buddhism	Assoc. Prof. Chutatip Umavijani
8	Jul.24, 2012	Buddhism and Politics in Thailand	Guest Lecturer
9	Jul.26, 2012	Thai Buddhism and the Theory of Sufficient Economy	Guest Lecturer
11	Jul.30, 2012	Thai Buddhism and Medical Care	Guest Lecturer

12	Jul. 31, 2012	Buddhism and Education	Assoc. Prof. Dr. Pataraporn Sirikanchana
13	Aug. 6, 2012	Mahayana Buddhism in Thai Life	Guest Lecturer
14	Aug. 7, 2012	Summary	Assoc. Prof. Dr. Pataraporn Sirikanchana
15	Aug. 9, 2012	Final Exam	Assoc Prof. Dr. Pataraporn Sirikanchana

Grading

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| 1. Class Attendance | 15% |
| 2. Assignments | 35% |
| 3. Final Exam | 50% |

Required Readings(Partially)

Books

- Buddhadasa Bhikku. Handbook for Mankind. Bangkok: Mahachula Buddhist University Press, n.d.
- Damrong Rajanubhab, Prince. Monument of the Buddha in Siam, tran. Sulak Sivaraksa and A.B. Griswold. Bangkok: The Siam Society, 1973.
- Payutto, Bhikkhu P.A. A Constitution for Living, the Pali Canon: What a Buddhist Must Know. Bangkok: Printing House of Thammasat University, B.E. 2551/2008.
- Rajavaramuni(Prayudh Payutto), Phra. Thai Buddhism in the Buddhist World. Bangkok: Amarin Printing Group, 1987.
- Swearer, Donald K. The Buddhist World of Southeast Asia. Albany: State University of New York Press, 1995.
- Tambiah, Stanley Jayaraja. The Buddhist Saints of the Forest and the Cults of Amulets. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1984.

Articles

- Sirikanchana, Pataraporn. "Buddhism and Global Governance." In Toward a Global Civilization? The Contribution of Religions, pp.140-151. Edited by Patricia M. Mische and Melissa Merklung. New York: Peter Lang Publishing Inc., 2001.
- Sirikanchana, Pataraporn. "Buddhism in the Middle Class' Dharmic Practice in Thailand." *Journal of the World Buddhist University*. Vol. 4 No. 1 (B.E. 2550/2007): 39-52.
- Sirikanchana, Pataraporn. "Democracy in the Light of Buddhadasa." *Journal of the World Buddhist University*. Vol. 4 No. 2 (July-December B.E. 2550/2007): 43-51.
- Sirikanchana, Pataraporn. "Essential Facts of Thai Buddhism." *Journal of the World Buddhist University*. Vol. 5 No. 2. (July – December B.E. 2551/2008): 31-73.
- Sirikanchana, Pataraporn. "Poverty Reduction in the Buddhist Perspective." *Journal of the World Buddhist University*. Vol. 5 No. 1 (January-June B.E. 2551/2008)

Dissertation

Sirikanchana, Pataraporn. "The Concept of Dhamma in Thai Buddhism : Study in the Thought of Vajiranana and Buddhadasa." Ph.D. Dissertation. University of Pennsylvania, 1985.