

Special Issue

Buddhism and the Body

Message from the Guest Editor

This Special Issue aims to advance the study of religion and the body by centering on Buddhism. Buddhist studies scholarship has mined texts from the early Indian tradition to understand aspects of Buddhism's relationship to the body. The practice of meditation proved to inspire a more contemporary and ethnographic focus on the possibilities of embodiment through Buddhism. This Special Issue invites articles that provide more depth into these two topics and articles which take the study of Buddhism and the body to new and different places. Articles are open to any location or Buddhist community as well as an analysis of Buddhist textual sources. Some examples of article topics include but are not limited to: The lay Buddhist body vs. the monastic Buddhist body; the female monastic body; transgressive Buddhist bodies; reflections on embodiment in Buddhist doctrines; ideal bodies in Buddhist texts; investigations of virtue and the body; embodiment of meditation; ethnographies of embodied Buddhist practices.

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