

The Eastern Buddhist Society Lecture Series

The Cult of Tokugawa Ieyasu as Avatar of the Buddha of Medicine

Abstract

Visitors to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Nikkō see architectural and imagistic evidence of the cult of the deceased first Tokugawa shogun as a kami. However, it should be remembered that Nikkō was not Ieyasu's first resting place, nor was he only a kami. One year after being buried in Shizuoka, indeed as a kami, he was exhumed, moved to Nikkō, and turned into a kami-avatar. This talk will consider the reasons for this change, and also their implications, including leading to the all-important rebuilding of Nikkō for the twenty-first anniversary of Ieyasu's death in 1636. The talk will address these matters from an art historical perspective.

Date and Time : **Friday, April 14th**

9 : 00 ~ 10 : 30 (JST)

Venue : Online Zoom

Speaker : **Professor Timon Screech**

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Notes : The lecture will be in English.

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