

## The Eastern Buddhist Society Lecture Series

### *The Effable Ineffable*

Date and Time: Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 18:00~19:30 (JST)

Place: Multimedia Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Kōrukan, Otani University

Online via Zoom Webinar

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#### Abstract:

This talk has two quite distinct parts. In Mahāyāna Buddhist texts it is standard to advocate the view that ultimate reality is ineffable. Of course, the texts talk about it in doing so. The contradiction is patent. Some philosophers try to resolve the contradiction, but others appear to have no problem with it. But could accepting the contradiction really be coherent? In the first part of the talk, we will look briefly at some of the relevant texts. In the second, I show how effable ineffability can be formulated in a second-order paraconsistent logic, showing that one can make precise logical sense of the view.

Notes: The Lecture will be in English.

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