

Call for Applications to the Sixth Meeting of the Workshop on *Tannishō* Commentarial  
Materials

Hosted by Otani University

June 21-23, 2019

The Shin Buddhist Comprehensive Research Institute at Otani University, together with the Centers for Japanese Studies and Buddhist Studies at the University of California, Berkeley, and Ryūkoku University's Research Center for World Buddhist Cultures announce the sixth in a series of workshops led by Mark Blum, Mitsuya Dake, and Michael Conway devoted to the critical examination of premodern and modern hermeneutics of the *Tannishō*, a core text of the Shin school of Buddhism, and arguably the most well-read religious text in postwar Japan.

The current workshop will focus on a careful reading of Edo-period commentaries by Enchi (1662), Jukoku (1740), Jinrei (1801-1808), and Ryōshō (1841). There will also be presentations related to modern period commentaries, as well as important themes within the *Tannishō* itself.

Format: The language of instruction will be primarily English with only minimal Japanese spoken as needed, and while the texts will be in primarily in classical Japanese and modern Japanese, with some outside materials in *kanbun* and English. Separate sessions will be held for each of the four commentaries noted above where translations will be created and revised.

Dates: June 21 to 23, 2019.

Cost: There is no participation fee, but in recognition of the distance some will have to travel to attend, a limited number of travel fellowships will be provided to qualified graduate students and early career researchers, based on preparedness, need, and commitment to the project.

Participation Requirements: Although any qualified applicant will be welcome to register, graduate students and early career researchers will be particularly welcome and the only recipients of travel fellowships. Affiliation with one of the three hosting universities is not required. We welcome the participation of graduate students outside of Japan with some reading ability in modern and classical Japanese and familiarity with Buddhist thought and culture, as well as native-speaking Japanese graduate

students and non-native-speaking enrollees at Japanese institutions with a scholarly interest in Buddhism. Although we hope students will attend both meetings each year, participation in only one is acceptable.

Application Procedure: One must apply to participate in each workshop that one attends. To apply to register for the current workshop (June 21-23, 2019), send a C.V. and a short letter explaining your qualifications, motivations, and objectives to Michael Conway, [conway@res.otani.ac.jp](mailto:conway@res.otani.ac.jp) by May 31, 2019.

Travel Fellowship Applications: Requests for a travel fellowship should be included in your letter with specifics of where you will be traveling from. Applications for travel fellowships must be submitted by April 26, 2019.

Applications are by email only.

Questions about the content of the workshop should also be directed to the above address.