

6 Saturdays
Starting from
31 Oct 2020

Workshop Series in Dhammaloka

DEPENDENT ORIGNATION

After two very successful series of workshops previously, starting with EARLY BUDDHISM and followed by KAMMA and REBIRTH, BSWA will be introducing a new series in Dhammaloka after the rains, focusing on Buddha's teaching on DEPENDENT ORIGNATION.

We are pleased to have Bhante Sujato and Ajahn Brahmali back to conduct the workshops. Venerable Sunyo has also been invited to lead the workshop with Ajahn Brahmali.

The plan is for the workshops to happen over 6 consecutive Saturdays with the tentative schedule as follows:

Workshop	Date	Teachers
I	31 Oct 2020	Bhante Sujato and Ajahn Brahmali
II	07 Nov 2020	Bhante Sujato and Ajahn Brahmali
III	14 Nov 2020	Ajahn Brahmali and Ven. Sunyo
IV	21 Nov 2020	Ajahn Brahmali and Ven. Sunyo
V	28 Nov 2020	Ajahn Brahmali and Ven. Sunyo
VI	05 Dec 2020	Ajahn Brahmali and Ven. Sunyo

Each workshop's lesson plan is as follows:

Time	Plan
08:30 – 10:30	Session 1
10:30 – 12:30	Lunch
12:30 – 14:30	Session 2
14:30 – 15:00	Afternoon break
15:00 – 17:00	Session 3

Here is a preliminary list of topics to be covered:

- How dependent origination (DO) fits in with the rest of the Dhamma, especially the second and third Noble Truths.
- The special purpose of DO: why did the Buddha teach it?
- An initial overview of the twelve links.
- Myths-busting: one life vs. multiple life model; can you break DO at the link between feeling and craving; DO vs. the perceptual process (MN 18); etc.
- The antecedents of DO in Vedic literature.
- DO in the Abhidhamma and other schools of Buddhism, including Nagarjuna's understanding.
- A detailed analysis of all the links of DO. This will constitute the main aspect of the course.
- Practical applications of DO, with a focus on the Mahāniddāna Sutta (DN 15) and the Mahātaṇhāsankhaya Sutta (MN 38).

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- Different versions of DO: 12 factors, 10 factors, etc..
- How DO is presented in a variety of *suttas*, especially in the Nidāna-saṃyutta.

We will be sending out materials for pre-reading. They can include:

Suttas:

- "The Great Discourse on Causation", [DN 15](#).
 - "The Longer Discourses on the Ending of Craving", [MN 38](#).
 - "Sectarian Tenets", [AN 3.61](#).
 - "The Linked Discourses on Causation", [SN 12](#), (discourses 1 to 70)
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- **General expositions of Dependent Origination:**
 - [Dependent Origination](#), by Ven. Piyadassi.
 - [Dependent Origination](#), by Ajahn Brahmali.
 - [The Greater Discourse on Causation](#), by Bhikkhu Bodhi.

In order to get the most out of these workshops, we ask that you:

- Are committed to attend all the 6 workshops.
- Spend time to pre-read the materials provided to you prior to the workshop starting.

We plan to live stream all the workshops so we can share the gift of the Dhamma on a real time basis with the world, wherever you might be.

In the weeks to come, we will provide a link for those who are interested to attend to make their booking. Please check out our BSWA website!

STAY TUNE!

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MISSED.
SEE YOU THEN!