



ACCORD-Symposium with Caifang Zhu, Ton Lathouwers and Miao Heng Shih: Chinese Buddhism in the Netherlands



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Prof. dr. Ton Lathouwers (Huiyu) started Maha Karuna Chan, a Dutch Chan Buddhist organization, in 1987 after he received dharma transmission from the Chinese Chan teacher Venerable Ti Zheng Lau He Shang (1923-2002), in Indonesia also known under his Theravada Buddhist name Bhikkhu Ashin Jinarakkhita.

Ven. Miao Heng Shih is the female abbess of the Fo Guang Shan He Hua Temple (Zeedijk, Amsterdam), which was founded by the Buddha's Light International Association (BLIA) in Taiwan.

Program:

- 11.00 – 11.10 Prof. dr. André van der Braak: Welcome and introduction
- 11.10 – 11.30 Prof. dr. Ton Lathouwers: The Chinese roots of the Maha Karuna Chan
- 11.30 – 11.40 Questions and Answers
- 11.40 – 12.00 Ven. Miao Heng Shih: Bodhisattva practice in daily life
- 12.00 – 12.10 Questions and Answers
- 12.10 – 12.30 dr. Caifang Zhu: The future of Chinese Buddhism in the West
- 12.30 – 13.00 Panel discussion with all speakers

Time: Wednesday March 13, 11.00-13.00

Place: VU University, 1st floor, PThU, Filmzaal

Costs: Free

Registration: please register via email to a.vander.braak@vu.nl