

Inaugural Lecture
by
Professor Kate Crosby



Nirvana & the new technologies: the
suppression & renewal of meditation in
Buddhist Southeast Asia

Location: Anatomy Lecture Theatre 6th Floor King's
Building Strand Campus

When: 23/10/2014 (18:30 – 20:00)

Contact:
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This event is open to all and free to attend, but booking is
required via <https://katecrosby.eventbrite.co.uk>.

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King's College London Presents:

Variety in Theravada
Meditation

Thursday 23 October (09:30 – 18:00)
The River Room
2nd Floor King's Building Strand Campus
King's College London

PROGRAMME

09:30 – 10:00 **Registration**

10:00 – 10:15 **Welcome: Kate Crosby (King's College London)**

MORNING SESSION – Chair: Kuan Guang (King's College London)

10:15 – 10:45 Lance Cousins (University of Oxford)

Continuities and Discontinuities

10:45 – 11:15 Man-Shik Kong (King's College London)

*Comparison between Theravada and Mahayana forms of Aharepatikkulasaññā
(meditation on repulsiveness of food)*

11:15 – 12:00 COFFEE/MONASTIC LUNCH

12:00 – 12:30 Andrew Skilton (Bodleian Library and King's College London)

*When abhidhamma forgets that it is abhidhamma: the pīti litany at Wat
Ratchasittharam*

12:30 – 13:00 Phibul Choompolpaisal (King's College London)

Borān kammaṭṭhāna meditation transmissions from late Ayutthaya to the present day

13:00 – 14:00 LUNCH

AFTERNOON SESSION – Chair: Jern Jern Xiao (King's College London)

14:00 – 14:30 Kitchai Urkasame (Dhammachai International Research Institute)

Meditation on letters in Yogavacara Tradition: A study from Tham Scripts Manuscripts

14:30 – 15:00 David Wharton (National Library of Laos)

Tai Nuea Lay Meditation Practices

15:00 – 15:30 TEA

15:30 – 16:00 Gustaaf Houtman (Royal Anthropological Institute and SOAS)

Some notes about Hpo Hlaing's interest in meditation

16:00 – 16:30 Pyi Phyo Kyaw (King's College London)

*Not Intellectually Educated, but Intellectually Enlightened: non-theory based Burmese
vipassanā traditions*

16:30 – 17:00 Open discussion

17:00 – 18:00 REFRESHMENTS

18:30 – 19:30 Kate Crosby (King's College London)

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meditation in Buddhist Southeast Asia**

Venue: Anatomy Lecture Theatre, 6th Floor King's Building Strand Campus

19:30 – 20:00 DRINKS

To register or enquire please email: pyi.kyaw@kcl.ac.uk.

Registration fee (for 10:00-18:00 conference) £ 15.00 includes refreshments and light lunch. Some travel bursaries available to graduate students/independent scholars.

Inaugural lecture FREE (registration for 18:30-20:00 lecture: <https://katecrosby.eventbrite.co.uk>).

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By train

Charing Cross: 9 minute walk. **Waterloo**: 12 minute walk. **Waterloo East**: 10 minute walk. **Blackfriars**: 12 minute walk.

By bus

Buses stopping outside the College: **1, 4, 26, 59, 68, 76, X68, 168, 171, 172, 176**(24 hour), **188, 243** (24 hour), **341** (24 hour), **521, RV1**.

By boat - commuter river service

From the west, Putney - Blackfriars: get off at either **Embankment Pier** or **Blackfriars Pier**.

Parking

No public parking, but a pay and display parking system operates in nearby streets including Surrey Street.

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Bays in the **Strand, Arundel Street, Temple Place** and other nearby streets.

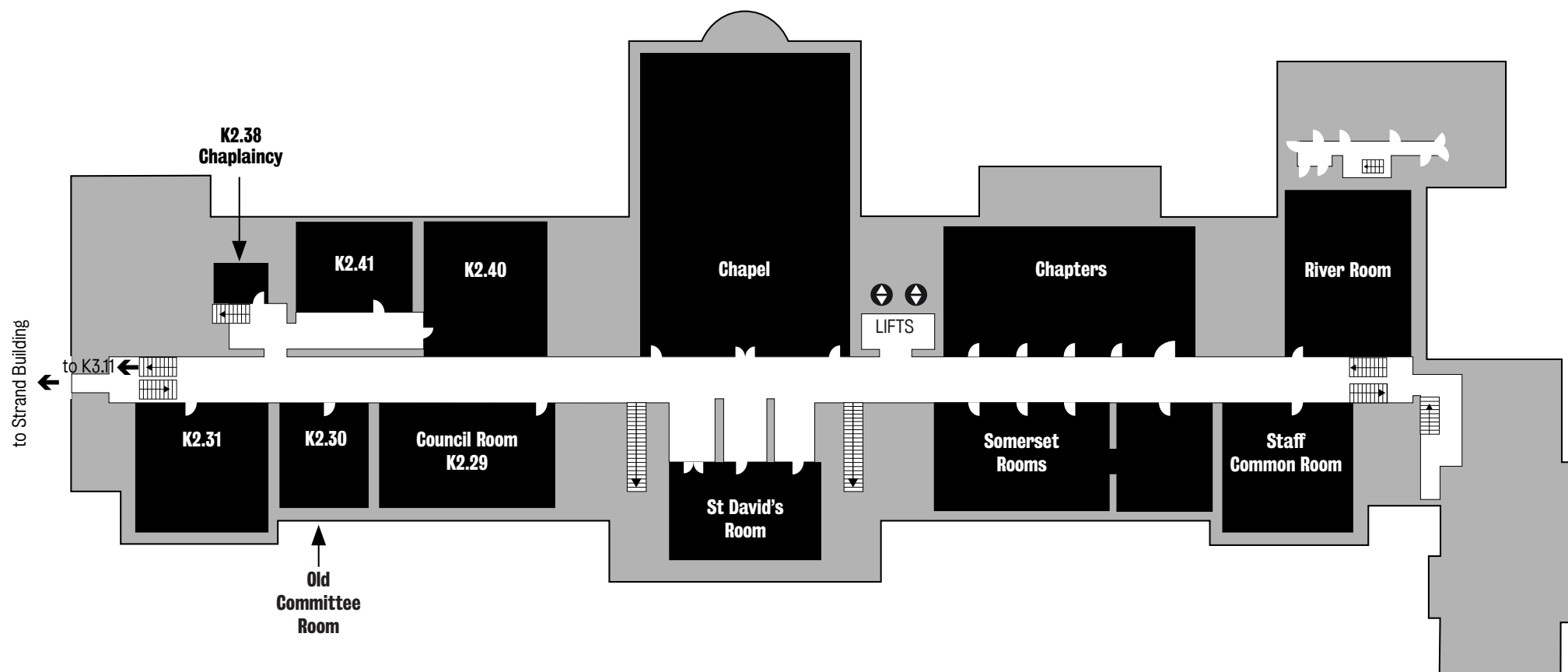
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