

No pearl without grit

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Conference Speakers

Ortwin Lüers

Dr. Ortwin Lüers MD is a psychiatrist and psychotherapist with a specialisation in the treatment of posttraumatic stress disorders, working as a consultant and coach in his private practice in Berlin. He is supervisor, counsellor and instructor for medical doctors and psychologists in training. Ortwin's approach to working with clients includes classical western psychotherapy -especially exposure therapy -combined with a variety of different therapeutic tools embedded in spiritual cultivation and Qi Gong. These are used to facilitate therapeutic processing.

Caifang Jeremy Zhu

Caifang is the co-founder of Beijing Meditation and Counseling Center, research fellow and associate director of Hebei Institute of Chan Buddhism in China. He is a board member of International Transpersonal Association and sits on the editorial board of International Journal of Transpersonal Studies based in USA. He serves as an invited reviewer for the Journal of Clinical Psychology and Psychotherapy and the Journal of Management, Spirituality and Religion. He is a counseling supervisor in China, a member of the division "Culture and Psychotherapy" under the China Association of Mental Health. He is also a member of International Zen Therapy Institute. In 1992, he started to practice Chan Buddhism formally with the late Venerable Chan Master Jinghui, associate Chair of the Chinese Buddhist Association. In the same year he started to practice Tai Chi. He has been developing the Meditation-Initiated Integrative Therapy (MIIT) model since 2009. He has published about 30 articles internationally mainly on Buddhism and psychology. He received his masters degree from Harvard Divinity School, and Ph.D. from California Institute of Integral Studies.

Myokei Caine-Barrett

Myokei is head priest at Myoken-ji Temple & Bishop of the Nichiren Shu Order of North America. She has planned and conducted workshops on mindful conflict resolution and week-long intensive dharma retreats for her order as well as organised the international western dharma teachers' conference. She has co-facilitated healing racism programs for the last 25 years and has also presented multiple talks on dharma and race, most recently participating at Harvard Divinity School's 2017 Buddhism and Race Conference. Myokei was a keynote speaker at Sakyadhita USA Conference at the University of the West on the 1st April 2017.

David Brazier (Dharmavidya)

David Brazier currently lives in France. He is the president of ITZI, the author of Zen Therapy, The Feeling Buddha and a number of other books, as well as numerous published papers and articles, including for Tricycle magazine. He is an internationally recognised teacher of Buddhist psychology, a Dharma teacher and head of the Amida Order, a Pure Land Buddhist sangha.

David is a doctor of philosophy and has been a psychotherapist, social worker, community worker, senior social service manager, founder of aid and education projects in the UK and overseas. He trained in psychodrama and developed a method called pandramatics. He also knew Dr. Carl Rogers and was a member of the Enabling Committee for the development of PCA internationally.