

Buddhist Studies in Canada

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It's an exciting time for students with an interest in Buddhist Studies at the University of Victoria. Last term saw the successful introduction of a new Pacific and Asian Studies course on Buddhism: PAAS 493: Seminar in Buddhism. The course text was the Digha Nikaya. This semester there is another new course: PAAS 306: Indo-Tibetan Religious Traditions, which is, of course, focused on Buddhism. So Buddhist Studies is growing at UVIC. As well, the new major in Religious Studies is scheduled to come on stream in September of 2010; so the prospects look good for new courses on Buddhism in the coming years.

A Public lecture is also scheduled for Jan 26: "What Does Thinking Have to Do with It? An 8th-Century Buddhist Debate and Its Avatars", by Tom Tillemans, University of Lausanne.