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Mind, Soul, World: Consciousness in Nature

“Eastern Contributions to the Understanding of Consciousness”

Tuesday, March 15, 2016 – Mid-Morning Session (11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.)

Moderator



Bradley J. Malkovsky is Associate Professor of Comparative Theology at the University of Notre Dame. His research focuses on the doctrinal and spiritual relation of Christianity to other religions, especially the Hindu-Christian encounter. He is the author of *The Role of Divine Grace in the Soteriology of Samkaracarya* (2001) and *God's Other Children: Personal Encounters with Love, Holiness and Faith in Sacred India* (2013), which describes his interaction with Muslims, Hindus and Buddhists and won the Huston Smith Prize. He is also the editor of *New Perspectives on Advaita Vedanta* (2000). His current project compares Hindu and Christian eschatology, focusing on purgatory, reincarnation, and final spiritual liberation. Since 2001, Professor Malkovsky has served as editor of the *Journal of Hindu-Christian Studies*.

Presenters

Robert M. Gimello is Research Professor of Theology and of East Asian Languages and Cultures at the University of Notre Dame. His work focuses on the history of Buddhism in East Asia (China, Korea, and Japan), with special interests in the theology of religions, comparative mysticism, and the question of what Catholic theology can, or should, or must make of Buddhism. He is the author of *A Design for Liberation: Ūisang's Diagram of the Realm of Truth*, forthcoming, and the co-editor of *Studies in Ch'an and Hua-yen* (with Peter Gregory, 1983), *Paths to Liberation: The Mārga and Its Transformations in Buddhist Thought* (with Robert E. Buswell, Jr., 1992) and *Avatamsaka Buddhism in East Asia: Origins and Adaptations of a Visual Culture* (with Frédéric Girard and Imre Hamar, 2013). He has held teaching appointments at Dartmouth College, the University of California at Santa Barbara, the University of Arizona, Harvard University, the University of London, the University of Heidelberg, Stanford University, Charles University in Prague, and the Chung Hwa Institute for Buddhist Studies in Taipei. Professor Gimello is the past president of the Society for the Study of Chinese Religion and currently serves on the editorial board of the Brill Encyclopedia of Buddhism.





Robert Trent Pomplun is Associate Professor of Theology at Loyola University Maryland. The author of *Jesuit on the Roof of the World: Ippolito Desideri's Mission to Tibet* (2010) and co-editor of *The Blackwell Companion to Catholicism* (2007), his work explores European and Indo-Tibetan scholasticism with a special emphasis on Franciscan and Jesuit theologians of the baroque age, Catholic missions in Asia, and contemporary issues in comparative philosophy and theology. His articles have appeared in *Modern Theology*, *The Journal of Religion*, and *History of Religions*.