

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ NTI

August 2026



ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEW NTI ACADEMIC DEAN

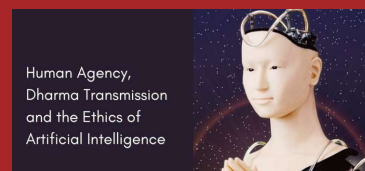
Nan Tien Institute is thrilled to welcome Professor Kiley Seymour as our new Academic Dean!

Professor Kiley Seymour is a neuroscientist whose work bridges rigorous empirical science and the enduring questions of contemplative and philosophical traditions – how conscious experience arises, how it is shaped by the conditions around it, and how it might be protected and cultivated.

She completed her PhD in Psychology at the University of Sydney and has built an international research career spanning almost two decades across Australia and Germany, including research fellowships at the Max Planck Institute and Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin.

Before joining Nan Tien Institute, Kiley led the design of the first undergraduate psychology program offered at the University of Technology Sydney, building a multidisciplinary team and pioneering curriculum recognised for its innovation and cultural competency. Under her leadership, the program achieved rapid growth and national recognition.

Please join us in welcoming Professor Seymour to our NTI community!



NTI Student Event wrap up

NTI boasts a remarkable student community!

Our students are the heart of our Institute - leading and participating in public conversations and events. Recent highlights include student-led NTI Conversations on Human Agency, Dharma Transmission and the Ethics of AI (watch [here](#)), and A Buddhist Perspective on a Future beyond Extractivism (watch [here](#)).

Most recently, students hosted a powerful [documentary screening](#) about Australian doctors in Gaza, featuring Dr Ayman Ellatar and producer Erica Long, who joined in person for a discussion.

Mindfulness Meditation Retreat

26 & 27 September 2026



Join us for a restorative two-day retreat exploring mindfulness as a practice of presence, compassion, and deep connection. Whether you are a beginner or a seasoned practitioner, you are deeply and fully welcome! This retreat will be held hybrid - online via zoom, or join us on campus!

[Register here](#)

NTI Conversations

Be sure to check out the [schedule](#) for what is coming up or catch-up on any past conversations over on our [YouTube](#) page.

Coming up in August/ September....

Mapping Buddhism in Australia: From Seeding to Flourishing.

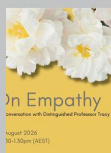
12 August 2026 1.00pm (AEST)

On Empathy : In conversation with Distinguished Professor Tracy Levett-Jones

19 August 2026 12.30pm (AEST)

To hear the cry of the Earth : Personal and Poetic reflection and response to the work of Thich Nhat Hanh

2 September 2026 1pm (AEST)



“We often treat beliefs as if they are finals, fixed and settled, not up for negotiation. It is far more difficult to allow them to be more open and responsive to other viewpoints”

Have you read the new article published by the Guardian, written by HSW and AM Head of Program, Dr Nadine Levy?

[Read the article](#)

WHAT'S NEW?

NTI Lecturer Series



Professor
Alistair Noble



Dr Nadine
Levy



Sylvia
Neubacher



Dr Toby
Mendelson

In May, the HBC Communities of Practice Sunday check in welcomed lecturers from NTI. Click on the above images to listen to their recordings

Desire and Instinct on the path Buddhist Library Series



Dr Nadine Levy recently facilitated a two-part hybrid series at the Buddhist Library exploring instinct and desire through a Buddhist lens. Through meditation, inquiry, and discussion, participants reflected on how desire shapes our thoughts and actions, and how contemplative practice can foster greater clarity, wisdom, and freedom. We thank the Buddhist Library for the opportunity to collaborate and look forward to future partnerships.

50th International Mental Health Nursing Conference- Adelaide October 2026



The Australian College of Mental Health Nurses invites staff and students to join us for a landmark event — the 50th International Mental Health Nursing Conference (ACMHN 2026), held on the traditional land of the Kaurna people in Tarntanya, Adelaide from Wednesday 7 to Friday 9 October 2026.

Over three days, you will hear from leading professionals across the mental health sector, build meaningful connections with colleagues from across Australia and internationally, and take part in a program designed to inspire, educate, and advance your career in mental health nursing.

This milestone conference is a unique opportunity to be part of the profession's history while shaping its future.

[Registration](#) is now open.

12th Symposium on Humanistic Buddhism and launch of English Lamp Transmission Record of Humanistic Buddhism by Venerable Master Hsing Yun

On 20–21 June, the Humanistic Buddhism Centre co-hosted the 12th Symposium on Humanistic Buddhism, marking the English-language launch of the first two volumes of the *Lamp Transmission Record of Humanistic Buddhism* by Venerable Master Hsing Yun. Scholars, practitioners and community leaders gathered from around the world to explore the continued impact of Humanistic Buddhism. The event was warmly received by delegates and partners alike.

[Learn more about the Symposium](#)



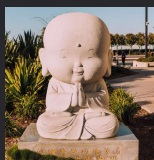
Buddhism in Australia Project Launch 22 September 2026 10am- 12pm (AEST)

Buddhism in Australia: Wellbeing, Belonging, and Social Engagement is the first nation-wide, comprehensive study of Buddhism in Australia, from the 19th century to the present day. This project aims to provide new knowledge of this previously under-researched religion in Australia using mixed methods, including interviews, cultural heritage case studies, and the first large-scale survey of Australian Buddhists. Visit buddhisminaustralia.org to find out more.



Join the Buddhism in Australia project launch and be among the first to explore the Digital Atlas of Buddhism in Australia, alongside the project report and educational resources:
[Join via Zoom](#). Enquiries: buddhism_network@nantien.edu.au.

The Buddhism in Australia research project is a collaboration between Nan Tien Institute, Deakin University, Western Sydney University and Charles Darwin University. The project is funded by the Hsing Yun Education Foundation Australia.



Scholarships provided by Hsing Yun Education Foundation are available in Applied Buddhist Studies or Humanistic Buddhism

Next due date for February intake - 4 September 2026

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