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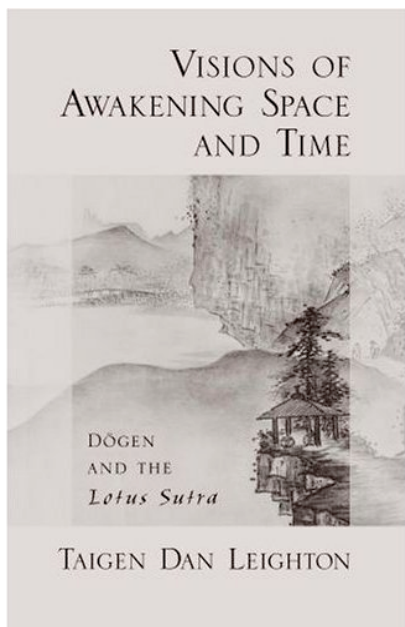
❁ *IBS Numata Lecture Series* ❁

“Dogen and the Lotus Sutra: The Mahayana Worldview of Zen”

by

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Dr. Leighton will discuss the Mahayana worldview through the writings of the Zen master Eihei Dogen (1200-1253), the founder of the Japanese Soto Zen tradition. Dogen's use of the Lotus Sutra, arguably the most important Buddhist scripture in East Asia, expresses the critical role of Mahayana vision and imagination as the context of Zen teaching. Dogen's interpretations of the story - in which the Buddha only appears to pass away, but actually has been practicing, and will continue to do so, over an inconceivably long life span -- reveals his dynamic conceptualization of earth, space, and time as vital agents of spiritual awakening in the bodhisattva project.

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6:30pm – 8:30pm

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