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✿ *IBS Numata Lecture Series* ✿

“Metaphors in Shinran”

Prof. Takanori Sugioka
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Prof. Sugioka will discuss the significance of the metaphors in the Pure Land Buddhist teaching of Shinran (1173-1262), the founder of the Jodo Shinshu tradition in Japan. In Shinran's writings, metaphors are used as one of the principal vehicles for transmitting his spiritual experiences. Shinran's use of the metaphor of "ocean" is particularly important to understanding his theory of salvation. By appealing the dual nature "ocean" that is "difficult to traverse" but "all-embracing" at the same time, Shinran reveals how the spiritual transformation of ordinary beings become possible.

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6:30pm – 8:30pm

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