

# Contradiction & Japanese Buddhism

We encounter a number of contradictions in texts of Japanese Buddhism and philosophy. Are they mere rhetoric, purporting to shock people? Can they be explained away in one or another non-paradoxical manner? Or are they meant to be literally true or real? If so, is the reality really inconsistent? With the support of the John Templeton Foundation and Kyoto University, an international team of scholars will investigate those issues. Though being run in English, this symposium is opened to anyone who is interested in Buddhism and philosophy.

## Friday 16 - Sunday 18, January 2015

- The public symposium is held at 16:00-18:00 on Sunday January 18th at Shirankaikan Annex.
- The other sessions except the symposium above are supposed not to be open for the public.

### Closed session

**Fri. 16 - Sat. 17,  
Jan.**

Venue 1

## Yoshida Izumidono

Yoshida Campus, Kyoto University,  
Yoshida-Izumidono cho, Sakyo-ku, Kyoto, Japan

### Public symposium

**Sun. 18, Jan.  
16:00 - 18:00**

Venue 2

## Shirankaikan Annex

Yoshida Campus, Kyoto University,  
Yoshida-Konoe cho, Sakyo-ku, Kyoto, Japan

- **No participation fee**
- **No registration**

See the details at the website

<http://www.cape.bun.kyoto-u.ac.jp/contradiction/>

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### Speakers

**Prof. Yasuo Deguchi**  
(Kyoto University)

**Prof. Funayama Toru**  
(Kyoto University)

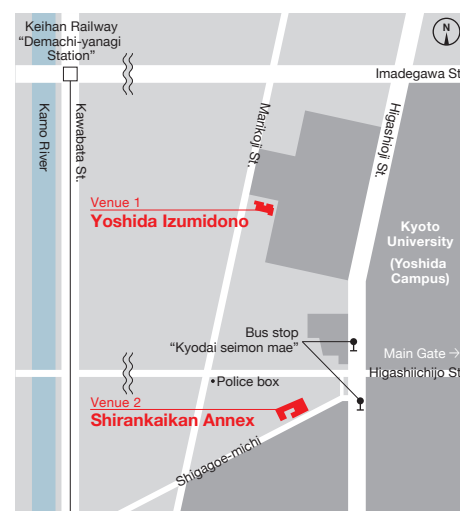
**Prof. Jay Garfield**  
(National University of Singapore)

**Prof. Shoryu Katsura**  
(Ryukoku University)

**Dr. Ralf Müller**  
(Universität Hildesheim)

**Prof. Graham Priest**  
(City University of New York)

**Prof. Robert Sharf**  
(UC Berkley)



- A few minutes walk from the bus stop "Kyodai seimon mae"
- About 15 minutes walk from the "Demachi-yanagi Station", Keihan Railway

