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Required reading for

RHI D86 Engaged Buddhism, 7,5 ECTS, Fall Semester 2026

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Books

Fuller, Paul, *An Introduction to Engaged Buddhism* (London: Bloomsbury, 2022), ISBN: 9781350129085. 200 pp.

Meng-Tat Chia, Jack (ed.), *Figures of Buddhist Diplomacy in Modern Asia* (London: Bloomsbury, 2025), ISBN: 9781350536739. Selected readings, c. 50 pp.

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Jones Medine, Carolyn M., “bell hooks, Black Feminist Thought, and Black Buddhism: A Tribute”, *Journal of World Philosophies* 7 (2002), pp. 187–196.

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Kuah-Pearce, Khun Eng, “Understanding Suffering and Giving Compassion: The Reach of Socially Engaged Buddhism into China”, *Anthropology & Medicine* 21 (2014), pp. 27–42.

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Nhat Hanh, Thich, “History of Engaged Buddhism”, *The Mindfulness Bell* 49 (2008), pp. 4–9.

Schonthal, Benjamin & Matthew J. Walton, “The (New) Buddhist Nationalisms? Symmetries and Specificities in Sri Lanka and Myanmar”, *Contemporary Buddhism* 17 (2016), pp. 81–108.

Shi, Xuefei & Hangwei Li, “Chinese Buddhism in Africa: The Entanglement of Religion, Politics and Diaspora”, *Contemporary Buddhism* 23 (2022), pp. 108–130.

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In addition to the above listed works, individual readings encompassing approximately 100 pages will be added.