

# Buddhism Without Borders

Proceedings of the International Conference on Globalized  
Buddhism

Bumthang, Bhutan  
May 21-23, 2012

*Edited by*

*Dasho Karma Ura and Dendup Chopel*



དཔལ་འབྲུག་ཞིབ་འཇུག་ལྷེ་བ།

**The Centre for Bhutan Studies**

# **Buddhism Without Borders**

**Proceedings of the International Conference on Globalized  
Buddhism**

Copyright © The Centre for Bhutan Studies

First Published: 2012

Published by

The Centre for Bhutan Studies  
Post Box No. 1111  
Thimphu, Bhutan

Tel: 975-2-321005, 321111

Fax: 975-2-321001

e-mail: [cbs@druknet.bt](mailto:cbs@druknet.bt)

<http://www.bhutanstudies.org.bt>

**ISBN 978-99936-14-69-2**

## EDITORIAL NOTE

This book is a compilation of the papers presented during the International Conference on Globalized Buddhism, themed *Buddhism Without Borders*. Attended by about 31 national and international scholars, the conference was jointly organized by the Centre for Bhutan Studies and the Ministry of Home and Cultural Affairs from 21 to 23 May, 2012 in Bumthang, Bhutan. The papers discuss a wide range of traditional Buddhist motifs and emerging developments in the global Buddhist scenario. Even though the papers were presented under seven themes (stated in Hon'ble Home Minister's keynote address) during the course of the conference for sake of convenience, they are essentially a fluid mix of the above concerns and fitted uneasily into those classifications. Therefore, for this publication, no such attempt at categorization has been made. The papers are thus presented here in random order. The Hon'ble Home Minister's adapted keynote address which was delivered at the conference has been reproduced here, forming an introduction to this publication.

The Centre for Bhutan Studies would like to acknowledge and thank the participants for their invaluable contributions. At the same time, the Organizers would like to thank the Gross National Happiness Commission for its financial support in the organization of the conference. We also express our gratitude to the Lam Neten of Bumthang Rabdey. Without the logistical support of the The Dzongdag and Dzongkhag Administration of Bumthang, we could not have held this conference in the sacred atmosphere of Bumthang. Therefore, we put on record our sincere gratitude for their tireless efforts in making the conference possible. We also acknowledge the kind support of the RNR Regional Office in Bumthang for its kind support in the successful conduct of the conference.