Feminism and Engaged Buddhism for Social Change

Monday, March 24 at 4:30 p.m. in Seelye 201

This talk will focus on how a connection between Feminism and Buddhism can help not only with personal transformation, but also with structural change.

Oupporn will share experiences from her personal life and work that demonstrate how the feminist anti-oppression analytical framework can help redefine patriarchal Buddhism to bring it closer to its original intention to empower women and marginalized groups.

Oupporn Khuankaew is a Buddhist feminist activist and has been a workshop facilitator in Asia since 1995. She facilitates workshops on feminist counseling, sexuality and anti-oppression, peacebuilding, and nonviolent direct action with Thai NGO and government workers, and regional and international participants. She also guides meditation retreats for activists. Prior to founding the International Women’s Partnership for Peace and Justice (IWP), she ran the gender program of the International Network of Engaged Buddhists.

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