



Einladung zum Vortrag

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Secular Buddhism: Reimagining the Dharma in the Contemporary World

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As Buddhist ideas and practices find their way into the lives of those who are not Buddhists by birth and have little interest in converting to a religion, how can we envisage a Dharma that both remains true the earliest texts while addressing the concerns of secular modernity in a comprehensive and rigorous way?

Stephen Batchelor will reflect on these questions by drawing on his own work as a writer, teacher and artist.

