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Emotion and Feminism in the Buddhist Philosophy of Consciousness-only

Emotions such as joy, regret, shame, embarrassment, and fear constitute crucial moments in Buddhist training, interpreted as chances for practitioners to cultivate their inner minds. But what of the social and interpersonal aspects of emotion? What role do emotions play for followers of socially engaged Buddhism? In this lecture I turn to a largely overlooked Buddhist tradition and narratives about Bodhisattvas who use emotion to promote inclusion and emancipation in order to advance a new version of Buddhist feminism.

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