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**The presentation of ‘(non)-self’ in the cognitive models of the
Theravāda *Abhidhamma*: ethical implications and
links to the conceptualisation of mental health**

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Abstract:

Disparate cultures have developed considerably diverse frames of reference, differing in their fundamental concepts, categories, and constructs. This presentation discusses some of the challenges arising when approaching ancient Indian philosophical discourse. Its main focus is the exploration of the notion of ‘(non)-self’ in the cognitive models of the Theravāda *Abhidhamma* and how it is embedded in the Abhidhammic structural model of cognition, which is grounded in ethics and conditionality. Then the presentation discusses the implications of this cognitive model for contemporary research in Western psychology and cognitive science – where the methodologies overlap and where they considerably differ.

Short Biography: Tamara Ditrich is Professor at University of Ljubljana and an Honorary Associate at University of Sydney. She has held research and teaching positions in several universities in Australia and Europe. Her main research foci encompass languages of ancient India, Buddhist textual studies and meditation, mainly in the Theravāda tradition.

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