

# *Cultivation – Investigation – Contemplation:*

## Insight Meditation Retreat for Experienced Students

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The Institute for Meditation and Psychotherapy

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and

Insight Meditation Society

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### **Program Description**

This silent meditation course for experienced practitioners will focus on deepening mindfulness and insight into being with oneself and others. Our guiding map will be the teachings on the Four Applications of Mindfulness (Satipaṭṭhāna), which enable us to tap into the wealth of practical wisdom from early Buddhist contemplative traditions. The teachers will offer gentle and precise training in unifying the mind, guiding us in establishing different modes of awareness and in *metta* (friendliness). These practices allow for quieting and strengthening the heart, and foster transformative insights, growth and integration.

This course will include meditation instruction, talks about the teachings, and practice discussions with teachers. An optional daily period of mindful movement will be offered by Thimo Wittich.

**Participants are required to have sat at least one silent meditation retreat of a week or more with a recognized insight meditation teacher. Please document this when registering.**

At the end of this course, participants will be able to: 1) define mindfulness meditation; 2) utilize and strengthen their quality of concentration; 3) build on existing meditation experience to better practice insight meditation in relation to thoughts, emotions, and moment-to-moment experience; 4) strengthen their capacity to assess and advise clients as to the appropriateness of mindfulness practice for them; 5) identify and mitigate mental, emotional and physical distress by developing non-judging attention, which will assist in working professionally with human suffering; and 6) identify and create a greater balance of compassion for oneself and others.

The format will include **21** hours of guided meditations, talks, instruction, small group meetings, and Q & A sessions led by the teachers. There will also be periods of meditation and silent practice of the principles being taught (including during meals). Although much of the culture and atmosphere at IMS reflects the Buddhist meditative tradition, this retreat is non-sectarian and does not require any adherence to Buddhism or any other adaptation of personal faith. The only requirement is participants' willingness to learn and practice the skills taught during the course.

## Faculty

**Akincano Marc Weber** is a Buddhist teacher and contemplative psychotherapist. He learned to sit still in the early eighties as a Zen practitioner and later became a monk in Ajahn Chah's tradition where he studied and practiced for 20 years. He studies Pali and early Buddhist scriptures, holds a degree in Mindfulness-Based Psychotherapy, and runs Atammaya Cologne, a small Buddhist center in the Rhineland. He teaches Buddhist Psychology and meditation internationally in Dharma contexts and applied mindfulness in healthcare settings. His latest co-project is Bodhi College.

His particular psychotherapeutic background is an extensive training in a mindfulness-based contemplative psychotherapy called Core Process Psychotherapy and the practice of Focusing. He has an MA in Mindfulness-Based Psychotherapeutic Practice, is an accredited member of the profession in England's UK Council for Psychotherapy (UKCP) and the Association of Core Process Practitioners (ACPP).

**Chris Cullen** teaches insight meditation retreats in the UK and internationally. He is on the teaching team of the University of Oxford Mindfulness Centre, and is a core faculty member of Bodhi College. He has a psychotherapy practice in Oxford.

**Jaya Rudgard** is a Buddhist insight meditation and mindfulness teacher who began her practice in the Thai Forest Tradition in the UK, where she was a nun from 1996-2005. She is a graduate of the Insight Meditation Society / Spirit Rock four-year teacher training program. She trained as an integrative psychotherapist and has taught mindfulness courses to the UK general public since 2010. She is an associate and teacher of the Oxford Mindfulness Centre, and is a qualified teacher of MBCT and Mindful Self-Compassion, and a retreat teacher for the UK's Mindfulness Network. She is based in Oxford, England, and teaches locally and at retreat centers internationally.

## Continuing Education



**Psychologists:** This program is co-sponsored by the Institute for Meditation and Psychotherapy and the Insight Meditation Society. The Institute for Meditation and Psychotherapy is approved by the American Psychological Association to sponsor continuing education for psychologists. The Institute for Meditation and Psychotherapy maintains responsibility for this program and its content. This course offers **21** hours of credit.

**Social Workers:** This program has been approved for **21** Social Work Continuing Education hours for relicensure, in accordance with 258 CMR. Collaborative of NASW and the Boston College and Simmons Schools of Social Work. Authorization Number D 80042-5.

**Nurses:** Nurses are welcome to pursue continuing education credit with IMS. As an approved provider through the APA and the NASW, many certifying and licensing nursing boards will accept the CEUs that IMS offers. We strongly recommend that you contact the board through which you are licensed or certified, to learn of your particular requirements. Specific questions can be directed to your state board. Please refer to the [ncsbn.org](http://ncsbn.org) website for more information.

## **Registration**

You may register online at [www.dharma.org](http://www.dharma.org). You may also call IMS to register: 978-355-4378.

**Fee:** IMS has a sliding scale fee structure. The minimum fee for this course is \$535, the sustaining fee is \$980, and the benefactor rate is \$1,645. A modest number of scholarships are available by application and will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis.

Please note that IMS's sliding scale fee structure covers accommodations and meals only. As is customary here, the teachings are freely offered by the course faculty, who do not receive compensation. Instead, participants are invited to support the teachers via a donation at the end of the retreat.

**Location:** The entire course will be held at the Insight Meditation Society, 1230 Pleasant Street, Barre, MA 01005.