

# **The Buddha's Words about Society and Social Change: A Sutta Study**



**with Nick Boutros**

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**Saturday Sept 13, Oct 11, Nov 8, Dec 13, Jan 10  
(2nd Saturdays monthly)**

**10:30am-12pm ET**

**In person at IWM (hybrid TBD)**

Suggested donation: \$50-110 registration  
+ teacher donation. (we encourage you to  
consider giving teacher dana equal to or greater  
than what you gave for registration)\*

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**In this monthly class, we'll read and study significant classical texts that deal with society and social change. Each session will cover a new reading from the compilation 'Social and Communal Harmony,' collected and translated by Bhikkhu Bodhi (buying this text is optional - all the suttas are available for free online.) While the class will primarily be study/discussion format, Nick will give context to each reading, helping participants explore and deepen their understanding with each discussion. The goal of the course is for all participants to develop a clearer understanding of how the Buddha saw society and social roles, and how Buddhism suggests we engage in our own society and current political moment as individuals on the spiritual path.**

**This class will run for five sessions/months, but may be extended if there is interest. All levels of familiarity with meditation and classical Buddhist texts are welcome, including complete beginners.**

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\*Everyone is welcome at all of our offerings, regardless of ability to donate.



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