

**DEVOTION & CRAZY WISDOM**  
**Teachings on *The Sadhana of Mahamudra***  
**An SMCNY Advanced Buddhist Studies/Rime Shedra Course**  
**Six Tuesdays from July 11 to August 15, 2017, 7-9:15 pm**

**Syllabus**

*\*All readings are from Devotion and Crazy Wisdom by Chogyam Trungpa Rinpoche\**

**1) Class One: Vision, Purpose and History of the Sadhana**

**a) Topics:**

- i) Vision of the sadhana: overcoming spiritual materialism
- ii) Purpose of the sadhana: joining Ati and Mahamudra
- iii) History of the composition of the sadhana
  - (1) Spiritual materialism and corruption in Tibet
  - (2) Trungpa Rinpoche's time in India and England
  - (3) The retreat at Taktsang and the composition of the sadhana

**b) In Class Reading:**

- i) Joining Energy & Space, pp. 210-217

**c) Optional Reading:**

- i) Introduction, by Barry Boyce, pp. xiv-xxiii
- ii) Historical Commentary: Part One, pp. 3-19
- iii) Historical Commentary: Part Two, pp. 184-201

**2) Class Two: Joining Crazy Wisdom & Devotion**

**a) Topics:**

- i) Devotion
- ii) Crazy wisdom
- iii) Joining crazy wisdom & devotion
- iv) The space of complete sanity
- v) Connecting with the lineage

**b) Reading:**

- i) Devotion & Crazy Wisdom, pp. 20-36
- ii) Crazy Wisdom, pp. 105-125

**3) Class Three: Devotion and the Teacher Principle**

**a) Topics:**

- i) Parents as first models of a teacher
- ii) The teacher in the Hinayana, Mahayana and Vajrayana
- iii) Mogu: The expression of devotion
  - (1) Mopa: admiration and longing
  - (2) Gupa: absence of arrogance
- iv) Blessing or Adhithana, Yeshe Powa

**b) Reading:**

- i) The Guru Principle, pp. 85-104
- ii) The Crazy Wisdom Body of All the Buddhas: Devotion & Blessings, pp. 147-167

#### **4) Class Four: The Mandala Principle**

##### **a) Topics:**

- i) Opening of the sadhana
- ii) The mandala as the expression of our basic being
- iii) The charnel ground
- iv) The rock mountain of sanity and faith
- v) The triangle of compassion
- vi) The inner mandala
  - (1) Creating the mandala of the siddhas
  - (2) Padmasambhava, Karma Pakshi, Tusum Khyenpa, Mikyo Dorje, Rangjung Dorje
- vii) Bringing together Mahamudra and Maha Ati

##### **b) Reading:**

- i) The Charnel Ground, pp. 126-146
- ii) The Mandala of the Siddhas, pp. 37-47

#### **5) Class Five: Non-Theistic Supplication, Offering and Empowerment**

##### **a) Topics:**

- i) Supplication and theism, nontheism and Buddhism
- ii) The fog of materialism
- iii) The disillusionment of materialism
- iv) Identification with the guru
- v) The Four Dharmas of Gampopa
- vi) Offering
- vii) Abhisheka

##### **b) Reading:**

- i) The Mandala of the Siddhas, pp. 47-81
- ii) HUM: An Approach to Mantra, pp. 205-209

#### **6) Class Six: Surrendering Ego as the Culmination of the Sadhana**

##### **a) Topics:**

- (1) Conclusion
- (2) Joining Mahamudra and Ati
- (3) The motivation for giving
- (4) Obstacles to giving
- (5) Giving the giver

##### **b) Reading:**

- i) Joining Insight & Devotion in the Rime Tradition, pp. 72-82
- ii) Surrendering, pp. 168-183