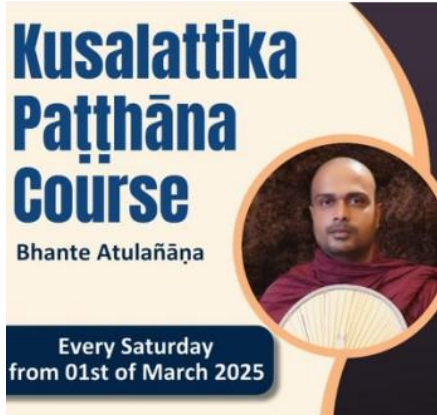


Announcement on Kusalattika Paṭṭhāna Course



Lecture Title : Kusalattika Paṭṭhāna Course

Introduction:

Bhante Atulañāṇa, a very experienced and learned Abhidhamma teacher from Sri Lanka, has kindly agreed to start a series of teachings on the Kusalattika Paṭṭhāna according to the traditional way that is taught in Myanmar monastic education system.

Frequency: Every Saturday, starting from 01st of March 2025

Time:

Sri Lanka Time (SLST, UTC+05:30): 5:00 PM – 7:15 PM

Jakarta Time (WIB, UTC+07:00): 6:30 PM – 8:45 PM

Singapore/Beijing Time (SGT/CST, UTC+08:00): 7:30 PM – 9:45 PM

Central European Time (CET, UTC+01:00): 12:30 PM – 2:45 PM

Participants who are interested to join the course may click on this link (<https://chat.whatsapp.com/L9ZcxVGjw0ACXAVwYdHT7N>) to join the Kusalattika Paṭṭhāna WhatsApp group for latest updates as well as sharing of course materials. The zoom link will be notified in this group

About the Course:

Paṭṭhāna is the last and the largest book among the seven Abhidhamma treatises taught by the Buddha. In the Sixth Saṅgha Council edition of the Pāli Tipiṭaka, the entire Paṭṭhāna mahāpakaraṇa (great treatise) occupies a total of five books with 2,469 pages. The part of Paṭṭhāna which is familiar to most Abhidhamma learners is the summary (paccayuddesa) and brief explanations (paccayaniddesa) of the 24 conditions. In total, these cover only 10 pages and serves only as a brief introduction to the study of Paṭṭhāna.

After this, the first main section of the Paṭṭhāna treatise is the Kusalattika Paṭṭhāna (covering about 275 pages in total). It analyses in detail and in various permutations of the conditioning states (paccayadhammā) and conditioned states (paccayuppannadhammā) using the 24 conditions with respect to the first tikamātikā (Matrix of triads) in Dhammasaṅgaṇī – the Kusalattika.

The Kusalattika has seven chapters. In accordance with the teaching method in Myanmar, the course will start with the seventh chapter – Pañhāvāra (investigation chapter). After that, the remaining first six chapters will be taught together.

Myanmar has a long and established tradition of Abhidhamma learning but language barriers have often precluded non-Burmese learners from accessing this rich and invaluable treasure of knowledge and learning techniques developed and finetuned over a prolonged period of time. While there are now many teachings of Paṭṭhāna in English by various teachers, they mostly only cover the brief explanations of the twenty-four conditions according to Paccaya-niddesa.

This course is therefore a rare and precious opportunity for non-Burmese learners to learn the main contents of the Paṭṭhāna according to the way they are traditionally taught in Myanmar.

In this course, Bhante will be using the techniques, the charts, the sarūpatthā tables (sarūpattha = analysing the pāli in terms of the four categories of ultimate realities), and other teaching aids and tools which are used for the teaching of Kusalattika Paṭṭhāna in Myanmar. In addition, Venerable will be making reference to the English translations of the Paṭṭhāna by Mūla-Paṭṭhāna-Sayadaw U Nārada titled Conditional Relations Vol. I, PTS 2010.

The course will be conducted in English with Chinese translations.

Prerequisites for participants of the course:

Participants in this course should have learned the Abhidhammatthasaṅgaha or studied any of the books explaining the Abhidhammatthasaṅgaha (for example, A Comprehensive Manual of Abhidhamma by Bhikkhu Bodhi, A Manual of Abhidhamma by Nārada Mahathera, etc.)

As Paṭṭhāna is included under Chapter 8 of the Abhidhammatthasaṅgaha, participants who have learned until Chapter 8 should be able to follow this course. The knowledge of Chapter 9, on meditation methods, is not essential for this course.

There are many online courses or talks on the Paccayaniddeśa giving the foundation knowledge to follow this course. Some of the available courses on Paṭṭhāna (paccayaniddeśa) include those by:

- Sayadaw Janakābhivamsa (<https://sites.google.com/pamc.org.sg/videojnkabhi06201703>) - English only
- Sayadaw Ukkansa (<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL3No3Acmeuj1FycpTEak0SI7yEbspCOM>) – English with Chinese translations (on-going)
- Venerable Sugatavamsa (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ud5leGP08Hc&list=PLTXSDn2gEpt5xEo52x8ivDWD2I-n8ldo5>) – English with Indonesian translations

About the Teacher:

Venerable Atulañña is a Sri Lankan monk who was ordained in 2014 in the Sri Lankan Forest tradition. During the first four years after his ordination, he focused on studying the Pāli Canon, particularly the Vinaya and commentaries, under the guidance of Nuwaraeliye Ñāṇasīla Mahā Thera.

In 2015, he received higher ordination at Kalyāni Yogashrama Saṁsthā of Rāmañña Mahā Nikāya, under the preceptorship of Nauyane Ariyadhamma Mahā Thera. The rigorous guidance and training from his teachers helped him develop extensive knowledge of the Pāli Canon and its commentaries.

In 2018, he passed the Tipiṭakācārya Exam organized by the Sri Kalyāni Yogashrama Saṁsthā of Rāmañña Mahā Nikāya, marking a significant achievement in his Pāli studies. In the same year, he went to Myanmar to further study the Abhidhamma at Mahagandayon Monastery and Tipitaka Kamboja Monastery in Naungcho.

In 2021, he completed his Master's degree in Pāli at the Postgraduate Institute of Pali and Buddhist Studies, University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka, further enhancing his deep knowledge of Pāli and improving his ability to teach Buddhist teachings.

To date, he has published several books on Abhidhamma in Sinhalese based on Myanmar's tradition, including:

- Dhammasaṅganī - the first book of the Abhidhamma
- Paṭṭhāna - (seventh book of the Abhidhamma)
- Dhātukathā - third book of the Abhidhamma, with its commentaries,

*Dhamma Talks in English

- Abhidhamma - Dhātukathā (<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLtYBvkguVF4YVHmQWjeMbNZ8rnoE6hKka>)
- Abhidhamma - Paṭṭhāna (Kusalattika Paṭṭhāna - Application of Paccanīyuddhāra in Paccanīya): (<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLtYBvkguVF4YEqe5GQJaPnp2Qj2QNTzN0>)
- Sutta - Graduated Instructions (Anubuppī-kathā) <https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLQac44oRjtcXpJdnI8D6ytGrkNt1y0ofS&si=cQIrecn53hHKTOBH>