

## BIBLIOGRAPHY ON BUDDHISM IN SOUTH AFRICA, INCLUDING SOUTH AFRICAN WORKS ON BUDDHISM

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### Introduction

If this bibliography contained only publications specifically about Buddhism in South Africa, it would be a short one indeed. The study of South African Buddhism is a very recent development. For now, the researcher who is interested in the subject will have to include in his or her set of resources more general publications on Buddhism written by South African writers and researchers, among them even detractors of Buddhism from other religious perspectives. Hidden within these one can find snippets of data, or perhaps just approaches to the topic, that help to give a more complete perspective on South African Buddhism. Such sources will be included in this bibliography until it becomes unmanageably large: after that, a more purist approach may be taken by the maintainers.

Resources in Afrikaans have been supplied with an English translation of the title for the purposes of this bibliography only. Most of these translated titles have not been approved by the respective authors and are supplied only for the convenience of readers unfamiliar with the Afrikaans language.

This bibliography covers mostly the period since 1970, when Buddhism first became a visible movement in South African society and non-polemic material started to appear in South African publications. Researchers interested in earlier views and developments should consult Wratten's (1995) thesis, which deals with the earlier period in great detail.

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