

REGISTRATION FORM

I hereby wish to register for the sesshin on October 28 – November 1, 2009.

I'll pay the registration fee in cash upon arrival.

*You will not receive written confirmation of your registration.
Instead, you will receive an email with detailed information
approximately four weeks before the sesshin begins.*

Last name:

First name:

Address:

Zip code - City:

Fon:

Email:

Date:

Signature:

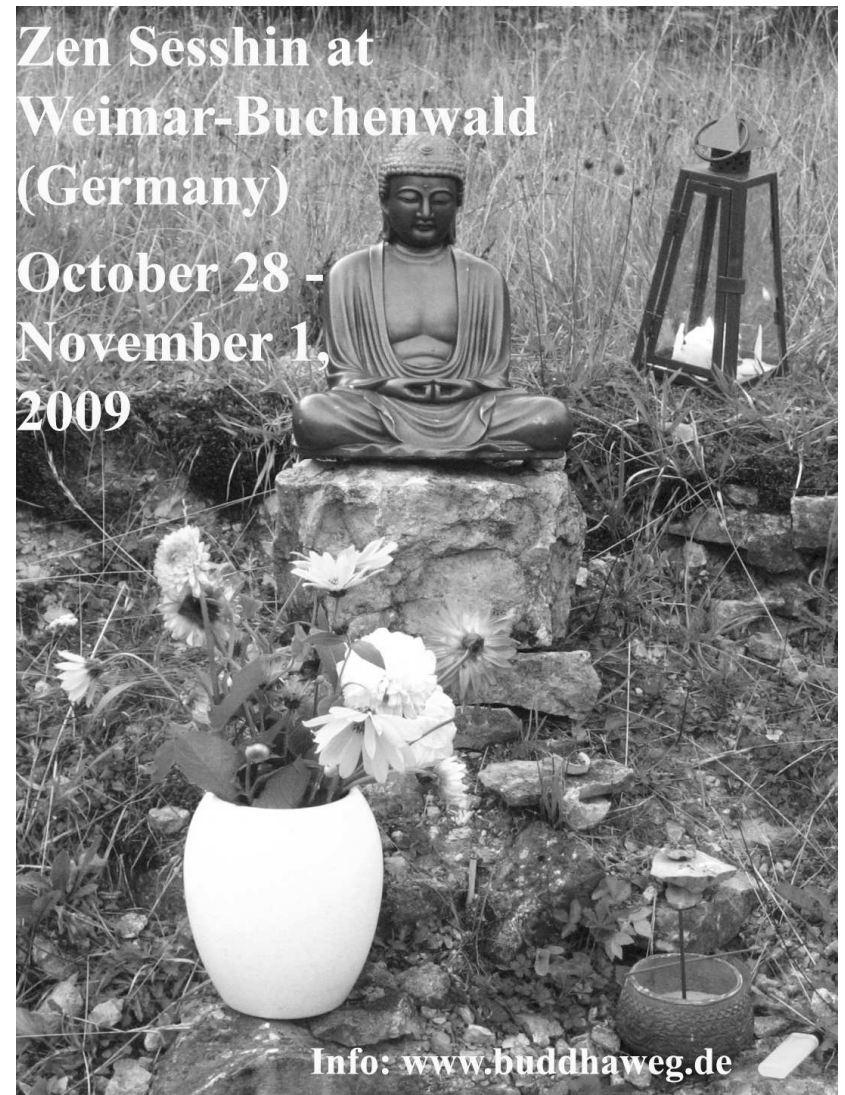
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Beginning: Wednesday, October 28, 2009, 6 pm
End: Sunday, November 1, 2009, 11 am
Led by: Heinz-Jürgen Metzger
Heinz-Jürgen Metzger practices Zen in the tradition of Taisen Deshimaru Roshi. He is a disciple of Zen-Master Roland Yuno Rech, who ordained him as monk in 1991. For many years he has been a member of the Spirit-Holder-Group of the Auschwitz-Retreat, founded by Bernie Glassman Roshi in 1996. In 2001, Heinz-Jürgen Metzger started to lead retreats and sesshins in the former KZ Weimar-Buchenwald.

Accommodation: Single-, Double-, Triple-Rooms.
Rooms are assigned upon receipt of registration.

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Meals: The meals served during the retreat will be vegetarian.

Fees:	Accommodation and meals	145.- €
	Organisation	<u>50.- €</u>
		195.- €

Donation: The fees (195.- €) cover the costs of the sesshin, but do not include any financial support for Heinz-Jürgen Metzger. Please consider an additional donation to BUDDHAWEG-SANGHA on his behalf.
Thank you!

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Construction of Buchenwald concentration camp began in 1937 several kilometers north of Weimar, a city associated with the names of Cranach, Goethe, Schiller, Bach, Liszt, Gropius, Kandinsky, Klee. Initially the camp was intended for political opponents of the Nazi regime, previously convicted criminals, "antisocial" men, Jews, Jehovah Witnesses, and homosexuals. At the start of World War II, people from the Soviet Union, France, Italy, Belgium, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, and Denmark were brought there. At the beginning of 1945 the camp was the end of the line for evacuation transports out of the extermination camp Auschwitz.

Unlike Auschwitz, Buchenwald was not an extermination camp. Prisoners were forced to do slave labour, and many were worked to death. Prisoners also died of malnutrition and disease, as well as from medical experiments or at the whim of the SS. All in all, 250,000 people were imprisoned, of whom more than 50,000 died.

In Buchenwald more than 8,000 Soviet prisoners of war were executed by special units of the SS upon orders of the supreme command of the *Wehrmacht*. When units of the US 3rd Army arrived on April 11, 1945, the SS fled and the prisoners opened the camp from the inside. Between August 1945 and February 1950 Soviet security forces used part of the camp. Nearly 30,000 people were imprisoned, of whom more than 7,000 died.

At this place of suffering and dying, but also of hope and resistance we will sit in Zazen, the posture in which the Buddha realized awakening. Sitting in silence at this place doesn't mean to ignore what has happened here – and what still happens in other forms elsewhere. Being silent allows us to go beyond all categories and to touch our true nature, Buddha-Nature.

We will work at the site of the former camp, have Buddhist ceremonies and recite texts of the Soto-Zen-Tradition.

There will be time to learn more about the history of Buchenwald and time to share the feelings and thoughts we have.

I sincerely invite you to take part in the sesshin at Weimar-Buchenwald!

Heinz-Jürgen Metzger