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Spreading Indra's Net in Manhattan: D. T. Suzuki's Columbia University Lectures on Kegon Buddhism



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In spring, 1952, D. T. Suzuki began a series of seminars at Columbia University concerning the development of Chinese Buddhism, culminating in the study of the Buddhist path as presented in the *Kegonkyō (Avataṃsaka Sūtra)*. Using a range of recently uncovered archival sources, I will discuss Suzuki's presentation of Buddhism and the wide-ranging influence of his seminars on American culture and religious life.



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