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Talk title: Embracing Extinction

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Summary: This talk will offer critical reflections on Buddhism, mindfulness and technology as ways of addressing the climate catastrophe. Drawing on early Buddhist discourses as well as the philosophical work of Martin Heidegger, Gabriel Marcel and Martin Hägglund, I will outline a perspective on responding to the crisis that goes beyond the technological paradigms of both secular modernity and traditional Buddhism.

Stephen Batchelor is a Buddhist teacher and author leading meditation retreats and seminars worldwide, together with his wife Martine. Stephen studied and practiced in different monastic institutes as a Buddhist monk between 1974 and 1985, including India, Switzerland, Germany and South Korea. He co-founded Sharpham College for Buddhist Studies and Contemporary Enquiry in the UK and presents a secular approach to Buddhist practice, about which he has written extensively.

Stephen Batchelor gave a lecture in 2018 for Radboud Reflects; [A Secular Buddhism](#).

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