In May and June of 2019, I co-taught a course in modern physics at the Drepung Loseling Centre for Science and Meditation in the Tibetan colony at Mundgod in southern India. The course was part of the implementation phase of the Emory Tibet Science Initiative (ETSI), a 6-year program to teach courses in physics, biology, neuroscience, and philosophy of science, offered by Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia, in collaboration with the Dalai Lama and funded in part by the Dalai Lama Trust. The program originates in the Dalai Lama's interest in including a modern science curriculum as part of the education of Tibetan Buddhist monks. In this talk, I will discuss the Dalai Lama's personal interest in science, and the connection with Buddhism, and give an account of the course, the challenges of teaching physics to this particular audience, and possible takeaways from the experience.

All Welcome - no RSVP required, snacks provided