Ecology examines the interconnection among wholes and parts and how feedback maintains these in homeostatic systems. The significance of such interconnections for ecology has, in turn, provoked thinking on how the Buddhist concept of tendrel, or dependent-origination, might be both extended to, and aligned with, ecological systems and movements, especially through the environmental philosophy of Deep Ecology. This presentation probes these suggestions. It argues that the warp and weft of two lines of thinking - Buddhist and ecological - should be kept distinct, and that the distinction itself is what carries potential for intertwining Buddhism and ecology.

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