

Institut für Asien- und Afrikawissenschaften
Zentralasien-Seminar

Tibet Kolloquium

Einladung
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Down to Earth ***Discovery of a Previously Unknown Religion*** ***in the Eastern Himalayas***

Extensive recent field research in the eastern Himalayas has revealed a unique local religion previously unknown to scholarship. This illustrated lecture outlines the discovery of what we might provisionally classify as a particular form of Bon religion, as practiced today across a 150km section of Himalayan highlands from central Bhutan to the Monyul/Tawang Corridor. The religious system focuses upon worship of the ancient Tibetan progenitor deity 'O-de gung-rgyal and related "gods of existence" (Srid pa'i lha), and their invitation down to earth from a thirteen-tiered heavenly abode. A surviving corpus of written texts, combining archaic Tibetan elements with local references, contains chants about cosmogony, origin narratives and worship rites. Ethnographic examples of the ritual system and its practitioners will be presented, and a working hypothesis about the possible origins and social history of this religion will be briefly considered.

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18.00 Uhr

Invalidenstr. 118, Raum 217
(Zugang über Schlegelstraße 26)
(S-Bahn Nordbahnhof, U6 Naturkundemuseum)

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