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Decolonising Himalayan Studies?
- Putting Theory into Practice -

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Decolonizing Tibetan/Buddhist Studies

As scholars, it is critical for us to explore the racialized perceptions of non-Western religious traditions and peoples as well as to trace how these peoples continue to be structurally dispossessed because of those perceptions. A decolonizing intervention in Tibetan/Buddhist studies means making the hierarchies that exist materially among peoples and their knowledge systems legible but also interrogating the politics of knowledge production considering the complex colonial histories that have impacting us globally. It also means reclaiming and re-centering Indigenous epistemologies, given their historically violent subjugation. In this talk, I discuss how primitivist and Orientalist discourses may be operating in the field of Tibetan/ Buddhist studies and how decolonial methodologies can be applied productively in ways that do not perpetuate harm on Tibetan/Himalayan voices/epistemologies.

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