

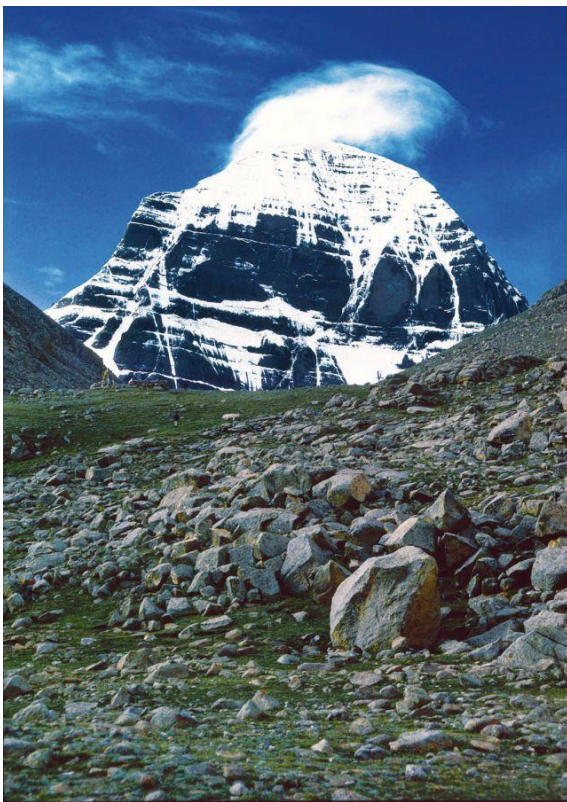
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Lecture No.7 - Monday 21.06.21 – 18:15 CEST via Zoom

Prof. em. Dr. Per Kværne, University of Oslo:  
**Mount Kailāśa in the Bön religion**



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Mount Kailāśa has an important place in Hindu mythology and in both Hindu and Buddhist cosmology, and is a major pilgrimage goal for Tibetan Buddhists. In the Bön religion, too, it plays a crucial role, being associated with the Enlightened Teacher of Bön, Tönpa Shenrap, and the historical realm of Zhangzhung. It is also an important pilgrimage site for adherents of the Bön religion. In addition, it has certain unique features in Bön sources, which will be discussed in the presentation.

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