

**Institut für Asien- und Afrikawissenschaften
Zentralasien-Seminar**

Tibet-Kolloquium

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Who was Who in Tibet ? Western Sources on modern Tibetan History.

During the first half of the Twentieth century the British Political officers in Sikkim compiled comprehensive data on the society of Tibet. The Political Officer in Sikkim was the official representative of the British-Indian Government for Sikkim, Bhutan and Tibet. Beginning with the British military “expedition” to Tibet in 1904 under Sir Francis Younghusband they collected systematically information on all important people of Lhasa and other parts of Tibet. Most of them have been government officials coming from aristocratic families. Between 1907 and 1950 the British officers issued nine different versions of the so called “Who’s Who in Tibet?”. The first five issues up to 1933 included besides the Tibetan officials also chiefs and leading families in Bhutan and Sikkim. The “Who’s Who in Tibet” were printed strictly for confident official use in small numbers. They were never published and are nowadays not available to an interested public.

During the research project copies of all nine versions from different archives in India, the United Kingdom and the United States were collected and will be edited in a comprehensive biographical handbook. The talk emphasises on archival sources on modern Tibetan history in Western archives and presents the results of this specific research project.

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