

Institut für Asien- und Afrikawissenschaften  
Zentralasien-Seminar

# Tibet Kolloquium

Thomas K. Shor

## The Master Director



This presentation, based on Thomas K. Shor's forthcoming book *The Master Director*, is set in the politically tumultuous foothills of India's eastern Himalayas, Darjeeling and Sikkim.

It tells of the author's close encounter with a Tibetan lama of Nepali extraction whose followers are both Hindu and Buddhist and whose eccentric teachings earn him the reverence of a saint and make him the 'big guru' of the area. Since this lama offered the author almost unlimited close access, this presentation will offer an outsider's firsthand account of both the relationship of the guru with his followers and the understanding the author gained of the lama's extraordinary spiritual insight.

The story gets particularly interesting—and dangerous for the author—when he discovers that the lama is the guru of the local political leader, a murderous dictator involved in the Nepali separatist movement of the Darjeeling Hills. Not hesitating to ask difficult questions, the author finds himself threatened by some of the guru's followers and the story takes an unexpected turn...

For further details and photographs visit [www.ThomasShor.com](http://www.ThomasShor.com)

**Mittwoch, 04. Juli 2012**

18.00 Uhr

Invalidenstr. 118, Raum 507

(S-Bahn Nordbahnhof, U6 Naturkundemuseum)