

Tibet Kolloquium

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The Lhokpu of Bhutan: Insights into a Unique Community



Located in the hills of Samtse district in southwest Bhutan, the Lhokpu are assumed to be one of the oldest ethnolinguistic populations inhabiting the Buddhist kingdom. Five small Lhokpu communities have long maintained their original traditions, that focus mainly around autochthonous deities.

Azade Toygar has recently spent some time among the Lhokpu communities. Her field work has produced initial insights of the Lhokpu origins as understood by the Lhokpu, of the Lhokpu spiritual realm, the Lhokpu communities' social framework of uxorilocality and finally the treatment of death. Practices related to death are particularly insightful: For one, the physical remains of a dead person are laid to rest above ground. While the mourning period changes depending on the age, gender and cause of death of the deceased, it follows a fixed and complex structure from death to funeral to the end of the morning period.

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