

# Tibet Kolloquium

## Einladung

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### *The Tangut Heritage in the Tibetan World*

"The Tanguts and the Tangut State (i.e., Ch. Xixia 西夏) played significant roles in Tibetan history over periods of several centuries. Aside from the Tibetan imperial period, when Tibet dominated a portion of the Tangut population; Tibetans played a legitimizing role at the Tangut court, one which was to characterize the Tibetan religious presence at later non-Tibetan courts. The Tangut link endured after the destruction of the Tangut State, as Tangut lore and origins embedded themselves in certain local Tibetan traditions. Throughout these different periods the nature of Tibetan relationships with the Tanguts was far from uniform. This talk will describe the different forms and chief features of these relations and summarize where we presently stand in our understanding of the place of the Tanguts in Tibetan history."

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