Tibet Kolloquium

Einladung

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Emerging Buddhist and Folk Religious Communities in Contemporary Kalmykia

This lecture discusses different types of emerging religious communities and the diverse identities associated with them in contemporary Kalmykia. It will cover the Central Monastery with its orientation towards exile Tibetan-style Buddhism of the Gelug school in India, 'independent' lay Buddhist temples/centres supporting non-monastic Buddhism and oriented towards Mongolia or towards transnational lay Buddhist networks, and folk religious communities conducting what they see as 'traditional Kalmyk religious practices', receiving prayers in the 'sun language' and so on. Although every community is the result of a recombination and intertwining of different local historical and modern transnational elements, as well as that of certain social processes and global forces, each community claims their activity as the 'traditional cultural heritage' of Kalmykia.

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