

AMDO RESEARCH NETWORK - Program

International Workshop, Central Asian Seminar, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin. 13th – 15th December 2014

Dynamics of Change

Agents, mechanisms and economics of transformation in Amdo, P.R.China

December 13th

09:00 Opening of the Workshop. **Toni Huber** (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin)

1. Local conceptions of the past:

Rebkong's historiography

09:15

Yangdon Dhondrup (SOAS, University of London)

The Shar tsang lineage of Rong bo monastery in Reb gong

09:55

Reinier Langelaar (Austrian Academy of Sciences)

Origin narratives of Reb-gong's tsho ba

10:35 Coffee break

11:00

Tiina Hyytiäinen (University of Helsinki)

Goals of financial gain and religious practice among the female Ngakmas (sngang ma)
in Amdo Reb gong

11:40

Mitra Härkönen (University of Helsinki)

Agency of the nuns in Amdo

12:20 Lunch break

14:00

Ute Wallenboeck (University of Vienna)

gTsang A rig. A Tibetan tribe classified as Mongol

Tibetan Arts in transition.

14:40

Daniel Berounsky (Charles University, Prague)

Old murals near Dan tig monastery in Amdo

15:20

Sarah Fraser (Heidelberg University)

Amdo Painters in the 1940s

16:00 Coffee break

16:30

Anne-Laure Cromphout (Univerity Libre of Bruxelles)

Golok Music Production, from folk to pop songs, a practice in constant evolution

17:10

Françoise Robin (INALCO, Paris)

Gone with the wind of change? Changes in the belief of reincarnation among Amdo artists and writers

19:00 Dinner

December 14th

2. Education in Amdo / Public services – education and health

09:00

Stuart Wright (University of Sheffield)

Standard policy or a model for inequality? The increasing implementation of Tibetan boarding schools in Amdo.

09:40

Andrew Fischer (University of Rotterdam)

Evolving Practices of Preferentiality in Tibetan Graduate Employment: a comparative study of public employment and its interaction with Tibetan-medium education across China's Tibetan Regions.

10:20 Coffee break

10:50

Adrian Zenz (Akademie für Weltmission, Korntal)

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11:30

Mona Schrempf (University of Westminster)

Tibetan medical practice in the light of policy changes – Rebgong and Xining compared

12:10 Lunch break

3. Urban livelihood strategies of Tibetan pastoralists and semi-pastoralists in rural Amdo

13:40

Andreas Gruschke (Sichuan University, Chengdu)

Sedentarization of Nomads in Amdo - Discourse and Perspectives

14:20

Elisa Cencetti (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin) and **Jarmila Ptackova** (Oriental Institute of the ASCR, Prague)

Lost generation? Livelihood strategies of relocated pastoralists and government development programs in Amdo-Qinghai.

15:00 Coffee break

4. Rethinking consumerism in Tibet

15:30

Janka Linke (University of Leipzig)

Market Making From Below: The Role of Chinese Muslim Minorities in the Caterpillar Fungus Trade in Qinghai

16:10

Yusuke Bessho (Hiroshima University)

Golok's bubble economy: How the caterpillar fungus boom creates consumers, consumer investment and consumer debt.

16:50 Coffee break

17:00 Documentary projection:

“The Thousandfold Offering” (40min) by Pohua Dondrup and Lijia.

December 15th

5. Rethinking consumerism in Tibet II

09:00

Lilian Iselin (University of Bern)

From Tiger Pelts to iPhones: Consumers on the grasslands of Amdo

9:40

Emilia Sulek (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin)

A difficult birth of a consumer nomad. What can we learn from studying consumer practices in Tibet?

10:20 Coffee break

10:50

Jane Caple (University of Manchester)

Monastic-lay business transaction: consumer capitalism and the ethicisation of consumption

6. Changing the understanding of customs and rituals

11:30

Valentina Punzi (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin)

“Through whose lens?” Competing Representations and Uses of Ritual Space at Lurol (Rebgong County)

12:10 Lunch break

13:40

Rahel Tsering (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin)

Local mountain cults encountering modernity

14:20

Monia Chies (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin)

New Structures, Old Beliefs. Revitalizing the Pilgrimage practice at the Gyanak Mani.
(Yushu, Qinghai Province)

15:00 Closing words. Evaluation of the workshop. **Toni Huber**