Symposium

"The Ganden Phodrang Army and Buddhism"

Maison de l'Asie, 22 avenue du Président Wilson, Paris 75016

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Organised by Dr. Alice Travers and Dr. Federica Venturi

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Programme

09.30 Welcome by Prof. Rainier Lanselle, Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes (EPHE), Director of the East Asian Civilisations Research Centre (CRCAO, UMR 8155)

09.45 Introductory remarks by Dr. Alice Travers and Dr. Federica Venturi, French National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS), East Asian Civilisations Research Centre (CRCAO)

10.15 Coffee break

Morning session

Chair: Prof. Heather Stoddard

10.30 Dr. George FitzHerbert, French National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS), East Asian Civilisations Research Centre (CRCAO)

*Army-repelling (dmag zlog) rituals as a form of war propaganda in premodern Tibet*

11.15 Prof. Charles Ramble, Ecole Pratique des Haute Etudes (EPHE), East Asian Civilisations Research Centre (CRCAO)

*Buddhist governments and war: royal dharma or an evil necessity?*

12.00 Dr. Marlene Erschbamer, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität (LMU)

*Tibetan troops fighting the “enemy of Buddhist doctrine” (bstan dgra): the ’Ba’ ra ba master Rig ’dzin chos dbyings rdo rje (1772-1838) depicts the invasion of the Gorkhas*

12.45 Discussion

13.00 Lunch
Afternoon session

Chair: Dr. Amy Heller

14.00 Dr. Federica Venturi, French National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS), East Asian Civilisations Research Centre (CRCAO)
To protect and to serve: the military during the reign of the fifth Dalai Lama

14.45 Dr. Alice Travers, French National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS), East Asian Civilisations Research Centre (CRCAO)
Monk officials (rtse drung) as military officers in the Ganden Phodrang army (1895-1959)

15.30 Dr. Ryosuke Kobayashi, Kyushu University
The Sino-Tibetan disputes for religious authority in early 20th century Kham – focusing on Dargye monastery

16.15 Discussion

16.30 End of the symposium

19.00 Dinner for speakers
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Kusung (bodyguard) unit in Norbu Lingka courtyard with Kathags. Photo by Tse Ten Tashi. Newark Museum Collection 2000.36.3.50 (front page);
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