

AMDO RESEARCH NETWORK - Program

International Workshop, Central Asian Seminar, Humboldt University 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 University, 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 (Humboldt University, Berlin)

Ruling Reb-gong: The Rong-bo Nang-so and Local Communities

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

Bianca Horlemann (Humboldt University, Berlin)

Early 19th century regulations on border trade in Amdo

13:00 Lunch break

14:30

Ute Wallenboeck (University of Vienna)

gTsang A rig. A Tibetan tribe classified as Mongol

Tibetan Arts in transition.

15:10

Daniel Berounsky (Charles University, Prague)

Old murals near Dan tig monastery in Amdo

15:50

Sarah Fraser (Heidelberg University)

Amdo Painters in the 1940s

16:30 Coffee break

17:00

Anne-Laure Cromphout (University Libre of Bruxelles)

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

17:40

Françoise Robin (INALCO, Paris)

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

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) and **Adrian Zenz** (Akademie für Weltmission, Korntal)

Amdowan educational exceptionalism? A comparative analysis of the education-

employment-identity nexus in the TAR and Qinghai

10:20 Coffee break

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

10:50

Huazejia (Reed College, Portland)

Contested Spatial Politics and the Poetics of Settlement Space: *The Nomadic Settlement Project* Among Tibetans in Amdo

11:30

Elisa Cencetti (Humboldt University, Berlin) and **Jarmila Ptackova** (Oriental Institute of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic, Prague)

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

12:30 Lunch break

14:00

Andreas Gruschke (Sichuan University, Chengdu)

Sedentarization of Nomads in Amdo - Discourse and Perspectives

14:40

Nancy Levine (University of California, Berkeley)

Food Values: Sedentarization and Changing Diets Among Eastern Tibetan Pastoralists

4. Rethinking consumerism in Tibet

15:20

Janka Linke (University of Leipzig)

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

16:00

Lilian Iselin (University of Bern)

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

16:40 Coffee break

17:10 Documentary projection:

“The Thousandfold Offering” by Pohua Dondrup and Lijia.

19:30 Dinner

December 15th

5. Rethinking consumerism in Tibet II

09:00

Yusuke Bessho (Hiroshima University)

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

09:40

Jane Caple (University of Manchester)

Processes of commodification and de-commodification in contemporary monastic economies

10:20 Coffee break

6. Changing the understanding of customs and rituals

10:50

Valentina Punzi (Humboldt University, Berlin)

“Through whose lens?” Representing Lurol in Gomar and Nyentok villages (Rebgong County)

11:30

Rahel Tsering (Humboldt University, Berlin)

Local mountain cults encountering modernity

12:10 Lunch break

13:40

Monia Chies (Humboldt University, Berlin)

New Structures, Old Beliefs. Revitalizing the Pilgrimage practice at the Gyanak Mani.

(Yushu, Qinghai Province)

14:20

Mona Schrempf (University of Westminster)

Tibetan medicine and social transformation

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