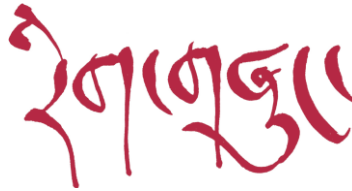


PLEASE NOTE: THE ACTUAL SYLLABUS FOR THIS YEAR'S PROGRAM WILL BE PROVIDED ON THE FIRST DAY OF CLASS

**Emory University-Institute of Buddhist Dialectics
Tibetan Studies in Dharamsala, Spring 2012**

**TIBETAN CIVILIZATION AND CULTURE
ANTH 370/ REL 390/ MESAS 390**



This course comprises a study of the history, politics, religious traditions, artistic practices, and social institutions of contemporary Tibetans. Given our location in Dharamsala, India, site of the Tibetan government-in-exile and a large number of Tibetan refugee organizations and peoples, our focus will be primarily on the Tibetan diaspora community. However, in order to contextualize this material, historical background, cultural practices, and institutions of Tibet (both before and after the Chinese government established the Tibetan Autonomous Region) will be studied as well. We will also include material on the surrounding Indian community and transnational/global dimensions of Tibetan culture when relevant.

In addition to lectures by and discussion sessions with Emory faculty, members of the Dharamsala community will give regular guest-lectures and tours. Fieldtrips to local sites and organizations, as well as participation in important religious holidays, artistic performances, and cultural events occurring during the semester will also be an integral part of this course. Fieldwork methodology will be discussed and related assignments given, providing students with the background needed to pursue independent research of their own design during the last month of the program.

Schedule: Tu/Thu for 1 ½ hours (exact time TBA), with regular fieldtrips once a week (usually Friday afternoon)

Faculty: Dr. Tara Doyle (Emory Professor) and visiting guest speakers from the Dharamsala community.

Texts:

Diana Eck, *Darsan* (read in USA); Melvyn Goldstein, *Snow Lion and the Dragon* (buy in USA); Jamyang Norbu, *Independent Tibet: the Facts* (sold to you in Dharamsala), two Xerox Readers of articles (sold to you in Dharamsala), pamphlets, and on-line material.

Requirements: Class participation, reading of all assigned material, and attending all out-of-class fieldtrips, films, & required events (20%); one response paper on readings done during Week III (10%); a response paper that includes interview material on events discussed during Week V (20%); Questionnaire and mapping exercise regarding some dimension of McLeod Ganj (20%); and either a life-history paper on a McLeod Ganj resident or a participant observation paper on something that occurs in McLeod Ganj during the period that we are living there – note: this could also be an audio-visual piece (30%). Details on these requirements and assignments will be provided in class.

TIBETAN CIVILIZATION & CULTURE

Topics and Assignments

Note: Schedule, Topics, and Readings Will Most Likely Change (Buddhist law of impermanence!)

--Asterisk (*) indicates that the reading can be found in your Xerox readers—

--Hatch mark (#) indicates material to read or watch on line—

<< >> marks indicate general TSP program information

I. APPROACHING “SHANGRI-LA” & “LITTLE TIBET”

Sun-Mon, Jan 15-16 While in Delhi we'll visit a number of Indian historical, religious, & cultural sites
Eck, *Darsan* (you should have already read this book before reaching Delhi!)

<<Tu, Jan 17 Jeeps to Pragpur, spend night and next two days (Jan 18 & 19) at Judges Court>>

Wed, Jan 18 Lost Horizon and Shangrila (in Pragpur, time & place TBA)

*Lopez, “Introduction,” in *Prisoners of Shangri-la*, 1-13

*Norbu, “Behind the Lost Horizon,” in *Imagining Tibet*, 373-378

*optional: Thurman, “Critical Reflections on Donald S. Lopez Jr.’s *Prisoners of Shangrila*” and Lopez, “Jailbreak,” in *Journal of American Academy of Religion* 69, 1 (March 2001):191-212

Thur, Jan 19 Watch “Cry of the Snow Lion” or “Dreaming Lhasa” and discuss (in Pragpur, time TBA)

*Diehl, *Echoes from Dharamsala*, 21-26 & 32-56 (we will read the rest of this pdf. later)

<<Fri, Jan 20 drive to IBD Sarah, lunch, move in with roommates>>

II. CONTESTING MODERN TIBETAN HISTORY

Tu, Jan 24 The Tibet Issue: Constructing History, Contesting Ground

Goldstein, *The Snow Lion and the Dragon*, ix-36

*Barnett, “Essay by Robbie Barnett,” 178-mid 182

*Study maps 1-9 and begin to learn geography, provinces, towns, etc, of Tibetan Plateau

Th, Jan 26 Nationalists, Communists, and Tibetan Resistance (1911-1959)

Goldstein, *The Snow Lion and the Dragon*, 37-top 56

On Reserve in Library - Adhe & Blakeslee, “Invasion and Imprisonment”, in *The Voice That Remembers (biography of Ama Adhe)*, 41-116 (117- 136 optional)

*See Map #10

Fri, Jan 27 Fieldtrip: to Tibet Museum and then to meet Ama Adhe (at Reception Center). Possibly visit Gu Chu Sum (ex-political prisoners’ organization)

III. UPRISINGS, EXILE, & THE MIDDLE WAY APPROACH

Tu, Jan 31 “Hard” & “Soft” Periods Inside Tibet

Goldstein, *The Snow Lion and the Dragon*, 56-131

*Barnett, “Essay by Robbie Barnett,” mid 182-196 (continuation of article read before on Jan 24)

Th, Feb 2 Settling into Exile, Experimenting with Democracy

*van Schaik, “Two Tibets: 1959 to the Present,” in *Tibet: A History*, pp 238-269 (skim anything on Tibet – focus instead on the material on exile during this period)

*Skim “Tibet in Exile at a Glance”

*Lobsang Sangay, “A Constitutional Analysis of the Secularization of the Tibetan Diaspora,” in *Theology and the Soul of the Liberal State*, pp. 290-320

*Huber, “Shangri-la in Exile” 357-369

*optional: Barnett, “Violated Specialness,” 269-305

Fri, Feb 3 Dialogues with China and Crafting the Middle Way

*“The Middle-Way Approach: A Framework for Resolving the Issue of Tibet”

*“Memorandum on Genuine Autonomy for the Tibetan People”

*“Note on the Memorandum on Genuine Autonomy for the Tibetan People”

*“What Does the Dalai Lama Want?” blog containing Zhu Weiqun’s, “The Middle Way Approach is a Vicious Attempt to Divide the Nation and the People of China”

*As you read these articles, look at “Chronology of Sino-Tibetan relations (1979-2008)”

Sunday, Feb 5 by noon, RESPONSE PAPER DUE (on any reading(s) during this week)

IV. RANGZEN

- Tu, Feb 7 Independence**
Norbu, *Rangzen Charter* (on Reserve and possibly available for sale)
Norbu, *Independent Tibet: The Facts* (whole book)
*Dondup, "Independence as Tibet's Only Option: Why the 'Middle Path' is a Dead End," pp 1-5
- Th, Feb 9 2008: Marches, Uprisings, and Demonstrations – POSSIBLE INTERVIEW PAPER**
*Mishra, "Restless Children of the Dalai Lama," in *New York Times* (Dec 18, 2005)
#Watch "Sun Behind the Clouds" Wednesday evening as a group
*"Special Message of HH the Dalai Lama for Tibetans in and outside Tibet" (14 Nov 2008).
*optional: Link, "Talking About Tibet: An Open Dialogue Between Chinese Citizens and the Dalai Lama"
- Fri, Feb 10 FIELDTRIP: Sherabling, Bir, Tashi Jong, & Dongyu Gatsal Ling OR to Norbulingka & HH Karmapa's monastery – details TBA**

V. PRESENT ISSUES: DALAI LAMA STEPS DOWN & SELF-IMMOLATIONS

- Tu, Feb 14 His Holiness Steps Down, and the New Kalon Tripa – POSSIBLE INTERVIEW TOPICS**
*Apri, "The battle over the new Dalai Lama," *Phayul* (Dec. 15, 2007)
*"Statement of His Holiness the Dalai Lama on the 52nd Anniversary of the Tibetan National Uprising Day" (March 10, 2011)
#Listen to "His Holiness Steps Down" - <http://tibetconnection.org/2011/04/the-dalai-lama-retires>
*Sangay, "Testimony of Dr. Lobsang Sangay Kalon Tripa, Central Tibetan Administration before the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission"
- Th, Feb 16 Self-Immolations inside Tibet & Responses POSSIBLE INTERVIEW TOPICS**
*Novick, "Protest or Sacrifice? China's Anti-Imperialist Propaganda Backfires In Tibet," *Huffpost*
*Woesser, "Tibetans Burn for Their Faith and Freedom," *Wall Street Journal*, (Dec 6, 2011)
*"China Says Immolations Will Not Change Tibet Policy," *Reuters* (Dec 6, 2011)
*J. Norbu, "Self Immolation and Buddhism," *Phayul* (Jan 5, 2012)
#You might find you understand these articles better if you watch footage of nun Palden Choetso's self-immolation, which is found in many places on-line. Warning: this footage is very graphic & disturbing, thus not required.
- Fri, Feb 17 Fieldtrip to Rangzen Ashram to meet Tenzin Tsundue & other activists**
*T. Tsundue, "My Kind of Exile"
Other readings TBA

Sunday, Feb 19 by noon, INTERVIEW PAPER DUE (on any topic covered this week)

VI. LOSAR -- TEMPLE AND DOMESTIC RITUALS

- Mon, Feb 20 Nishugu – state and domestic rituals**
* Kapstein, "Religious Life and Thought," *The Tibetans*, 205-215
* Norbu, Jamyang. "The Story of Losar Khapsey," source unknown
*Misc articles on Gutor & Losar
**Fieldtrip: leave @ 3:00 pm, 4:00-5:00 Nishugu Torgyal at Namgyal Monastery
6:30 pm Nishugu Thukpa (Guthuk) at Sarah**
- Wed - Fri, Feb 22-24 LOSAR (if Losar is "cancelled" we may go to Bir, Sherabling, & Tashi Jong)**
- **Wed, Feb 22 Day #1** -- 6 am prayers in temple, Losar breakfast, free day, evening bonfire & dancing
 - **Th, Feb 23 Day #2** -- 1v Sarah 10 am, lunch @ IBD, meet Dema Lochu Rinpoche, evening games or dancing
 - **Fri, Feb 24 Day #3** -- 7:30 am puja, juniper burning (*sangsol*), hang flags (*lungta*), breakfast, free day –
"Ki Ki So So Lha Gyallo! (Victory to the Gods)"

<<Sunday, Feb 26 Meet your homestay families in McLeod Ganj>>

VII EDUCATING THE NEXT GENERATION

- Tu, Feb 28 Educating the Next Generation - Geshe Jamphal Dakpa and/or Passang Tsering**
*Johnson & Chhetri, "Exclusionary Policies and Practices in Chinese Minority Education: The Case of Tibetan Education," 142-153
*"Basic Education Policy for Tibetans in Exile"
*Department of Home and Department of Education, from www.tibet.com
- Th, Mar 1 Monastics and Modernity, and the Problem with "Rich Refugees"**
*Nelson, "Monks and Modernity: Contemporary Buddhist Monasticism in the Diaspora"
Reading on nuns TBA
*Prost, Audrey. "The Problem with 'Rich Refugees': Sponsorship, Capital, and the Informal Economy of Tibetan Refugees," *Modern Asian Studies* 40, 1 (2006): 233-253
- Fri, Mar 2 Fieldtrip: TCV for guided tour, stop at Peton School on way back**

<<Sat, Mar 3 Move in with home-stay families in McLeod Ganj >>

VIII. THE MANY DALAI LAMAS

- Tu, Mar 6 Opening anniversary celebrations at IBD Sarah campus (attended by numerous Tibetan VIPS, IBD administrators and faculty, present IBD Sarah & Emory study abroad students, past Tibetan roommates & Emory alums), possibly followed by culture show**
- Wed, Mar 7 audience with HH the Dalai Lama, followed a by meal or tea at Upper IBD**
- Th, Mar 8 Cho-trul Due-chen (Day of Offerings) – His Holiness gives Jataka Teaching at main temple**
- <<Fri, Mar 9 Reunion activities – hike?>>**
- Sat, Mar 10 Fieldtrip: March 10th activities @ Temple, including speech by His Holiness the Dalai Lama**
*March 10th Uprising Day songs - *bring these with you to the temple, so you can sing along!*

IX & X PERFORMING TIBETAN-NESS: RITUALS, DANCE, & MUSIC

- Mon, Mar 12 Women's Uprising Day**
- Tu, Mar 13 Monastic and Lay Musical Traditions**
*Diehl, *Echoes from Dharamsala*, 68-100 (in Vol. 1, in pdf. assigned for Jan 19th)
*Schrempf, "From Devil Dance to World Healing"
#Watch: TIPA Promo (for 2009 Holland tour)
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MWWBio1SIPk&feature=plcp&context=C35d85a2UDOEgsToPDskJrUtQbm7c15rNDwU5YSBjE>
- Th, Mar 15 Contemporary Music Inside & Outside Tibet (guest speaker, Amalia Rubins)**
*Diehl, "When Tibetans Rock, Paradigms Roll," pp 122-159.
*Selections from *Unity and Discord: Music and Politics in Contemporary Tibet*
*Optional, Yeh & Kunga Lama, "Hip-hop gangsta or most deserving of victims?" 809-829
#optional: Watch: "Music on Wheels" (on reserve in library)

Sunday, March 18 by noon, QUESTIONNAIRE & MAP DUE (on some dimension of McLeod Ganj)

- Tu, Mar 20 FIRST DAY OF SHOTON (Opera Festival) @ TIPA!**
Ross, *Lhamo: Opera From the Roof of the World*, pp. 1-49 (books on reserve in Library)
- Th, Mar 22 Topic and Readings TBA**

Saturday, Mar 24, move stuff to Kelsang Guesthouse – Spring Break begins that evening
You should return to Kelsang Guesthouse by noon on Tu, April 3

XI MEDICINE: “TRADITIONAL” & “WESTERN”

- Tu, Apr 3** **“Traditional” Tibetan Medicine: Talk and tour by General Secretary of Mentsekhong**
*Ozawa de-Silva, “Neither Dualistic, Nor Monistic: Mind/Body Theory and Practice in Tibetan Medicine and Buddhism,” 1-25
*Gorham, “Tibetan Medicine: The Art of Seeing More Than the Disease”
- Th, Apr 5** **Public Health – exact readings TBA, but likely sections from past IR papers**
Villinger, selections from “Healing: the Middle Way” – given to you or on reserve
*Carlson, “Substance Abuse Among Second Generation Tibetans in India”
- Fri, Apr 6** **Fieldtrip: Tour of Dept of Health and Delek Hospital**

XII PRESERVING THE FINE ARTS

- Tu, Apr 10** **Topic & Readings TBA**
Th, Apr 12 **Topic & Readings TBA**
Friday, Apr 13 **Fieldtrip to Norbulingka and audience with HH the Karmapa**
*Yeshi, “The Losel Project,” *Cho Yang* (1991): 338-345

Sunday, April 15 by noon, FINAL PAPER or PROJECT DUE (Life-history or Participant-observation)

XIII THE BUDDHA GOES GLOBAL & SHANGRILA REDUX

- Tu, Apr 17** **Contemporary Tibetan Art: The Buddha Goes Global**
*Harris, “The Buddha Goes Global,” in *Art History*, Vol 29 (Sept 2006): 698-720
Optional: *Norbu, “Tractor in the Lotus: Origins and Evolution of Contemporary Tibetan Art”
Optional: *Tsering Nyandak in conversation with Kabir Mansingh Heimsath,” and image of “Balloons in Flight” by Tsering Nyandak (painting discussed in article).
- Th, Apr 19** **Revisiting Shangri-la**

Saturday, Apr 24: RESEARCH PERIOD BEGINS!

Sun, Apr 25, Panchen Lama, Gendhun Choekyi Nyima’s birthday party at Main Temple!