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**" Reflections on Violence and the Military in 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> century Tibet"**

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Potala Palace, Lhasa

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#### ABSTRACT

It has been long acknowledged that state violence and military activity were a part of Tibetan history. Indeed, popular perceptions aside, the evidence for this has been easily available. In this talk some of it will be reviewed, to clarify both the idea that violence was justifiable and the fact that military organization was part of Tibetan politics and society: weaponry, soldiers, support units, etc., all a part of functioning of authority in Tibet. The history of 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> century Tibet provides enough examples of the ways in which armed force war trained and deployed to allow us to make useful observations about the Tibetan military.

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