

# Symposium

## "The Ganden Phodrang Army and Buddhism"

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

Tuesday 11th, July 2017



Organised by Dr. **Alice Travers**  
and Dr. **Federica Venturi**



# 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



Army flag with crossed vajra

### **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

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