

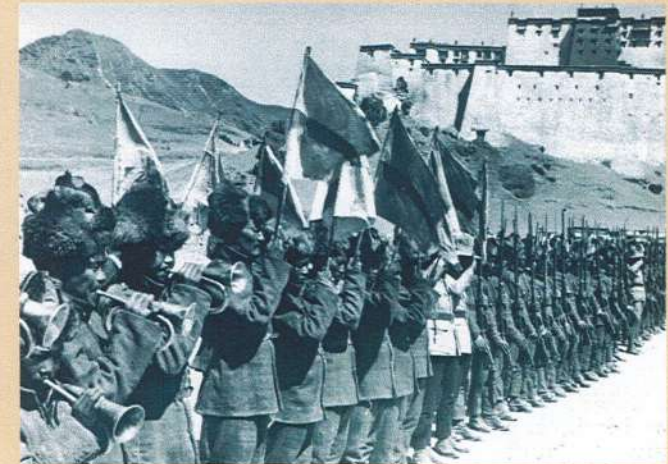
Panelist Bios

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Alice Travers is a permanent researcher at the French National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS), in the East Asian Civilisations Research Centre (CRCAO, UMR 8155, Paris), where she has been mainly working on the social history of Tibet in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries and on the history of the Ganden Phodrang army. She is the Principal Investigator of the ERC-funded TibArmy Project (ERC Starting Grant 2015 n° 677952) “The Tibetan Army of the Dalai Lamas, 1642-1959”. She has published several articles on the Tibetan aristocracy, on the Ganden Phodrang administration, the intermediate classes of Central Tibet and on military history. She has co-edited several books, the most recent ones being *Commerce and Communities: Social and Political Status and the Exchange of Goods in Tibetan Societies* (with Jeannine Bischoff; Berlin: Bonner Asienstudien Band 16, EB-Verlag, 2018) and *Buddhism and the Military in Tibet during the Ganden Phodrang Period, 1642–1959* (with Federica Venturi, Special issue of the *Cahiers d’Extrême Asie*, vol. 27, 2018).

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BUDDHISM AND VIOLENCE IN ASIA: THE CASE OF THE MILITARY IN TIBET DURING THE GANDEN PHODRANG PERIOD (1642-1959)



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The existence of an army in Tibet during the period of rule of the Dalai Lamas (1642–1959) is not a well known fact, as the roof of the world is generally celebrated as a peaceful realm, far removed from the mundane concerns and anxieties of the rest of the world. However, not only did such an army exist, but it also operated and was overseen well within the parameters of the Buddhist government of which the Dalai Lamas were the spiritual and temporal heads, the Ganden Phodrang. In order to better understand the role of the Tibetan army during this crucial historical period, in which the greater part of the Tibetan plateau was united under a single religio-political leader of immense charisma, this panel aims to examine the rapport between the Buddhist government of the Dalai Lama and its army from multiple viewpoints.

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TibArmy's Recent Research Developments on the Theme of Buddhism and the Military in Tibet

Ryosuke Kobayashi | Kyushu University

Militarization of Dargyé Monastery: Contested Borders on the Sino-Tibetan Frontier during the Early Twentieth Century

Frederica Venturi | CNRS, CRCAO/UCLA

His Holiness' Army: Some examples from the Documents of the Fifth and Thirteenth Dalai Lamas

Moderator:

Nancy Levine, Professor of Anthropology, UCLA