TRANSFORMING TIBETAN ANATOMY

Researchers of various disciplines with different language skills – physicians, historians, philologists, and anthropologists – are invited to present their findings on the scope, transfer and perception of anatomical knowledge. The symposium is interdisciplinary in its approach and forms part of a project supported by the Austrian Science Fund (FWF) on the anatomical findings of the Tibetan physician Blo-bzang Chos-grags, an outstanding physician and anatomist of the seventeenth century (P 26129-G21).

KEYNOTE LECTURE
Janet Gyatso, Harvard Divinity School
HOW TO MAP THE BODY – AND HOW IT MATTERS

This paper studies the conflict, in the intellectual history of Tibetan traditional medicine, between tantric Buddhist and empirically determined anatomies of the channels of the human body. It reflects on what was at stake in such a discrepancy and how to make sense of the issue in light of the history of science in the West, as well as in Indo-Tibetan and pan-Asian histories of culture and medicine.

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Symposium: TRANSFORMING TIBETAN ANATOMY
Institute for Social Anthropology at the Austrian Academy of Sciences
12th and 13th of June 2014
Apostelgasse 23, 1030 Vienna

PROGRAMME
THURSDAY, JUNE 12th

9.30 Welcoming addresses
KLAUS-DIETER MATHE, Department of South Asian, Tibetan and Buddhist Studies, University of Vienna
STEPHAN KLOOS, Institute for Social Anthropology (ISA), AAS

Acknowledgements

Session 1: Chair: DOMINIK WUJASTYK, University of Vienna

10.00 KATHARINA SABERNIG, Medical University of Vienna, associated researcher of ISA/AAS
Anatomical Findings and Terminology of Blo-bzang Chos-grags

10.30 Coffee break

11.00 ULRIKE STEINERT, Freie Universität Berlin
Concepts of the Female Body in Mesopotamian Gynaecological Texts

11.30 ROMIT YOUL-TULAM, Goldsmiths, University of London
Counting Body Parts: Views from the Hebrew Book of Asaf

12.00 ROOD PFISTER, independent academic scholar, Basel
Philology of the Visual Elements of the Body Maps in ‘The Song of the Bodily Husk’ and Their Transmission through Time, Media and Places

12.30 Lunch break

13.30 DOMINIK WUJASTYK, University of Vienna
What’s Inside? The Ayurvedic Components of the Body

14.00 CHI WUNG SEOK, Kyunghee University, South Korea
Exchanges of Medical Knowledge and the Status of Anatomy in the East Asian Culture

14.30 NATALIA BOLSOKHOEVA, Institute for Mongolian, Buddhist and Tibetan Studies, RAS, Ulan-Ude
Anatomical Paintings from Atsagat Medical School

15.00 Coffee break

16.30 Visit of the Museum for the History of Medicine holding anatomical wax-models
Währingerstraße 25, 1090 Vienna

18.00 KEYNOTE LECTURE
Welcoming
CHRISTIANE DRUM, Vice Rector for Clinical Affairs and Director of the Collections of the Medical University of Vienna
KLAUS-DIETER MATHE, Department of South Asian, Tibetan and Buddhist Studies, University of Vienna

Keynote Lecture
JANET GWYSO, Harvard Divinity School
How to Map the Body -- and How it Matters
Campus: Alte Kapelle: Spitalgasse 2-4, Hof 2.8, 1090 Vienna

20.00 Joint dinner (participants)
Restaurant 'Flein', Bolzmanngasse 2, 1090 Vienna

FRIDAY, JUNE 13th

9.30 Session 3: Chair: STEPHAN KLOOS, Institute for Social Anthropology, AAS

9.30 WANGDU, Tibet Center in Austria
The anatomy of TTM corresponding to Astrology and the Universe

10.00 FLORIAN PLOBERGE, independent academic scholar, Vienna
Anatomical Terms of the 27 Chapters of the Subsequent Tantra (Phyi ma’i rgyud) from the Four Tantras of Tibetan Medicine (Rgyud bzhi)

10.30 Coffee break

11.00 STACEY VAN VLEET, Columbia University
The Circulation of Anatomical Knowledge between Tibet and Ming-Qing China

11.30 ELISABETH HSU, University of Oxford
The Anatomy of Heart and Liver in Tibetan and Chinese Pulse Diagnostics

12.00 Break

12.15 DOMINIK WUJASTYK, University of Vienna
Round Table: Final Discussion

13.00 Lunch

15.00 Afternoon: optional sightseeing

19.00 Informal Dinner (participants)
Heuriger 'Zavodsky', Reinischgasse 3, 1190 Vienna