

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 MATHES, 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 **RONIT YOELI-TLALIM**, Goldsmiths, University of London
Counting Body Parts: Views from the Hebrew Book of Asaf
- 12.00 **RODO 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*
- Session 2: Chair: **MICHAEL BALK**, Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin
- 13.30 **DOMINIK WUJASTYK**, University of Vienna
What's Inside? The Ayurvedic Components of the Body
- 14.00 **CHA 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 DRUML, Vice Rector for Clinical Affairs and Director of the Collections of the Medical University of Vienna
KLAUS-DIETER MATHES, Department of South Asian, Tibetan and Buddhist Studies, University of Vienna
Keynote Lecture
JANET GYATSO, 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', Bolzmannngasse 2, 1090 Vienna

FRIDAY, JUNE 13th

- Session 3: Chair: **STEPHAN KLOOS**, Institute for Social Anthropology, AAS
- 9.30 **WANGDUE**, Tibet Center in Austria
The anatomy of TTM corresponding to Astrology and the Universe
- 10.00 **FLORIAN PLOBERGER**, 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