

Animals and Social Status in the Tibetan World



15–16 June 2018

Conference of the Franco-German Project

“Social Status in the Tibetan World (TibStat)”

Sorbonne University, 54 rue Saint Jacques
Room D.059 (Escalier E)



FRIDAY 15 JUNE

9h30–9h45

Welcome and Introduction

Morning Session

Chair: Alice Travers

9h45–10h20

Peter Schwieger: *Some Preliminary Reflections on the Boundary Between Man and Animal in Pre-modern Tibetan Society*

10h20–10h55

Lucia Galli: *“There is no point in stretching the donkey’s neck to the horse’s manger. There is no point in stretching the donkey’s legs to the horse’s trot”: Human-Animal Relations as an Expression of Social Status in 20th-century Tibet*

10h55–11h25

Tea/Coffee

11h25–12h00

Diana Lange: *The Social Status of Fishermen in the Tibetan World*

12h00–12h35

Petra Maurer: *Bram ze and mdo ba: The Horse and Social Status; or, How to Assess the Quality of a Horse*

12h35–13h10

Alice Travers: *Animals at Palaces in Early 20th-century Lhasa*

13h10–14h15

Lunch



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Afternoon Session

Chair: Peter Schwieger

14h15–14h50

Hildegard Diemberger and Yancen Diemberger: *The Social Life of Excellent Horses (gyi ling): A Textual and Ethnographic Exploration*

14h50–15h25

Alexander Smith: *May the Curd of g.yang Mature: Domesticated Animals and Allegorical Representations of Social Hierarchies in Bon Ritual Literature*

15h25–16h00

Fernanda Pirie: *The Turquoise Dragon in Medieval Tibet: Symbol of Political Status or Just a Pretty Image?*

16h00–16h30

Teal/Coffee

16h30–17h05

Charles Ramble: *Beastly Political Analogies and Human-Animal Continuities: Different Ways of Being “Good to Think”*

17h05–17h40

Lobsang Yongden: *Donkey: The Most Mocked Animal in Tibet*



SATURDAY 16 JUNE

Chair: Charles Ramble

9h35–10h10

Nils Martin: *Le cheval, le yak et le roi : à propos de quelques figures de l'exercice du pouvoir royal dans les inscriptions et peintures murales d'un temple de Mangyu (Ladakh)*

10h10–10h45

TealCoffee

10h45–11h20

Olaf Czaja: *The Use of Animals and Animal-Products in Tibetan Medicine: Some Social-Environmental Remarks*

11h20–11h55

Marta Sernesi: *Hunting the Deer: The Holy Madmen's Rhetoric of Marginality*

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11h55–12h30

Business Meeting

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