

Einladung zum

Tibet-Colloquium

Dienstag, 29. Oktober 2019

18 (c.t.) – 20 Uhr

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The god's disease: Exploring the history of smallpox in Tibet



In general, before its eradication in 1977, smallpox was considered as the greatest killer in the world. This infectious disease caused more damage and destruction to human lives and civilizations than any other diseases. As this disease existed in the world for thousands of years, people developed different methods of prevention and treatments for smallpox. It is interesting to note how different medical traditions and cultural groups established their own system of methods and devices to fight against this disease. What did Tibetans know about smallpox? What impact did smallpox have on the history of Tibet? How did Tibetan medical texts deal with the medical and epidemiological aspects of smallpox? In using Tibetan medical texts, chronicles, biographies, government documents and interviews with traditional Tibetan physicians, my talk will focus on how Tibetan Buddhist physicians known as *emchi*, the Mongolian word for a Tibetan doctor, studied and developed various forms of treatments for smallpox

Ort: Hauptgebäude, Hörsaal XI (1. OG)

Im Tibet-Colloquium werden aktuelle Forschungs- und Praxisprojekte vorgestellt. In diesem Austauschforum kommen Wissenschaftler, Studierende und die interessierte Öffentlichkeit miteinander ins Gespräch.

Alle Interessierten sind herzlich willkommen!