

## Curriculum Vitae

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### Education

#### **2010-2014 PhD Social Anthropology, University of Cambridge, United Kingdom**

Dissertation: “Geographical Conceptualizations in a Nineteenth-century Tibetan Text: The Creation of and Responses to the *'Dzam gling rgyas bshad (The Detailed Description of the World)*”

#### **2007-2009 MA Social Anthropology, University of Cambridge, United Kingdom**

Thesis: “Tibet Charts the World: A Tibetan Counter-narrative of Modernity”

#### **1999-2005 BA Political Science, San Francisco State University, USA**

Major in Political Science

#### **1990-1993 Tsongön Buddhist College, Kumbum Monastery in Tsongön (Qinghai), China**

### Employments

#### **2016–2020 Research Fellow at University of Bonn, Germany**

Dept. Mongolian and Tibetan Studies

Research project “Social history of Tibetan societies” funded by ANR-DFG

#### **2016-2017 Researcher at Charles University, Faculty of Arts, Prague, CZ**

Research project “Deities and Treasures: Perceptions of Landscape and Wildlife in Tibetan Culture and Religion”

#### **2016 September 1 to December 31 Visiting Postdoctoral Fellow**

The Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Berlin, Germany

#### **2014-2015 Consultant at University of Cambridge, UK**

Dept. Mongolia & Inner Asia Studies

AHRC project: *Transforming Technologies and Buddhist Book Culture*

#### **2007-2008 Editor/Translator at Columbia University, New York, USA (part-time)**

Project: Tibetan Web Digest

### Exhibitions

**February 10, 2018 to November 28, 2018** Consultant and contributor at the Ethnographic Museum at the University of Zurich, Zurich, Switzerland

Exhibition “Mapping Retracing Encountering the Tibet Collections of Heinrich Harrer and Peter Aufschnaiter”

**May 28, 2014 to January 17, 2015** Consultant at the Museum of Archaeology & Anthropology and the Cambridge University Library, Cambridge, UK  
Exhibition “Buddha's Word: The Life of Books in Tibet and Beyond”

### **International Academic Memberships**

**Since 2017** The International Association for the Study of Traditional Asian Medicine (IASTAM)  
[www.iastam.org](http://www.iastam.org)

**Since 2006** Member of the International Association for Tibetan Studies, [www.iats.info](http://www.iats.info)

### **Conference Papers**

**2019** “The Appointment of a Tibetan King”, the Study of Lama Karpo’s Roles in the Colman Macaulay’s Mission to Tibet in 1884-6.” *Social Status in the Tibetan World*, held at the University of Bonn, Bonn: 26-27 November 2018

**2019**, “Timepieces as gifts: European clocks and watches in eighteenth century Tibet” *15th seminar of the International Association for Tibetan Studies* held at the Institut National des Langues et Civilisations Orientales 65 rue des Grands Moulins, Paris, France: 7-13 July 2019

**2018** “Being a Woman in 19th Century Amdo: A Biographical Account of Gungru Khandroma (1814-1891)” *Social Status in the Tibetan World*, held at the University of Bonn, Bonn: November 21-22, 2018

**2018**, “The South China Sea According to the Tibetan World Geographical Work of the Early 19<sup>th</sup> Century and the Social Status of the Author”, Fifth International Seminar of Young Tibetologists, Held at St. Petersburg University, St. Petersburg, Russia: September 3-7, 2018

**2017** “Smallpox Against Itself: Exploring the Origin of Inoculation in Tibet” the 9th International Congress on Traditional Asian Medicines, *Asian Medicines: Encounters, Translations and Transformations*, held at Kiel University, Kiel, Germany: August 06–12, 2017

**2017** “Inventing of a Tibetan Lama General: A Biographical Account of the Lama Karpo (1835–1895)” *Social Status in the Tibetan World*, held at the University of Bonn, Bonn: May 30-31, 2017

**2017** “Reminiscence of the Cultural Revolution or a Modern Invention? A Critical Look at rang mos snyan ngag (Free Verse Poetry) in Tibet” 2nd International Workshop, *Dynamics of Power: Political, Sociocultural, Religious, and Economic Structures in Past & Present Amdo*, held at Charles University, Prague: January 29-31, 2017

**2016** “Misdiagnosed? Re-examining Lobsang Palden Yeshe’s Death from Smallpox in 1780”, *Emblems and representations of social status in Tibetan societies*, Paris: November 24-25, 2016

**2013** “Tycho Brahe in Tibet: Introduction, Translation and Modification of European Calendric Mathematics and Cosmology, 18th -19th Century” *13th seminar of the International Association for Tibetan Studies* held at the National University of Mongolia, Ulaanbaatar: July 21-27, 2013

**2010** “How Did a Round Earth Come from the Flat Head of Gendun Chopel?” *12th seminar of the International Association for Tibetan Studies* held at the University of British Columbia. Vancouver, Canada: August 15-21, 2010

**2006** “Tibet Charts the World: The Fourth Btsan po no mon han’s ‘The Detailed Description of the World’, The First Major Scientific Work in Tibet”. *Eleventh Seminar of the International Association for Tibetan Studies*, held at the University of Bonn, Bonn: August 28-September 1, 2006

## **Invited Talks**

**2020** “Smallpox Against Itself: Exploring the History of Inoculation in Tibet” Harvard University, Cambridge, USA: December 2, 2020 (through Zoom)

**2020** “Smallpox in Tibet: the Origins of Inoculation” the Max Planck Institute for the History of Science (MPIWG), Berlin, Germany. November 18, 2020 (through Zoom)

**2020** “Smallpox or poisoned? Re-examining the Death of Panchen Lama Lobsang Palden Yeshe in Beijing in 1780” Tibetan Graduate Studies Seminar at Oxford University, Oxford, UK. November 12, 2020 (through Zoom)

**2019** “The god’s disease: Exploring the history of smallpox in Tibet” University of Bonn, Bonn, Germany: October 29, 2019

**2018** “Between Two Worlds: Transition from a Tibetan Monk to a Tibetologist in the West” LMU München, Institut für Indologie und Tibetologie – München, Germany: June 20, 2018

**2017** “The Tibetan Encounter with European Science through the Qing Court in the 18th and 19th centuries” University of Bonn, Bonn, Germany: May 6, 2017

**2016** “A Tibetan Novel in Dialogue”, Institut national des langues et civilisations orientales (INALCO), Paris, France: June 7, 2016

**2016** “Meeting Halfway: a history of the Tibetan Encounter with European Science through the Qing court” University of Zurich, Völkerkundemuseum, Zurich, Switzerland: March 17, 2016

**2014** “Tycho Brahe in Tibet: the translation of Rgya rdzis chen mo and its impacts in Amdo” University of Oxford, Oxford, UK: March 6, 2014

**2012** “The History of European exploration in Tibet and the emerging of Tibetology” (in Tibetan), Qinghai Minority University, Xining, China: November 21, 2012

## **Teaching Skills**

**Since 2002** – Taught basic and advanced Tibetan in reading and writing to students in the United States of America and Europe

Regularly lectured on Buddhism and the history of Tibet to public audiences

Have lead several seminars and training sessions for undergraduates and high school students in Cambridge, UK

## **Language Skills**

Tibetan:	Native language
English:	Fluent spoken, writing and reading
Mandarin Chinese:	Fluent spoken, writing and reading
German	Basic reading and spoken

## **Interviews**

2015 “Tibet ‘not recognised enough ’for its scholarly traditions”, an interview with Matthew Reisz, *Times Higher Education*, September, 2015 No 2, 221, pp. 12

2014“ The Tibetan lama who wrote a world geography”, profiled by Cambridge University  
<http://www.cam.ac.uk/research/features/the-tibetan-lama-who-wrote-a-world-geography>