

When the Taxman Cometh

Tax, Corvée and Community Obligations in Tibetan Societies



6–7 December 2013

Conference of the Franco-German Project SHTS

“Social History of Tibetan Societies, 17th to 20th Centuries”

Hotel L’Aigle Noir, 27, place Napoléon Bonaparte, 77300 Fontainebleau



FRIDAY 6 DECEMBER

10h00–10h15

Welcome and Introduction

10h15–10h45

Report on Project Publications and Website

10h45–11h15

Tea/Coffee

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Friday Morning Session

Chair: Fernanda Pirie

11h15–11h45

Peter Schwieger: *The Tax System in Central and Far East Tibet during the Time of the dGa' ldan pho brang: An Outline of its Structure and Terminology*

11h45–12h15

Charles Ramble: *A Century of the Great Government Tax of Nepal in a Himalayan Village, from its Origins to its Afterlife*

12h15–12h45

John Bray: *Taxes, Obligations and Diplomacy in Ladakh's Relationship with Tibet Between the 17th and 20th Centuries*

12h45–14h30

Lunch

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Friday Afternoon Session

Chair: Peter Schwieger

14h30–15h00

Kalsang Norbu Gurung: *The Ganden Phodrang's Administration of Taxation in Central Tibet*

15h00–15h30

Alice Travers: *"When You Count, Everything's there, and when Everything's there, there's nothing left". A Criticism of Tax Collecting in Ngam ring rdzong, Central Tibet, during the First Half of the 20th Century*

15h30–16h00

Tea/Coffee

16h00–16h30

Jeannine Bischoff: *Bits and Pieces of Social History as Provided by Manorial Records*

16h30–17h00

Liu Yuxuan: *What the Amban Wanted to Achieve for People's Lives, as Seen from the Announcement Issued in the 60th Year of the Qianlong Reign*

SATURDAY 7 DECEMBER

Saturday Morning

Guided Visit to Château de Fontainebleau

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Saturday Afternoon Session

Chair: John Bray

14h00–14h30

Astrid Hovden: *Still Paying Bod khral and Mon khral: Taxes and Community Obligations in a Himalayan Village*

14h30–15h00

Berthe Jansen: *Monk-tax? Three Different Meanings of Grwa khral*

15h00–15h30

Maria Turek: *Notes on the Economic System in the Historical Kingdom of Nang chen*

15h30–16h00

Tea/Coffee

16h00–16h30

Saul Mullard: *Another Man's Burden: Strategies for Avoiding Tax and Other Obligations in Nineteenth-Century Sikkim*

16h30–17h00

Discussion

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