

# Women as Visionaries, Healers and Poisoners

## Autonomous Female Religious Specialists in Tibet, the Himalayas and Inner Asia

### International Symposium

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#### Program

**Anna Balikci - Sikkim**

Seldom encountered: a shamaness in Sikkim

**Ágnes Birtalan - Budapest**

The Darkhad shamaness' language usage in life-narratives

**Giovanni da Col - Cambridge/Bergen**

The gender of the poisoner: containership, analogic kinship and female poisoning lineages among Dechen Tibetans

**Mingkyi Cuomu - Oxford**

Medical healing, gender and spirituality: reflections on personal experiences

**Marie-Dominique Even - Paris**

Private home rituals in today's Ulan Bataar

**Martin Gaenzle - Vienna**

Female ritualists in Rai tradition: observations among the Puma of east Nepal

**Hanna Havnevik - Oslo**

A comparative analysis of Tibetan and Mongol female religious specialists

**Toni Huber - Berlin**

Farmers, housewives and laborers: ordinary lay women as local ritual specialists in the eastern Himalayas

**Tiina Hyytiäinen - Helsinki**

Ngakmas: female tantric practitioners in Rebgong

**Sarah Jacoby - Evanston**

Revitalizing religion through dakinis' power according to Khandro Rinpoche (b.1954) of Eastern Tibet

**Françoise Pommaret - Paris/Bhutan**

An overview on female religious practitioners in Bhutan

**Anne de Sales - Paris**

Female shamans reluctantly: transformation of the shamanic institution in the hills of Nepal

**Nicola Schneider - Paris**

Betwixt and between: on the social and religious status of Khandro Chöchen

**Mona Schrempf - Berlin/London**

The life story of Jomo Drolma, a female ritual healer in eastern Bhutan

**Katherine Swancutt - Oxford**

Bridging the divine through hidden emotions: a comparison of Nuosu visionaries and Buryat shamans

**Krizstina Teleki - Budapest**

Buddhist female practitioners in Mongolia once and today



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