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"If the idea of pratitya-samutpada, interdependence, were more widely understood, there would be no room for violence among our human brothers and sisters."

His Holiness the Dalai Lama at Zandok Palri Monastery in Ladakh, J&K, India on August 7, 2016



His Holiness the Dalai Lama watching monks engaging in debate as he arrives on stage at the Shewatsel teaching ground on the first day of his four day teaching in Leh, Ladakh, J&K, India on August 18, 2016. Photo/Tenzin Choejor/OHDDL

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[China issues new manual criminalizing self-immolation, solo protest](#)

Phayul.com, 22 August 2016

The Chinese authorities have distributed a manual in Tibetan and Chinese in monasteries of Ngaba County as their latest move to curb and criminalize self-immolation, solo protests carrying portrait of the Dalai Lama and sending information outside Tibet through social media.

[The Tibetan nomad traditions defying the modern world](#)

BBC, 18 August 2016

Following a deliberate government policy of relocation, Tibetans have moved into the towns. Critics say this has been a control mechanism which allows the authorities to be able to track people more easily. The Communist Party says it was done to improve people's living standards, nothing more. "Nomads here are nomads to the bottom of our hearts," Kalsang Gyatso tells us. "We lived like this from ancient times. Actually we don't like being in houses."

[Tibetan Prisoner Released After Serving Eight-Year Term](#)

RFA, 17 August 2016

Sangga, a monk enrolled at Togden monastery in Ngaba (in Chinese, Aba) county, was released on August 12 after serving eight-year imprisonment for activities opposing Beijing's rule in Tibetan areas.

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[Tibetans evicted from their land for Chinese tourist complex](#)

Tibetan Review, 18 August 2016

Tibetans in Nubsur township near Larung Gar Buddhist Academy in Serthar county, a famed Buddhist learning centre presently undergoing massive demolition by the Chinese government have been evicted from their land to make way for a tourist complex.



[Larung Gar Monks, Nuns Forced to Return to Their Family Homes](#)

RFA, 11 August 2016

Amidst the demolition sprees in Sichuan's Larung Gar Buddhist Academy, authorities are forcing resident monks and nuns from Tibetan Autonomous Regions to return to their hometown.

[Tibetan Political Prisoner Who Opposed 'Patriotic Reeducation Campaign' Dies](#)

RFA, 09 August 2016

Khenrab Tharchin, 40, a Tibetan political prisoner and monk who was jailed by authorities for five years for refusing to participate in a "patriotic reeducation campaign" died on Monday in Drushe village, Shelkar township, in Dingri county of Shigatse (in Chinese, Xigaze) prefecture in southwestern Tibet.

IN EXILE

[Support Dalai Lama for return to Tibet: Lawmakers to Barack Obama](#)

The Indian Express, PTI, 19 August 2016

A group of 72 American lawmakers have asked US President Barack Obama to publicly support the right of the Dalai Lama to return to Tibet and call for an immediate and unconditional release of all Tibetan political prisoners languishing in China.

[Tibet's exiles in India confront an uncertain future](#)

Nikkei Asian Review, 18 August 2016

Silence also reigns in the refugee reception center, the first stop for Tibetan exiles arriving in Dharamsala and seeking registration as refugees. The facility can accommodate 1,000 people, but recently only staff are present on many days. The reason for the sharp drop-off in asylum seekers is that leaving China has become much more difficult.

[Ladakh Hill Development Council Hosts a Lunch in His Holiness the Dalai Lama's Honour](#)

Dalailama.com, 16 August 2016

His Holiness the Dalai Lama was invited to a lunch in his honour by the Ladakh Hill Development Council (LAHDC), the local government of Ladakh and Zaskar.

[CTA Greets India on 70th Independence Day](#)

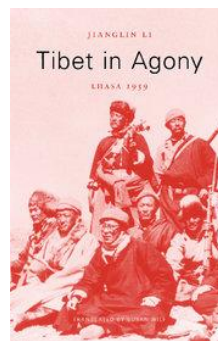
Tibet.net, 15 August 2016

The Central Tibetan Administration greeted the people of India on their 70th Independence Day at a brief ceremony held at the Kashag secretariat. The ceremony was attended by members of the Kashag and secretaries and senior officials of all the departments.

INTERVIEW

[A Writer's Quest to Unearth the Roots of Tibet's Unrest](#)

By Luo Siling, The New York Times, 14 August 2016



Generations of Chinese have been taught that the Tibetan people are grateful to China for having liberated them from "feudalism and serfdom," and yet Tibetan protests, including self-immolations, continue to erupt against Chinese rule. In "Tibet in Agony: Lhasa 1959," to be published in October by Harvard University Press, the Chinese-born writer Jianglin Li explores the roots of Tibetan unrest

in China's occupation of Tibet in the 1950s, culminating in March 1959 with the People's Liberation Army's shelling of Lhasa and the Dalai Lama's flight to India. In an interview, she shared her findings.

COLUMN

[The slow creep and chilling effect of China's censorship](#)

by Nithin Coca, dailydot.com, 20 August 2016

What's most worrisome is not the fact that China is monitoring everything, or that they may arrest anyone who shares sensitive content. It's that the arrests and pressure that have already taken place is leading many Tibetans and Uighurs to self-censor—to avoid sharing anything that may raise suspicions. That's the real reason Sonam Tso's self-immolation remained in the dark for so long.

PRESS RELEASE

McGovern Leads 72 Lawmakers in Call for President Obama to Make Tibet a Priority in Final Months in Office

18 August 2016

This week Congressman Jim McGovern (D-MA) led a group of 72 House lawmakers in a letter calling on President Obama to make Tibet a priority in his final months in office. Congressman McGovern has been a leading voice in Congress pushing for the United States to do more to support reforms that would strengthen human rights in Tibet.

EVENTS

His Holiness the Dalai Lama's Teaching:

Venue: Main Tibetan Temple, Dharamsala, HP, India

Date: 29 August to 01 September 2016

His Holiness will continue his teaching from Chapter 2 of Nagarjuna's The Precious Garland of the Middle Way (uma rinchen trengwa) at the request of a group from Asia including Indonesia, Korea, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam at the Main Tibetan Temple.

Researching Contemporary Tibet: People, Power and Resilience

Venue: Board Room - University of Westminster 309 Regent Street, London, W1B 2UW, United Kingdom
When: Tuesday, 13 September 2016 from 10:00 to 18:00 (BST)

Masters Course in Buddhist Philosophy

Tibet House, Delhi will launch a Masters Course in Buddhist Philosophy on Friday, 09 December 2016. This Masters Course is not a substitute for a formal degree course from a registered university. Rather, this course is being offered to student practitioners, who wish to further their knowledge of various Buddhist

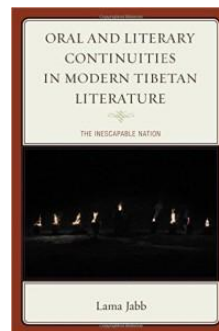
subjects, in order to deepen their understanding and apply them to their Dharma practice. Tibet House is extremely pleased to announce this Masters Course in Buddhist Philosophy. Please note that students can avail 75% discount (Terms and conditions apply). Last date for registration is 30 September 2016.

BOOK REVIEW

Oral and Literary Continuities in Modern Tibetan Literature: The Inescapable Nation

By Lama Jabb, Lexington Books (16 June 2015), 288 pages

Review by Jonathan Mirsky

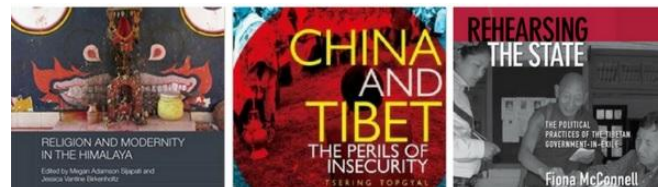


After six trips to Tibet between 1981 and 1989 and writing thousands of words on what happened there after the Chinese invasion in 1950, is it stupidity or ignorance that kept me from knowing anything about Tibetan literature? From Lama Jabb's fascinating book I see at last that literature has been an outstanding tool in Tibetan resistance to

China's cultural evisceration.

READING LIST

High Peaks Pure Earth presents the Summer 2016 Reading List-books on all aspects on Tibet.



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