

Post-Imperial Tibetan History and Its Sources

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Abstract

Tibetan history in the early post-imperial period has been understood based on limited references in later historical sources due to an overwhelming lack of sources from the time, especially compared with other periods. In this context, excavated texts from Khara-khoto, located in present Inner Mongolia and Phuri near the border with Nepal, have significant value as a body of sources contemporaneous with post-imperial Tibet. Additionally, recently available manuscripts in the collection of the Fifth Dalai Lama (1617–1682) and Potala Palace are equally important in that they provide keen insight into the historical void.

In this talk, I will introduce these sources and my research, including previous Japanese studies on Tibetan history of the period.



About the Speaker

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