

# HISTORICIZING TIBETAN GENEALOGIES

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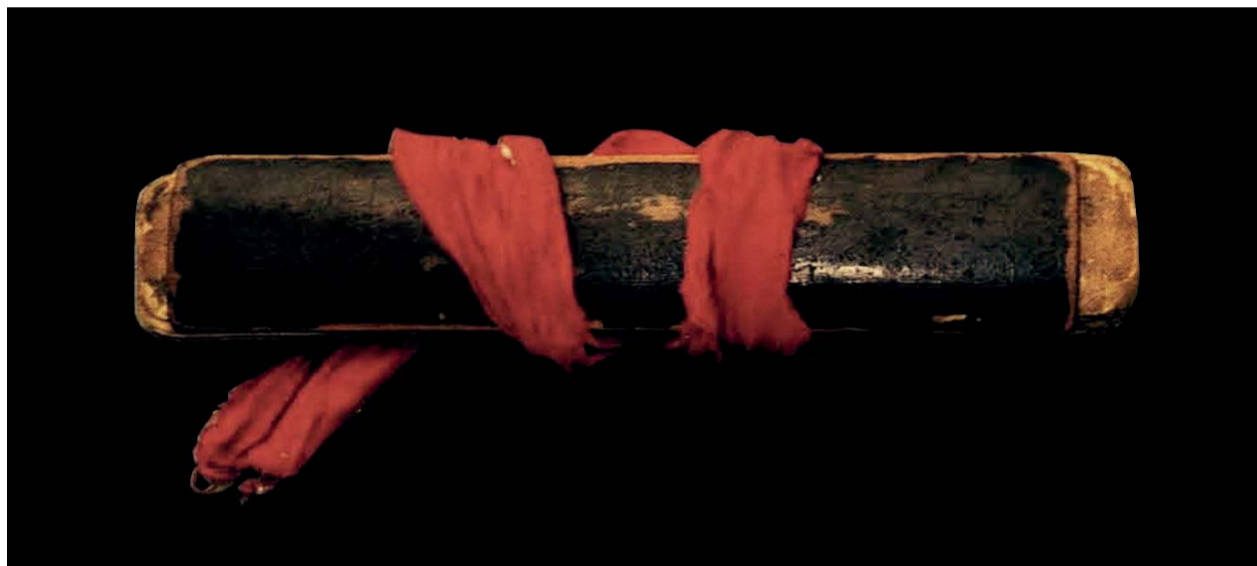
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The IKGA is pleased to announce a first international workshop on Tibetan genealogical writings in co-operation with Prof. Per Sørensen. Topics of consideration will range from textual interpretation to cultural, ethnographic and historical questions. How, and to what degree, can scholarship historicize Tibetan genealogical writings, which are often admittedly fanciful? Can they be effectively used to glean information on history, historical kinship patterns and social structures? Or should they be treated as literary and politicized textual surfaces onto which idealized relationship patterns were projected, and in which histories were molded to fit specific social agendas?

The workshop will include two papers, theoretical discussions and primary source readings. The last will largely center on the renowned yet enigmatic *Rlangs-kyi-po-ti-bse-ru*, a 14th–15th century ruling house descent charter. This work's assorted social, cultural and political backgrounds offer fertile ground for discussion, and are perhaps also a helpful springboard to better assess other Tibetan genealogical documents.



Prof. Per Sørensen is emeritus professor of Central Asian Studies at the University of Leipzig, and has published extensively on Tibetan literature and history. Key publications include *Tibetan Buddhist Historiography: The Mirror Illuminating the Royal Genealogies*, *Civilization at the Foot of Mount Sham-po*, *Thundering Falcon*, and *Rulers on the Celestial Plain*. His current research interests cover, among other things, the origin narratives of the Tamang-Thakali clans of Nepal.

