

Guest Lecture:

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*Siddhas and Sociality: A Seventeenth-Century  
Lay Illustrated Buddhist Manuscript in  
Kumik Village and Related Finds in Zangskar*

This talk will focus on a recently documented massive compilation manuscript with 427 folios, a donor chronicle and 135 illuminations. The texts included are quite varied, from *dhāraṇī* compiled by Būton Rinchen Drub to the prayers of Milarepa; from Vajrāsana's 85 Mahāsiddha text to a veterinarian text attributed to Sakyapa Drakpa Gyaltzan. After a general introduction to the manuscript as a whole, its patronage and a few of its visual highlights—including some portraiture—the talk will focus on its depictions of Mahāsiddhas in relation to other painted and sculpted depictions of Mahāsiddhas in Zangskar, including a recently documented cache of paintings by Zhedpa Dorje, the eighteenth-century Yogi-painter of Dzongkhul.

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