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Studies

“Cultural History of Nepal From the Transcultural Perspective”



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Nepal is situated between Indian and Chinese, two great civilizations of Asia, and benefits from both of them. Because of its unique location on one of the major routes from India to the Tibet/China, Nepal has acquired cultural elements from both civilizations and served as bridge between the two. This course will discuss such elements in historical perspective. It will begin with a proto-history of the Nipas after whom the land is called Nepal and also the Kiratas. It will discuss socio-political and cultural legacies of the Licchavis (c. 300-800) and their successors briefly, and then elaborate on the history of Brahmanism, Buddhism, Shaivism and Vaishnavism in Nepal.

It will also discuss the development of Tantric culture in Mediaeval Nepal. For micro-analysis, it will discuss pilgrimage as a Vehicle of cultural transmission, and then as a specimen of Hindu-Bauddha amalgamation, it will present the trans-Himalayan cult of Avalokiteshvara worship and identification of Avalokiteshvara as the Shaiva teacher Matsyendranatha.

3/16(Mon)-3/19(Thu) Morning Section: 10:30-12:00
Afternoon Section: 14:45-16:15

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