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# Pozvánka na přednášku Johanny Prien o orákulích ze západního Bhútánu

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## Přednáška Johanny Prien o věštcích ze západního Bhútánu

Johanna Prien pobývala v západním Bhútánu v rámci dlouhodobého projektu tibetanistiky berlínské Humboldtovy univerzity. Zkoumala roli laických náboženských specialistů zvaných *pawo* a *nedžorma*, kteří plní řadu rolí od věštců až po léčitele. Oblast západního Bhútánu je tibetologům dosud velmi málo známá. Srdečně zveme na přednášku pořádanou 27. 10. 2015 v 17:30, v místnosti 427.

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Healing Oracles in Western Bhutan: How *pawo* and *neyjorma* cure patients and each other

**Tuesday, October 27, Celetna 20, room No. 427**

Johanna Prien will present preliminary research findings from her fieldwork in Bhutan. She spent five months in a village in Bhutan to find out about the life and work of a special kind of ritual specialists which are called *pawo* and *neyjorma*. Ritual specialists can be found in most societies of the Tibetan Cultural Area. Those experts are consulted for all kinds of problems: Illness, loss, theft or when general advice is needed.

*Pawo* and *neyjorma* mainly act as oracles providing services like annual protective rituals for households and villages as well as diagnosing illnesses and curing them by finding out which kind of offerings have to be done. At the same time, *pawo* and *neyjorma* can become ill themselves by breaking certain taboos which causes a "state of pollution". To be cleansed and cured a special ritual is needed which can only be performed by a *pawo* or *neyjorma* of a higher status. The lecture will give an overview of the everyday and ritual life of the *pawo* and *neyjorma* with a focus on the ritual specialist's protective and healing rituals.