

## Program of the Conference

SATURDAY, March 21, 2020

### 09:00 **OPENING OF THE CONFERENCE**

Prof. Dr. Dorji Wangchuk, University of Hamburg, Germany

Prof. Dr. Steffen Döll, Speaker of the Asien-Afrika-Institut, University of Hamburg, Germany

### **Session 1: HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHY OF THE MT. KAILASH REGION**

**Chair:** Dr. Wolfgang Wöllmer, Phenomenon of Kailash Research Group, Germany

#### 09:20 **Geology and Geo-History of the Mt. Kailash Region**

Prof. Dr. Lothar Ratschbacher, Technische Universität Freiberg, Germany

#### 09:40 **History of Tibet and the Mt. Kailash Region**

Dr. Alex McKay, Australia

#### 10:00 **Identification of Gang Tise as the Holy Mt. Kailash**

Dr. Alex McKay, Australia

#### 10:20 **Landscape Geoglyphs in the Region of Mt. Kailash and the Great Lakes**

Dr. Sergei Balalaev, Phenomenon of Kailash Research Group, Russia

#### 10:40 **Interaction of the Four Religions in their Beliefs in the Context of Mt. Kailash and Lake Manasarovar**

Prof. Pierre Mercier, Canada

### 11:00 MORNING BREAK

### **Session 2: MT. KAILASH IN SCRIPTURES AND LEGENDS**

**Chair:** Dr. Sergei Balalaev, Phenomenon of Kailash Research Group, Russia

#### 11:30 **Depiction of Mount Kailāśa (Ti-se) in Tibetan Literature**

Prof. Dr. Dorji Wangchuk, University of Hamburg, Germany

#### 11:50 **Hindu Scriptures and Legends of Mt. Kailash and Lake Manasarovar**

Dr. Ram Prasad Bhatt, University of Hamburg, Germany

#### 12:10 **The Importance of Mt. Kailash in the Bon Religion**

Dmitry Ermakov, Foundation for the Preservation of Yungdrung Bon, UK

#### 12:30 **The Importance of Mt. Kailash in the Jain Religion**

Ajitkumar Benadi, Jain Association International, Germany

#### 12:50 **The Significance of Mt. Kailash in Buddhist Scriptures**

Dr. Alex McKay, Australia

### 13:10 LUNCH BREAK

### **Session 3: TOURIST AND MEDICAL CONSIDERATIONS**

**Chair:** Dr. Alex McKay, Australia

#### 14:40 **Access of Mt. Kailash and Overview of the Koras**

Dr. Wolfgang Wöllmer, Phenomenon of Kailash Research Group, Germany

#### 15:00 **Tourism Development in Tibet in Recent Years**

Alexey Perchukov, Phenomenon of Kailash Research Group, Russia

#### 15:20 **Video: Tibet, place that changes lives**

Alexey Perchukov, Phenomenon of Kailash Research Group, Russia

#### 15:40 **The Tibetan Medical and Astro Institute Mt. Kailash in Darchen**

Dr. Christoph Klein, Switzerland

#### 16:00 **Sowa Rigpa – The Science of Healing and Holy Mount Kailash**

Marwin Schwarzbach, Stiftung Sowa Rigpa, Germany

### 16:20 AFTERNOON BREAK

### **Session 4: THE PARIKRAMA (TIB: KORA) OF MT. KAILASH**

**Chair:** Dr. Wolfgang Wöllmer, Phenomenon of Kailash Research Group, Germany

#### 16:50 **The Magical Duel Between Milarepa and Naro Bönchung: Who Really Won?**

Dmitry Ermakov, Foundation for the Preservation of Yungdrung Bon, UK

#### 17:10 **The Kora of Mt. Kailash**

Bruno Baumann, Phenomenon of Kailash Research Group, Austria

#### 17:30 **Geometrical Features of the Relief in the Region of Mt. Kailash**

Dr. Sergei Balalaev, Phenomenon of Kailash Research Group, Russia

17:50 **The Kora of Lake Manasarovar and Raksas Tal**  
Galina Kotovskaya, Phenomenon of Kailash Research Group, Russia

18:10 **Research of the Lake Gyuma Tso in the Region of Mt. Kailash**  
Dr. Sergei Balalaev, Phenomenon of Kailash Research Group, Russia

18:30 **END OF THE FIRST CONFERENCE DAY PROGRAM**

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#### **Session 5: THE STATIONS OF THE BARKOR**

**Chair:** Prof. Dr. Dorji Wangchuk, University of Hamburg, Germany

09:00 **The Sources of the Four Great Rivers: Sacral and Physical Geography**  
Dr. Sergei Balalaev, Phenomenon of Kailash Research Group, Russia

09:20 **Tirthapuri and Gurugyam**  
Bruno Baumann, Phenomenon of Kailash Research Group, Austria

09:40 **Khyunglung and the Garuda Valley**  
Bruno Baumann, Phenomenon of Kailash Research Group, Austria

10:00 **Tsaparang and the Guge Kingdom**  
Dr. Christoph Klein, Switzerland

10:20 **Piyang and Dungkar**  
Dr. Wolfgang Wöllmer, Phenomenon of Kailash Research Group, Germany

10:40 MORNING BREAK

#### **Session 6: INNER KORA PATHS**

**Chair:** Dr. Sergei Balalaev, Phenomenon of Kailash Research Group, Russia

11:10 **The Inner Kora of Mt. Kailash**  
Bruno Baumann, Phenomenon of Kailash Research Group, Austria

11:30 **Other Inner Kora Paths**  
Dr. Wolfgang Wöllmer, Phenomenon of Kailash Research Group, Germany

11:50 **The Basis of the Four Faces of Mt. Kailash: a Sacral Landscape**  
Galina Kotovskaya, Phenomenon of Kailash Research Group, Russia

12:10 **The Spiral Kora**  
Dr. Wolfgang Wöllmer, Phenomenon of Kailash Research Group, Germany

12:30 **Exploration of the Internal Mandala of Mt. Kailash**  
Alexey Perchukov, Phenomenon of Kailash Research Group, Russia

12:50 **The Organic Pilgrimage, a Spiral of Consciousness as Described in The Tibetan Book of the Dead**  
Susan Griffith-Jones, Great Britain / India

13:10 LUNCH BREAK

#### **Session 7: TANTRIC ASPECTS OF MT. KAILASH**

**Chair:** Dr. Alex McKay, Australia

14:40 **Pilgrimage as Terrestrial Representation of Geometrical Imagination: Inner and Outer Pilgrimage in the *Kālachakra* Corpus**  
Niraj Kumar, Society for Asian Integration, India

15:00 **Mt. Kailash and Lake Manasarovar in the Hindu Tantric Yoga**  
Ian A. Baker, PhD, UK

15:20 **The Chakrasamvara Mandala and the Faces of Mt. Kailash**  
Dr. Wolfgang Wöllmer, Phenomenon of Kailash Research Group, Germany

15:40 **The 24 Sacred Pithas and the Body Mandala in the Chakrasamvara Tantra**  
Ian A. Baker, PhD, UK

16:00 **Mt. Kailash in the Kalachakra Tantra**  
Niraj Kumar, Society for Asian Integration, India

16:20 AFTERNOON BREAK

#### **Session 8: QUESTIONS AND ROUND TABLE**

**Chair:** Prof. Dr. Dorji Wangchuk, University of Hamburg, Germany

16:50 **Auditorium and Speakers: Questions and Answers**

17:40 **Round Table:** Balalaev, Baumann, McKay, Perchukov, Wöllmer

18:30 **CONCLUSION OF THE CONFERENCE:** Final words, Good-Bye