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Searching for the Right Buddha: Procedures for Locating Incarnations (*tulkus*) in Tibetan Historical Literature

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5 - 7 PM • CK Choi Bldg, Room 120 • 1855 West Mall • UBC

This talk considers the topic of incarnate lamas (*tulkus*)—births of the same awakened consciousness in successive human bodies. It focuses particularly on the practices used to locate subsequent incarnations of deceased Tibetan lamas. These practices involve analyzing prophecies and divinations, as well as evaluating

child *tulku* candidates in a well-known test requiring the identification of a deceased master's personal implements out of a group of duplicate objects. This talk examines literary depictions of these practices in Tibetan literature, focusing on cases that have yielded contested results.

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