

The Life and Work of the Sixth Dalai Lama

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The year 2006 might very well be the 300th anniversary of the death of Tshangs-dbyangs rGya-mtsho, the Sixth Dalai Lama. And then again it might not. As with many enigmas, some of us think we know things that others know we do not; some of us boldly comment upon texts about whose provenance we are not, and cannot ever be certain. Nonetheless, these enigmas provide a forum for possibilities and interpretations. They offer us a site within which we are able to interrogate myth and beauty alongside the perhaps more solid concerns of politics and histor(iography).

Such problems are central to the life and work of the Sixth Dalai Lama. We invite scholars to contribute papers for a proposed volume, to be published in 2006. Papers may be submitted on all areas of Tshangs-dbyangs rGya-mtsho studies – textual, historical, political, biographical, linguistic, and contextual. Given the controversy surrounding the Dalai Lama's death, this may be a good place to investigate what might have happened during the period between 1706 and 1746. Please contact us with an idea of what you wish to contribute, so as to avoid duplication. Our deadline is January 2005. ◀

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