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We are pleased to announce the next Friends of the Kern Institute lecture:

International encounters in the Himalayas and beyond

by Péter-Dániel Szántó (Leiden University, Leiden)

Thursday December 12, 2019

Time: 16.00h—17.00h, drinks afterwards

Place: Leiden University, Matthias de Vrieshof 3, room 104 (“Verbarium”)

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We sometimes tend to think of the Sanskrit and Tibetan corpora we study as closed worlds, so we feel a rare excitement when we discover hard evidence for international communication. The present talk will examine some items of direct documentary evidence for encounters between Indians and Tibetans, Newars and Tibetans, as well as Transylvanians and Tibetans.

Péter-Dániel Szántó

Dr. Péter-Dániel Szántó (1980, Cluj/Kolozsvár) first studied at ELTE Budapest (Diploma in Tibetology 2004, Diploma in Indology 2006) and obtained his doctorate at the University of Oxford (Balliol, 2006-2010, defended in 2012). He was a Junior Research Fellow at Merton College (2010-2013), a Nachwuchsinitiative Stipendiant at Hamburg University (2013-2014), and a Post-Doctoral Research Fellow at All Souls College (2014-2019). He is currently a post-doc with the Open Philology Project at Leiden University. His main area of study is Indo-Tibetan Tantric Buddhism, but he has also published papers about Mahāyāna Buddhism, Indo-Tibetan poetics, Indian epigraphy, South Asian material culture, and Śaivism.