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## Rethinking China Lecture Series

PROUDLY PRESENTS

### LAMAS & EMPERORS:

THE IMPERIAL HISTORY OF  
RULING TIBET FROM BEIJING  
AND THOUGHTS ON THE PRESENT



PRESENTED BY:

## GRAY TUTTLE

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LEILA HADLEY LUCE PROFESSOR OF  
MODERN TIBETAN STUDIES

THURSDAY, MAY 15<sup>TH</sup>  
3:30 PM - 5:30 PM

162 HOPKINS HALL

The Institute for Chinese Studies is proud to present Gray Tuttle, Leila Hadley Luce Professor of Modern Tibetan Studies, Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures at Columbia University. He studies the history of twentieth century Sino-Tibetan relations as well as Tibet's relations with the China-based Manchu Qing Empire. Prof. Tuttle is the author of *Tibetan Buddhists in the Making of Modern China* (Columbia UP, 2005), is co-editor of *Sources of Tibetan Tradition* for the series *Introduction to Asian Civilizations* and is co-writing *Tibet: History, Society, and Culture*.

Neither the current Chinese government nor the Tibetan exiled-community has much interest in looking closely at the past models of ruling Tibet from Beijing. However, the older imperial tradition, with its respect and support for Tibetan Buddhist culture proved a successful strategy for centuries. This past may provide a useful guide for the future in a world where China and Tibet would both benefit from a return to less contentious relations. The focus of this talk will be new research on the development of mass monasticism, incarnation series, and the integration of these institutions into the Qing Empire's bureaucratic institutions, but attention will also be devoted to implications of this past.

All are welcome to attend. For information, please contact:  
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