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A Sacred Capital for the Empire: Tibetan Buddhism in Qing's Mukden

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Many scholars talk about the Inner Asian nature of the Qing Empire, which was partially evidenced by Qing's patronage of Tibetan Buddhism. But how did this patron-priest relationship start, construct and manage? This talk provides an answer by investigating the very first royal temples built in Mukden, the Qing capital before its conquest of inner China.

How did the Qing government support and supervise these temples? Locating the Mukden monasteries in Qing's overall Buddhist network, this talk examines the interactions between multiple ethnic groups and between the state, lamas, and local society.

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