

Dalai Lama Lecture Series



Who is the Dalai Lama?

The Dalai Lama is frequently called the "god-king" of the Tibetan people. Early scholars likened him to a Buddhist Pope. The government of the People's Republic of China regularly describes the 14th Dalai Lama as a political "splittist," leader of a failed rebellion and a reactionary Dalai clique. Tibetans revere him as a highly developed Buddhist master and a living incarnation of the compassionate bodhisattva Avalokiteśvara. When asked, he describes himself as "a simple Buddhist monk."

This series of five public lectures by leading scholars of Tibetan history, religion, and culture explores the unique Tibetan institution of the Dalai Lama, as well as some of the important individuals who filled that role.

Portrait of the 14th Dalai Lama on the occasion of his assuming power on 17 November 1950. Norbulinka Palace, Lhasa. After Brauen 2005, plate 130

All Talks 11:35 AM to 12:50 PM - Room 207, William L. Harkness Hall, 100 Wall St.

Thursday February 13

"The Life and Death of the Great 5th Dalai Lama"

Kurtis Schaeffer - *University of Virginia*

Tuesday February 18

"The Secret Life of the 6th Dalai Lama, Poet and Libertine"

Eric Mortensen - *Guilford College*

Tuesday March 25

"Potala: The Palace of the Dalai Lamas"

Clare Harris - *Pitt Rivers Museum, Oxford*

Thursday April 3

"The 14th Dalai Lama and the Politics of Reincarnation in the People's Republic of China"

Robert Barnett - *Columbia University*

Thursday April 17

"Who is the 14th Dalai Lama?"

Georges Dreyfus - *Williams College*

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