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PERIOD OF TANGUT XIA KINGDOM**



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This lecture aims to reveal the obvious ingredients of Chinese Buddhism and Exoteric Buddhism in Tibetan Esoteric Buddhism during the period of Tangut Xia Kingdom through textual analysis and studies on four Chinese translations of Tibetan Buddhist texts dating from the period of Tangut Xia Kingdom, including a series of texts such as Mahamudra teachings seen in Dacheng yaodao miji 大乘要道密集 (The Secret Collection of Works on Essential Path of Mahayana), The Pith Instruction of Practicing and Reciting the Heart Sutra 持誦聖佛母般若多心經要門, and the Collection of the Ultimate Meaning of the Mahamudra Teachings 大手印究竟要集, The Sadhana of the Protective Deity of Desire 欲護神求脩, a gter ma text unearthed in Khara-Khoto and attributed to Padmasambhara 西天得大手印成就班麻薩鉢瓦



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