

Approaching Tibetan Studies

About Tibet

- 1642 The Fifth Dalai Lama, Lobsang Gyatso, given rule of Tibet by Mongol leader Gushri Khan.
- 1720 Manchu overlordship (Ching Dynasty) of Tibet. Chinese Ambans set up office in Lhasa.
- 1903-4 As a result of The Great Game for Central Asia, a British Expedition, led by Younghusband, invades Tibet from India. The Thirteenth Dalai Lama, Thubten Gyatso flees to Mongolia (until 1908). Border and trade agreement signed.
- 1910 Chinese troops invade Lhasa. The 13th Dalai Lama flees into exile in India.
- 1911 Ching Dynasty falls. Republic of China is formed after civil war.
- 1912 Chinese Ambans expelled from Tibet. The Thirteenth Dalai Lama returns to Tibet.
- 1914 Simla Conference
- 1933 The Thirteenth Dalai Lama dies.
- Jul 6, 1935 The Fourteenth Dalai Lama, Tenzin Gyatso, is born in Amdo.
- 1939 The Fourteenth Dalai Lama is installed in Lhasa.
- 1947 India becomes Independent from British colonial rule.
- 1947-8 Tibetan trade delegation visit US and Europe using Tibetan passports.
- Oct 1, 1949 Mao Tse Tung leads Communist Revolution creating People's Republic of China (PRC)
- 1950 Chinese Communist Red Guard invades Eastern Tibet.
Khampa Guerrilla Resistance movement is formed to fight invading Chinese army.
- May 1951 The Fourteenth Dalai Lama, at 16, takes political and spiritual control of Tibet
Tibetan Delegation and Chinese Gov't in Beijing signs 17 Point Agreement on Measures for the Peaceful Liberation of Tibet.
- 1954 The Dalai Lama goes to Beijing for meetings with Chairman Mao and Chinese leaders.
- Mar 1959 Lhasa Uprising against Chinese occupation.
The Dalai Lama flees into exile in India.
- 1960 United Nations Resolution 1353 (XIV) on Tibet
- 1961 United Nations Resolution 1723 (XVI) on Tibet
- 1965 United Nations Resolution 2079 (XX) on Tibet
- 1965 Tibet named "Tibet Autonomous Region" by People's Republic of China.
- 1966-77 China's Cultural Revolution in Tibet
- 1984 The Dalai Lama cancels planned to visit Tibet.
- 1986 Tibet opened to foreign tourism by PRC.
- Sept 1987 Five Point Peace Plan proposed by The Dalai Lama.
- June 1988 Strasbourg Proposal by The Dalai Lama.
- Sept 1988 United States Congress Resolution 129 on Tibet.
- Jan 1989 The Tenth Panchen Lama, second holiest Monk in Tibetan Buddhism, dies.
Soon after search for his incarnation begins.
- Mar 1989 Martial Law imposed in Tibet Autonomous Region.