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“CUTTING AND KILLING”: ON CONSECRATED FORMS OF VIOLENCE IN FAR WESTERN NEPAL

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The sacrificial killing of living creatures is at the heart of the celebrations of power renewal in Nepal. The presentation will highlight the contrast between central and western Nepal in the sacrificial modalities, from solemn immolation to disorderly slaughter. What are the implications of each of these ritual practices, as for the image of power and the related social organization that it conveys. Are these two contrasted sacrificial practices linked with historical or societal specificities, and do these practices have any extensions in other cultural practices and in modern, party-based, politics?

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