

Call for Proposals

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Mission

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- From the contemporary discussions of what constitutes literature
- From that of traditional Tibetan theoretical work, which itself has explored how some kinds of writing may be distinguished from others in terms of their style, level of self-consciousness, and intentional impact on the religious life of the reader

Anonymity of Review Process

This is a Seminar with a fixed schedule of presenters for its five-year tenure.

Questions?

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Method of Submission

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