



Einladung zum Vortrag

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***Ephedra* as a ritual plant between the Himalayas, Tibet and Central Asia: Investigating potential continuities**

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Different species of the alkaloid-bearing plant *Ephedra* have been highly researched as *materia medica* in both premodern and modern medical systems. However, very little is known about *Ephedra*'s uses as a ritual plant. This lecture presents new research data on *Ephedra* use in Himalayan and Tibetan ritual cultures. This is compared with the plant's occurrence in archaeological records of Central Asian burial sites, and the possibility of some ancient continuities between the different data sets is explored.

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