Einladung zum Vortrag

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

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 know 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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