FRIDAY 28 SEPTEMBER

9:00 Coffee and Registration

Morning session 9:30–13:00

9:30
Hermione Lee: Welcome address

9:45
Elleke Boehmer and Laura Marcus: Dialogue on autobiography

10:15
David Templeman: Nested autobiography: Life writing within larger works

11:00
Coffee

11:30
Samten Karmay: The life-writing of the Fifth Dalai Lama (1617-1682)

12:00
Isabella Ofner: Processes of reselving: Subjectivity in Rinchen Dolma Taring

12:30
Ulrike Roesler: Tibetan reflections on autobiographical writing

13:00
Lunch
Afternoon Session 14:00-16:30

14:00
Charles Manson: Multifarious lives in all times: A consideration of Karma Pakshi’s various lifetimes as recounted in a recently discovered text

14:30
Lewis Doney: Exile and the kingdom in early Tibetan hagiographies

15:00
Coffee/Tea

15:30
Agata Bareja-Starzyńska: Is the Mongolian way a Tibetan way? Reflections on the basis of the biography of the First Khalkha Jetsundampa, Zanabazar (1635-1723) as narrated by Zaya Pandita Luvsanprinlei (Blo bzang ’phrin las, 1642-1715)

16:00
Alex Gardner and Asha Kaufman
Treasury of Lives – an Introduction

Dinner in the Cherwell Boathouse followed by exotic entertainments

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SATURDAY 29 SEPTEMBER

9:00 Coffee

Morning session 9:30–12:30

9:30
Sarah Shaw: Writing about the trackless: A twentieth-century Southern Buddhist biography of Venerable Ācariya Mun Bhūridatta Thera

10:00
Cécile Ducher: From song to biography and from biography to song: The use of mgur in Mar-pa's rnam thar

10:30
Coffee

11:00
Hildegard Diemberger: rNam thar as geographical biography
11:30
Jim Rheingans: Popular Tibetan rnam thar in contemporary usage: Case studies of narratives as performative texts

12:00
Jeff Watt: Visual models of biography in Tibetan art

12:30
Lunch

Afternoon Session 14:00–16:45

14:00
Hanna Havnevik: Traces of female voices and women’s lives in Tibetan male biographical writing

14:30
Heather Stoddard: A life in two parts. A lags Grol lo (1948-2008), 'Lord of the Teachings' of the Reb kong mantrin community (Reb kong sngags mang gi bstan pa'i bdag po)

15:00
Coffee/Tea

15:30
Charles Ramble: Hagiography and biography in life writing about sacred objects

16:00
Cathy Cantwell: Reincarnation and personal identity in the lives of Tibetan masters: Linking the revelations of the three lamas of the Dudjom tradition

More exotic entertainments followed by dinner in Hertford College