In this talk Rory Lindsay will share with us insights from his forthcoming book, *Saving the Dead: Tibetan Funerary Rituals in the Tradition of the Sarvdurgatipariśodhana Tantra* (2022). He will discuss the history of one of the first Buddhist funerary traditions to be adopted in Tibet and the intersecting forms of agency—human, nonhuman, and material—that are described in this tradition’s ritual manuals. He will also examine polemical exchanges about these practices and Tibetan innovations concerning how the dead are conceptualized and assisted in this ritual framework.

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