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This talk examines the indigenization of Tibetan Buddhism from the 1910s to the 1950s, focusing on the rise of a Tibetan Gelug lineage founded by a Chinese monk Nenghai (1886–1967) in Sichuan province. The study explores the cross-cultural religious transmission by analyzing the transformations of the doctrines, praxis, and institutional formations. The study shows that their interpretations not only exhibited syncretism to varying degrees, but also reflected tensions in the local context.

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