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## **CHANGES MADE TO TIBETAN CONFERENCE AGENDA**

Three changes have been made to the program for UC Santa Barbara's Fifth Annual Conference on Tibet, organized by the university's Department

of Religious Studies Jan. 22, 23 and 24.

The conference's opening lecture, scheduled for 8 p.m. Jan. 22 in Campbell Hall, has been retitled "Saved by Shambhala: The Nature of Tibet."

Making the address will be Robert Thurman, Jeh Tsong Khapa Professor of Indo-Tibetan Studies at Columbia University.

A photo presentation by photographer Molly McGinn titled "Tibet: Its Land and People" that had been set to precede Thurman's presentation has been canceled.

Also changed is the topic of a program to be given by University of Colorado law professor Rebecca French at 9 a.m. Jan. 23 in the Girvetz Theatre.

French's talk is now titled, "Was Traditional Tibet a Feudal Society? -- A Legal Viewpoint."

Other portions of the conference remain scheduled as planned: Jan. 23 in the Girvetz Theatre --

"Prisoners of Shangri-La" by Donald S. Lopez Jr., professor of Buddhist and Tibetan studies at the University of Michigan (10:30 a.m.); "Life in Traditional Tibet -- A Personal View" by Tibetan expatriate Gelek Rinpoche (1:30 p.m.); and a panel discussion with Thurman, Lopez, French and UCSB Religious Studies Department Chair Richard Hecht (3 p.m.).

Jan. 23 in the Hatlen Theatre -- "Journey to Tibet -- The Secret Lives of Alexandra David-Neel" by Barbara Foster, an associate professor of library science at New York's Hunter College ( 7 p.m.).

Jan. 24 in the Girvetz Theatre -- "Clear Light: Teachings in Tibetan Buddhism" by Rinpoche (10 a.m.).

Conference tickets cost \$10, with \$5 discounted tickets available to students and seniors.

Tickets will be sold in advance at the UCSB Arts and Lectures ticket office (805-893-3535) and at the door, if available.

Other UCSB organizations contributing to the conference are the Department of Anthropology, the Office of International Students and Scholars, the Interdisciplinary Humanities Center, the Arts and Lectures office and the Program in Law and Society.

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