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Buddhism and its others local comparisons of ritual and religion in upland Laos

Comparison is not only the foundation of anthropology, but may even be a human universal. However, how do people who are usually the subject of anthropological research practice comparison themselves? This talk shows how Rmeet uplanders in northern Laos and Jru' in the south employ comparison when they talk about ethnic and religious difference. In particular, they compare local ritual systems with translocal and national Buddhism. This occurs in a framework of distinctions between center and periphery, between Buddhism and its manifold "animist" others. Therefore, comparison appears in a particular context – Buddhism in Mainland Southeast Asia demands an Other, and in case of non-Buddhist uplanders, this other has its own voice.



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