

## DEB THER DMAR PO GSAR MA

*The New Red Annals*

### INTRODUCTION

The text was written by Sonam Drakpa (bSod nams grags pa) (1478–1554) in around 1538. Sonam Drakpa was the abbot of the Gelukpa monasteries of Drepung ('Bras spungs), Sera (Se ra), and Ganden (dGa' ldan), in succession. This was a period of warfare, political manoeuvring, and struggles for power in central Tibet, principally between the Rinpung (Rin spungs) and Tsang (gTsang) families

Schaeffer (2013: 352) describes the text as a 'political and military history'. It was intended to supplement the *Red Annals (Deb ther dmar po)*, written in the mid fourteenth-century by Tsalpa Kunga Dorjé (Tshal pa Kun dga' rdo rje).

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### OUTLINE

The outline and extracts below are drawn from the manuscript reproduced in Tucci (1971), using the folio numbers indicated there.

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of Wang (*dbang*), and that he also receives the rock crystal seal. He takes care of both the political and the religious aspects of his domains. With the exception of one or two wars against Nyangstö (Nyang stod), there is no trouble and Ü and Tsang becomes like one soft piece of silk and his authority is high.

The chapter then describes the activities of Drakpa Jungné (Grags pa 'byung gnas, 1414–1445).

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He promulgated laws concerning prostitutes and *chang*.