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**SCHOLARSHIP EXPLORES TIBETAN CONFLICT**

*New "Books for Understanding" List Offers Bibliography  
on Tibet's Culture and History with China*

NEW YORK (April 1, 2008) – The recent riots in Lhasa and increased focus on China leading up to the 2008 Olympic games have stirred international interest in the dispute over Tibet's independence. In an effort to help readers educate themselves about Tibet's history, culture, and ongoing conflict with China, the Association of American University Presses (AAUP) has published a bibliography of essential scholarship through its *Books for Understanding* public web site.

<http://aaupnet.org/news/bfu/tibet/list.html>

This substantial bibliography includes such titles as:

- *Authenticating Tibet: Answers to China's 100 Questions*, edited by Anne-Marie Blondeau and Katia Buffetrille (University of California Press, 2008): a valuable collection of essays for a general audience examining China's historical claim to Tibet.
- *Modern Tibetan Literature and Social Change*, edited by Lauran R. Hartley and Patricia Schiaffini-Vedani (Duke University Press, 2008): an exploration of the circumstances that led to distinctly Tibetan literature in the last thirty years, and an overview of the emerging literature itself.
- *Tibetan Buddhists in the Making of Modern China*, by Gray Tuttle (Columbia University Press, 2005): an unexpected look at the role Buddhism played in forging bonds between China and Tibet after the fall of the Qing Dynasty in 1911.
- *On the Margins of Tibet: Cultural Survival on the Sino-Tibetan Frontier*, by Ashild Kolas and Monika P. Thowsen (University of Washington Press, 2006): a comprehensive survey of many aspects of modern Tibetan life, including detailed information on restored monasteries, educational curriculum and funding, and Tibetan news and cultural media.

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