



## **A preliminary note on two branches of the lha sras btsan po genealogy in Central Khams**

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Documents in Tibetan on the scions (either authentic or legendary) of the lha sras btsan po genealogy in the areas of eastern Bhutan and Mon Rta wang have been published in the recent past by the late Dr. Michael Aris (1979 and 1984, including English translations) and Drag shos bstan 'dzin rdo rje from Dga' gling in eastern Bhutan (1984). Likewise, the descendant of the lha sra btsan po who migrated to Tsong kha in A mdo during the 11th century has been discussed in the works by the late A lags Dmu dge bsam gtan (1984) and by Bianca Horlemann (1998, plus her subsequent Ph.D. dissertation), as well as in a number of articles that appeared in several journals. On the Tsong kha'i rgyal po there is even a semi-historical monograph by Tshe brtan rdo rje (1998). To the best of my knowledge, not much has been published in the modern studies concerning two branch lineages of the lha sras btsan po that respectively migrated to the area of Ngom near Chab mdo in Central Khams and a nearby territory during different periods. Here I attempt to put together some fragmented accounts in order to bring this tradition to the attention of the scholars, check its reliability and articulate a tentative genealogical outline.