

John Bray

John Bray is a British researcher, currently based in Japan, with a particular interest in the history of Tibet and Christian missions. After studying History at Cambridge University, he spent two years teaching in India – first at a school for Tibetan refugees near Dehra Dun and then in Ladakh. He was Honorary Secretary of the International Association of Ladakh Studies (IALS - www.ladakhstudies.org) from 1997-2007, and is now the association's President. His main long-term project is a comparative history of 19th and 20th century Christian missions in the Indian and Chinese border areas with Tibet.

His publications include:

- *Ladakhi Histories: Local and Regional Perspectives*. Edited by John Bray. Brill's Tibetan Studies Library. Vol. 9. Leiden: Brill Academic Publishers, 2005. 402 pp. www.brill.nl/default.aspx?partid=18&pid=23588
- *A Bibliography of Ladakh*. With Nawang Tsering Shakspo. Warminster: Aris & Phillips, 1988.

His published papers are primarily concerned with the 19th and 20th centuries, but also include one article on Desideri's contemporaries:

- John Bray & Chris Butters. 1999. 'An Eighteenth Century Bhutanese Lama's Visit to Ladakh'. With Chris Butters. In *Ladakh: Culture, History and Development*, pp. 49-57. Edited by Martijn van Beek, Kristoffer Brix Bertelsen and Poul Pedersen. Aarhus: Aarhus University Press.

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