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## The Anti-Expedition Group: Tseringma Pilgrimage 1971

Join us for a special guest  
lecture by former Arts &  
Science professor  
Dr. Bob Henderson

The 1971 ecophilosophic anti-expedition to Tseringma (7034 m) was like no other mountaineering expedition. Critical of the nationalistic, victory-driven offensive on Himalayan mountains, many of which are sacred to the local Buddhist Sherpa culture, three Norwegians — Sigmund Kvaloy Setreng, Nils Faarlund and Arne Naess — set out to pursue another path. They would engage in local culture and travel in a “nature-friendly” manner in keeping with the the Norse way of climbing for

the joy of discovering and not for attacking the summits. Theirs would be a protest against the pressure on free nature and local culture, both of which were feeling significant consequences from army-like expeditions. Dr. Bob Henderson will share footage taken in 1971 of these travels and studies with the mountains and local peoples and share insight into these men’s lives and thinking, much of which is recorded in Norwegian ecophilosophy, activist, and mountaineering literature.