Tantra is usually considered to be an old Indic tradition that later spread to other parts of what Sheldon Pollock described as the Sanskrit Cosmopolis. Recent research suggests that what we now call 'tantra' today is in fact a construct of the 19th century, and that tantric text traditions emerged not only in South Asia but also along trade routes between Central Asia, the Subcontinent, Tibet, Sumatra and Java in the Malay archipelago. What kinds of tantric or quasi-tantric texts are still in use in India and Indonesia? What practices are associated with them? What role do such texts and practices play in the globalized world of the 21st century?

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