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the potential interface between Foucaultian discourse analysis and the

development of an indigenous rationale for the practice of contemporary Western Buddhism, along with the growing significance of such a rationale for 'traditional' Buddhism in an era dominated by disciplinary/bio-power. Through doing so, this book radically reconceptualizes the role of Buddhism in the world today by linking Buddhist practice with acts of discursive transgression.