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## This Month in Mongolian Studies - January 2007

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This is a monthly compendium of important and interesting events taking place at the ACMS in Ulaanbaatar in Mongolian Studies and among the Mongol peoples of the world. This list is based on information our center has received and is presented as a service to ACMS members. If you would like to become a member, have information you would like to submit to future newsletters or have received this message in error, please contact the ACMS at [info at mongoliacenter.org](mailto:info@mongoliacenter.org).

*For more information on each entry, please see the "Announcements" section of the ACMS webpage.*

### ACMS Website Resources

Available now!

The ACMS made several additions to its website in December. Members are invited to view these resources which include a list of frequently asked questions, a list of 102 PhD and Master's theses related to the Inner Asia region, descriptions of language resources in Mongolia, and a dynamic site for exchanging information about critical thinking training in Mongolia. To view a full list of these resources, please visit <http://mongoliacenter.org/resources.html>.

### Panel Discussion

*"Twenty Years Under Blue Skies: A Milestone in Mongolian-American Relations"*

**Thursday, February 8, 2007 from 6:30-8:30 p.m, The George Washington University**

Friends of Mongolia in cooperation with the Chinggis Khan Foundation and the George Washington University's Sigur Center for Asian Studies, is proud to commemorate the 20th anniversary of official US-Mongolian diplomatic relations with a panel discussion on the changing dynamics of this bilateral relationship. The panelists will include Dr. Alicia Campi of the Chinggis Khan Foundation, Dave Citron, Foreign Service Officer, U.S. Department of State, Steve Saunders, President North America-Mongolia Business Council, Odonjil Banzragch, Senior Foreign Service Officer, and Ambassador Alphonse F. La Porta, former U.S. Ambassador to Mongolia. For more information visit, <http://www.friendsofmongolia.org/lecture.htm>.

### Museum Exhibitions

*"Vanished Kingdoms: The Wulsin Photographs of Tibet, China, and Mongolia, 1921-1925,"*

**Burke Museum, University of Washington, Seattle Campus**

OPEN TO PUBLIC: NOVEMBER 4, 2006-FEBRUARY 7, 2007

This exhibit displays 39 compelling color images of rare colored lantern slides taken by two young American explorers, Janet E. and Frederick R. Wulsin, Jr., from the collections of the Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology, Harvard University. Shown publicly for the first time, this traveling exhibit is organized by PEM in conjunction with the Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology, Harvard University. The Silkroad Foundation is a co-sponsor of the exhibition. For more information, please visit <http://www.washington.edu/burkemuseum/vk/>.

*"Sacred Portraits from Tibet"*

**Burke Museum, University of Washington, Seattle Campus**

OPEN TO PUBLIC UNTIL FEBRUARY 4, 2007

Augmenting the photographs of Vanished Kingdoms is this a display of Burke Museum thangkas, large, delicately painted Tibetan religious paintings. Thangkas typically feature portraits of arhats or Buddhist saints and important lamas or Buddhist teachers. Paintings made between the 17th and early 20th centuries demonstrate not only the rich iconography of Tibetan Buddhist tradition, but also the exquisite painterly skills in portraiture and illustration. For more information, please visit <http://www.washington.edu/burkemuseum/vk/>.

### Call for Proposals

*"Central Eurasia Project of the Open Society Institute"*

**Open Society Institute**

ANNOUNCED: DECEMBER 2006

The Central Eurasia Project requests proposals to provide program and general operating support grants to organizations focused on advancing open societies in the region. Central Eurasia is understood to encompass the former Soviet republics of Central Asia and the Caucasus, and Mongolia. All applications must be made on behalf of organizations or groups, which may include, but are not limited to, informal

coalitions, non-governmental organizations, humanitarian aid or other charitable organizations, and educational institutes. United States applicants must be tax-exempt within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. For more information, please visit [http://www.soros.org/initiatives/cep/news/proposals\\_20061117](http://www.soros.org/initiatives/cep/news/proposals_20061117).

#### **Past but still relevant announcements....**

#### **ACMS Call for Abstracts**

##### **Mongolian Studies Poster Session**

The American Center for Mongolian Studies and the Mongolia Society are jointly organizing a Mongolian Studies poster session to be held on Friday, March 23, 2007 at the Boston Marriott Copely Place in conjunction with the Association for Asian Studies' Annual Meeting. Posters on any aspect of Mongolian Studies are welcome. Poster presenters are expected to appear at the meeting to discuss their work. Posters may be in either English or Mongolian language, and scholars from all countries and fields of study are invited to participate. To propose a poster for the session, please send a brief abstract (no more than 250 words) to Enkhbaatar Demchig at [info@mongoliacenter.org](mailto:info@mongoliacenter.org) before February 1, 2007. For more information on the poster session please visit [mongoliacenter.org/annualmeeting2007posters.html](http://mongoliacenter.org/annualmeeting2007posters.html).

#### **ACMS Fellowship Announcement**

##### **US-Mongolia Field Research Fellowship Program 2007**

The ACMS in conjunction with the Council of American Overseas Research Centers (CAORC) and the US Department of State Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) is pleased to announce a second year of funding for the ACMS US-Mongolia Field Research Fellowship Program to support student field research in Mongolia in summer 2007. Research projects in any field, including humanities, sciences and social sciences are eligible. Applicants must be either US or Mongolian citizens or permanent residents currently enrolled full-time in a university or college in the United States or Mongolia. Deadline for application is February 15, 2007. For details on the Fellowship program visit [mongoliacenter.org/fellowship/index.htm](http://mongoliacenter.org/fellowship/index.htm). If you have questions or need additional information, please contact the ACMS by email at [info@mongoliacenter.org](mailto:info@mongoliacenter.org).

#### **ACMS Online Bookstore**

Available now!

The ACMS now offers books, serials, films, and music related to Mongolia, Inner Asia, and Central Asia for sale through its website. As part of an agreement with Amazon.com, a portion of the proceeds from books purchased through the online bookstore go towards supporting the ACMS. This program provides you the secure, reliable service you expect from Amazon.com, as well as an extensive list of materials about Central and Inner Asia in one convenient location. Currently the online bookstore has approximately 200 titles and will continue to grow on a monthly basis. Be sure to visit [mongoliacenter.org/bookstore/index.htm](http://mongoliacenter.org/bookstore/index.htm) first whenever you need books, films, music or maps related to Mongolia and Inner Asia.

#### **Fellowships**

*"FLAS Fellowships in Central Asian Languages, Indiana University"*  
**Academic Year 2007-2008**

APPLICATION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 1, 2007

The Inner Asian and Uralic National Resource Center (IAUNRC) at Indiana University invites Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) fellowship applications for the study of the following languages in the academic year 2007/2008: Estonian, Finnish, Hungarian, Kazakh, Mongolian, Persian/Tajik, Turkish, Uzbek, and Uyghur. Apply on-line at [www.indiana.edu/~iaunrc](http://www.indiana.edu/~iaunrc).

*"The Next Generation: Leadership in Asian Affairs"*  
**Beginning June 4th, 2007, Seattle, WA**

APPLICATION DEADLINE: JANUARY 15, 2007

Recent master's degree recipients are encouraged to apply for National Bureau of Asian Research's Next Generation Leadership program, a year-long fellowship that focuses on bridging the gap between scholarship and policymaking. The fellowship will be based at NBR's headquarters in Seattle. Fellows will collaborate with leading scholars to publish research and share their findings with the policymaking community in Washington, D.C. For further information and application materials please visit <http://www.nbr.org/NextGeneration>.

#### **Conference Call for Papers**

*"16th Annual IAFFE Conference on Feminist Economics"*  
**June 29th-July 1st, 2007, Ramkhamhaeng University, Bangkok, Thailand**

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: JANUARY 31, 2007

The International Associate for Feminist Economists (IAFFE) invites panel proposals and individual paper submissions on any aspect of feminist inquiry into economic issues. Important themes include migration and migrant workers, trade and its impact on women, sex work and the sex trade, informal work, women and politics in Asia, and aging.

Interdisciplinary approaches are welcome. The IAFFE promotes diversity of geographical representation, and participants from developing countries in Eastern Europe and the former USSR are encouraged to apply to the IAFFE for travel funding. For more information visit: <http://www.iaffe.org/conferences/annual/index.php>.

*"14th Annual Central Eurasian Studies Conference"*

**March 31st-April 1st, 2007, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana**

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 9, 2007

The Association of Central Eurasian Students (ACES) of Indiana University invites panel and individual paper proposals. Graduate students, professors, and independent scholars are cordially invited to submit abstracts of papers covering all topics pertaining to Central Eurasian Studies, which is defined for the purposes of this conference as the study of the historical and contemporary Afghan, Balto-Finnic, Hungarian, Mongolic, Persian, Tibetan, Tungusic, and Turkic peoples, languages, cultures, and states. Scholars addressing Balto-Finnic and Hungarian Studies are particularly encouraged to submit proposals. For more information visit: <http://www.indiana.edu/~ceus/index.shtml>.

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