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This Month in Mongolian Studies - February 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@mongoliacenter.org.

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ACMS Call for Speakers

"Spring Speaker Series"
February to July 2007

The American Center for Mongolian Studies (ACMS) invites researchers and scholars to present public lectures during the ACMS spring 2007 Speaker Series. If you are planning to visit Mongolia between February and July 2007 to conduct research or study, please contact info@mongoliacenter.org to schedule a date to participate in this public lecture series. The lectures must be conducted in English, and all academic disciplines are welcome. The Speaker Series is a great opportunity for scholars to present their work and for the general public to learn about academic research in Mongolia. Please notify the ACMS at least two weeks prior to your proposed date to speak in order to allow enough time to advertise the lecture. For more information about past lectures, please visit mongoliacenter.org/ss/index.html.

ACMS Call for Papers

"Mongolian Studies Poster Session"
March 23, 2007, Boston, Massachusetts

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 15, 2007

The American Center for Mongolian Studies (ACMS) 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. For more information please visit, mongoliacenter.org/annualmeeting2007posters.html. Note: The submission deadline has been extended to February 15, 2007.

ACMS Fellowship

"US-Mongolia Field Research Fellowship"
Summer 2007, Mongolia

APPLICATION DEADLINE : FEBRUARY 15, 2007

The American Center for Mongolian Studies (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. Applicants must be Mongolian or US citizens. For more information visit mongoliacenter.org/fellowship/index.htm.

ACMS Call for Applications

"Group Project Abroad - Mongolia at 800: Empire and Democracy" Summer 2007, Mongolia

APPLICATION DEADLINE: MARCH 1, 2007

The American Center for Mongolian Studies (ACMS) is accepting applications for "Mongolia at 800: Empire and Democracy" a US Department of Education funded group project abroad. Post-secondary, secondary, and primary school educators from institutions in the United States are invited to apply to participate in this project. It will run for a five-and-a-half-week period from early June to mid-July 2007, and will involve a series of seminars and lectures in China and Mongolia coupled with visits to historical sites related to the Mongol Empire and Buddhism. Final notification and participation in the program is contingent on receiving US Department Education funds. For more information visit mongoliacenter.org/gpa/gpa.html.

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.htm first whenever you need books, films, music or maps related to Mongolia and Inner Asia.

Fellowships

"Open Society Institute: International Scholars Fellowship Program" 2007-2008 Academic Year

APPLICATION DEADLINE: MARCH 23, 2007

The International Scholars Fellowship Program invites highly-qualified scholars in social sciences and humanities from around the world to teach and/or consult at selected university departments in South Eastern Europe, parts of the former Soviet Union, and Mongolia. Fellowships begin in August or September 2007 and normally last one academic year, with the possibility of renewal. For applications and guidelines, visit www.soros.org/initiatives/hesp/focus/afp.

"Open Society Institute: Academic Fellowship Program" 2007-2008 Academic Year

APPLICATION DEADLINE: MARCH 23, 2007

The Returning Scholars Fellowship Program (RSFP) invites applications from talented scholars who seek university positions and academic careers in their home countries after studying abroad. The program is open to citizens of Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kosovo, Kyrgyzstan, Macedonia, Moldova, Mongolia, Montenegro, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Tajikistan, and Ukraine. Fellowships begin in August or September 2007 and normally last one academic year, with the possibility of renewal. For applications and guidelines, visit www.soros.org/initiatives/hesp/focus/afp

"2007-2008 NEH Collaborative Humanities Fellowship" 2007-2008 Academic Year, National Endowment for the Humanities

American Councils for International Education: ACTR/ACCELS and the National Council for Eurasian and East European Research (NCEEER) are currently accepting applications for the 2007-2008 NEH Collaborative Humanities Fellowship. Full and partial fellowships are available up to \$40,000 for four to nine months of research in Eastern Europe and Eurasia. Proposals must include plans to work with a least one collaborator in the field. This merit-based competition is open to all U.S. post-doctoral scholars in the humanities and most social sciences. For more information visit www.americancouncils.net/program.asp?PageID=121&ProgramID=17.

Call for Papers

"14th Annual Central Eurasian Studies Conference" March 31-April 1, 2007, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 9, 2007

The Association of Central Eurasian Students (ACES) of Indiana University invites graduate students, professors, and independent scholars to submit abstracts of papers covering all topics pertaining to Central Eurasian Studies. Central Eurasian Studies 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. For more information visit www.indiana.edu/~ceus/aces%20call%20for%20papers%202007.pdf.

"ESCAS 2007 10th Conference on Central Asia" 13-15 September 2007, The Middle East Technical University, Ankara, Turkey

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 15, 2007

The European Society for Central Asian Studies (ESCAS) invites paper proposals for its Tenth Conference, to be held in Ankara, Turkey. The event will be organized by the Center for Black Sea and Central Asia, the Middle East Technical University. The geographic domain of Central Asia, according to the ESCAS

definition, covers contemporary Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Mongolia, Northern Iran, Northern Afghanistan, North-Western China, Trans-Caspian and South Siberia. For more information visit <http://cess.fas.harvard.edu/>.

"Central Eurasian Studies Society Eighth Annual Conference (2007)"
October 18-21, 2007, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: APRIL 6, 2007

The Central Eurasian Studies Society (CESS) invites panel and paper proposals topics relating to all aspects of humanities and social science scholarship on Central Eurasia. The geographic domain of Central Eurasia extends from the Black Sea and Iranian Plateau to Mongolia and Siberia, including the Caucasus, Crimea, Middle Volga, Afghanistan, Tibet, and Central and Inner Asia. Practitioners and scholars in all humanities and social science disciplines with an interest in Central Eurasia are encouraged to participate. The program will feature approximately 60 panels and there will also be a supplementary program including cultural events, a welcome reception on Thursday, a conference dinner and a keynote speaker. For more information visit http://cess.fas.harvard.edu/CESS_Conference.html.

Public Lecture

"The Kazakhs of Western Mongolia: Dynamics of Cultural Expression"
Centre on Contemporary Central Asia & the Caucasus, School of Oriental and African Studies University Of London (SOAS)

Please join Sauda Daukeyeva and Anna Portisch (SOAS) for this public lecture on February 22, 2007 at 5:30 pm at G52, Main Building, SOAS. For more information please contact Bhavna Dave (Centre Chair) bd4@soas.ac.uk (Tel: 020 7898 4734) or Jane Savory js64@soas.ac.uk (Tel: 020 7898 4892).

Call for Volunteers

"Mongol-American Khovd Archaeology Project"
July 14 - August 18 2007, Mongolia

The Silkroad Foundation, in conjunction with the National Museum of Mongolian History and the University of Pennsylvania, will be sponsoring excavations and survey in the Altai Mountains of Khovd aimag, Mongolia. The project aims to advance material investigations of the peoples and cultures of the Altai Mountains, a crucial region between the nomads of the Mongolian steppes and the Silk Road area within present-day northwest China. In addition, a series of lectures will allow participants to learn about a large collection of sites within varied geographic zones and relating to different periods of Mongolian history and culture, from the Paleolithic to the Mongol Hordes. Volunteers need no special training, but should be prepared for physical activity and wilderness camping for extended periods of time. For more information visit <http://www.silkroadfoundation.org/toc/index.html>

New Publications

"Imperial Statecraft: Political Forms and Techniques of Governance in Inner Asia, Sixth-Twentieth Centuries." edited by David Sneath.

This volume includes the following chapters:

Preface, By Charles Melville
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Mongolia Podcast

"Roughing It on the Trail of a Snow Leopard Tale"

Jan. 6, 2007, National Public Radio

Listen to a trip, which includes obstacles that nearly drive the reporter to distraction, to central Asia to report on how the international wildlife trade is driving species such as the snow leopard to extinction. To listen to the podcast visit <http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=6734085&sc=emaf>.

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