

This Month in Mongolian Studies – February 2012

This is a monthly listing of selected academic activities and resources related to Mongolia. This list is based on information the ACMS has received and is presented as a service to its members. If you would like to submit information to be included in next month's issue please contact the ACMS at info@mongoliacenter.org and/or the editor, Marissa Smith, at msmith@mongoliacenter.org.

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ACMS Sponsored Programs and Events

ACMS 10th Annual Meeting-Toronto: The ACMS will celebrate its 10th anniversary annual meeting with a reception, cultural program, poster presentation and annual business meeting held in the Grand Ballroom West of the Sheraton Centre Hotel from 7:00-10:00pm on Friday March 16, 2012. The meeting is held in conjunction with the Association of Asian Studies (AAS) annual conference. The ACMS reception and cultural program are free and open to all interested parties. The cultural program will include Mongolian music and food, and is being organized in conjunction with the Toronto area Mongolian community, and the Mongolia Cultural Center (MCC) in Washington, DC. A poster display highlighting academic research and cultural topics related to Mongolia will be held during the reception. To propose a poster or display for the session, please send a brief abstract or description (no more than 250 words) to Baigalmaa at baigalmaa@mongoliacenter.org before March 1, 2012. Posters and displays will be accepted on a rolling basis. For details visit: www.mongoliacenter.org.

ACMS Intensive Mongolian Language Program: The ACMS invites students and scholars to enroll in an eight week Intensive Mongolian Language Program from June 11 to August 10, 2012 in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. The purpose of this summer language program is to provide Intermediate-level students of the Mongolian language with an opportunity to enhance their communicative competence through systematic improvement of reading, writing, listening and speaking skills, in an authentic environment. Classroom and supervised outside-the-classroom activities will help students achieve more fluent, accurate and multi-functional communication. The program entails 8 weeks of intensive study of the Mongolian language, over a 9-week period, at the Intermediate level of language learning which is equivalent to approximately 9 semester credit hours. For more information see: www.mongoliacenter.org/language.

ACMS US-Mongolia Field Research Fellowship Program: The American Center for Mongolian Studies (ACMS), with funding support from the US State Department Educational and Cultural Affairs Bureau and the Council of American Overseas Research Centers, invites applications for the seventh year of the ACMS US-Mongolia Field Research Fellowship Program to support short-term student, post-doctoral, or faculty field research in Mongolia in the Summer or Fall 2012. The program will provide awards of up to \$4,000 to approximately 4-8 students, post-docs, or faculty. Previous experience in Mongolia is not required to apply to this program. Faculty or post-doctoral applicants are especially encourage to submit joint applications with student applicants. Research proposals should be conducted in conjunction with a Research Sponsor, such as a faculty member or senior researcher, and involve at least 6 weeks for students or 3 weeks for post-docs or faculty of fieldwork in Mongolia. Preference is given to projects in which the Research Sponsor will work directly with the researcher in the field in Mongolia.

Deadline for receipt of complete applications: February 15, 2012. More information about the program and how to apply is at: www.mongoliacenter.org/field.

ACMS Library Fellowship: American Center for Mongolian Studies (ACMS) is pleased to announce the second year of the ACMS Library Fellowship. This fellowship supports US advanced graduate students, faculty members, or professionals in library and information sciences from colleges and universities to conduct short-term library development projects and/or research in Mongolia for a period of up to 12 weeks between May and October 2012. The fellowship is supported with funding from the US State Department Education and Cultural Affairs Bureau and the Council of American Overseas Research Centers. The ACMS Library Fellowship program is intended to help support the development of the ACMS research library and build stronger connections among local library partners through specific defined projects designed to enhance collection content, resource accessibility, and training. Fellows are hosted by the ACMS and should propose projects that have measurable positive outcomes for the scholarly community served by the ACMS. Project proposals with similar outcomes and impacts on local partner libraries are also especially encouraged. Fellows spend a minimum of 4 weeks and a maximum of 12 weeks onsite in Mongolia at the ACMS library. Projects must begin after May 1, 2012 and end no later than September 30, 2012. Prior experience working in Mongolia is not a requirement. One to two Fellowships will be awarded to fund travel and living expenses (\$2,000 for travel and up to \$2,000 for a project stipend unless otherwise agreed upon).

Deadline for receipt of complete applications: February 15, 2012. More information about the program and how to apply is at: www.mongoliacenter.org/librarian.

ACMS Mongolian Visiting Scholar Program: The American Center for Mongolian Studies (ACMS) is pleased to announce the second year of the ACMS Mongolian Visiting Scholar Program. The Visiting Scholar Program provides funding support for 3-12 week short-term visits by Mongolian scholars to US universities and academic research centers to work with US based counterparts on collaborative projects and public outreach activities. The Program is supported by the US State Department Educational and Cultural Affairs Bureau (ECA) and the Council of American Overseas Research Centers (CAORC), and is intended to build ties between Mongolian and US scholars and to increase understanding about Mongolia in the United States. Project proposals in all academic fields are eligible, and small colleges and universities are especially encouraged to apply. Applications for the program must be submitted by a US host

institution representative on behalf of an invited Mongolian scholar. Visits to the US must begin between September 1 and December 31, 2012. This program is intended to fund non-degree, scholarly exchange activities.

Deadline for receipt of complete applications: February 15, 2012. More information about the program and how to apply is at: www.mongoliacenter.org/exchange.

ACMS Enkhbaatar Demchig Field Research Fellowship Program: The ACMS is continuing the Enkhbaatar Demchig Field Research Fellowship Program to enable Mongolian students the opportunity to carry out field research, become adept in modern research methods and technologies, and support a new generation of Mongolian scholars. This fellowship supports students who are Mongolian citizens currently enrolled full-time in a university in Mongolia or North America to conduct research in Mongolia for a period of up to 3 months. The program will award one or two fellowships and students will receive a research stipend of \$500 to support their work in the summer or fall of 2012.

Deadline for receipt of complete applications: February 15, 2012. For further details visit: www.mongoliacenter.org/enkh.

New Books in the ACMS Library

Alam, Muzaffar and Sanjay Subrahmanyam. 2011. *Writing the Mughal World: Studies on Culture and Politics*. Columbia University Press. New York.

Brown, H.J., et al. (Editors). 2011. *Summary Conservation Action Plans for Mongolian Birds*. Zoological Society of London. London.

Diener, Alexander C. 2009. *One Homeland or Two?: The Nationalization and Transnationalization of Mongolia's Kazakhs*. Stanford University Press. Stanford, CA.

Hunter, Malcolm L. and James P. Gibbs. 2007. *Fundamentals of Conservation Biology*. Blackwell Publishing. Malden, MA.

Latchem, C. R. and Insung Jung. 2010. *Distance and Blended Learning in Asia*. Routledge. New York.

Lopez, Donald S. 2002. *Religions of Asia in Practice: An Anthology*. Princeton University Press. Princeton, N.J.

Prinsep, Henry Thoby. 2011. *Tibet, Tartary and Mongolia: Their Social and Political Condition, and the Religion of Boodh, as there existing (Reprinted from 1852)*. W. H. Allen. London.

Sabloff, Paula L. W. 2011. *Mapping Mongolia: Situating Mongolia in the World from Geologic Time to the Present*. University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology. Philadelphia.

Sanders, Alan J. K. 2010. *Historical Dictionary of Mongolia*. Scarecrow Press. Lanham, Maryland.

Seidler, R., et al. (Editors). 2011. Mongolian Redlist of Birds. Zoological Society of London. London.

Silova, Iveta and Gita Steiner-Khamsi. 2008. How NGOs React: Globalization and Education Reform in the Caucasus, Central Asia and Mongolia. Kumarian Press. Bloomfield, CT.

Wilson, Don E., et al. (Editors). 1996. Measuring and Monitoring Biological Diversity. Standard Methods for Mammals. Smithsonian Institution Press. Washington.

Wilson, Don E. and DeeAnn M Reeder (Editors). 2005. Mammal Species of the World: A Taxonomic and Geographic Reference. Johns Hopkins University Press. Baltimore, MD.

Call for Papers, Conferences, Workshops, and other Academic Programs

Call for Proposals: **5th Annual OASIES Conference: The Power of Identity: Forces of Change In Inner Eurasia.** March 31, 2012 at Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey. The conference seeks to bring together scholars from a variety of disciplines who are interested in the power dynamics that shape identity and the forces of identity that shape society. Papers should address categories of identity (such as ethnicity, gender, faith, citizenship, and class) and their interplay with the forces of religion, culture, politics, and markets. The scope of the conference takes in Eurasia past and present, spanning from the Black Sea to Mongolia, from Siberia to South Asia. February 5, 2012. Visit: <http://www.oasies.org>.

Call for Proposals, Workshop: **Peripheral Visions of Sovietization**, 24-25 February 2012 at Columbia University, New York City. Radically transformative in its intentions as well as many of its results, certain to have History on its side, Soviet Socialism was also a political system and an ideology with its legitimacy at risk. Its ability not merely to maintain a status quo but to continually claim further transformation was a condition of its very survival. This workshop will focus on one key aspect of this vital Soviet mission of transformation and the practices and discourses it produced: the Sovietization of peripheries after 1939. By putting the peripheries at the center, the workshop approaches the Soviet phenomenon as a whole from an oblique yet pivotal perspective: Confronting the Other, be it in terms of modernist-developmental hierarchies or spatial and cultural distance, it could not but also confront – as well as reveal – itself. Key issues to be explored at the workshop will include the relationship between nationalizing policies and Sovietization; the postwar conjuncture between late Stalinism, prior Soviet modes of nationality policy, and war, conquest, policing and repression; the everyday life of local elites and populations; the practices and meanings of resistance, subjugation, co-optation and adaptation; the multiplicity of encounters between Sovietizers and Sovietized, from the official to the intimate; the persistence or disappearance of alternatives; and the effect the peripheries had not only on the center but on the Soviet Union as a whole as well as each other. This workshop is by invitation only. For more information, please contact Professor Tarik Amar (tca2109@columbia.edu).

Call for Applications: **Brown International Advanced Research Institutes** at Brown University, Providence, June 9-23, 2012. BIARI represents a unique professional development initiative to provide a platform for outstanding young faculty and practitioners from the global

south and emerging economies to engage in a sustained, high-level intellectual and policy dialogue with leading scholars in their fields. BIARI 2012 will comprise the following four Institutes: 1. Global Health and HIV/AIDS: Cutting Edge Issues for Underserved Populations, 2. Theater and Civil Society: Politics, Public Space, and Performance, 3. Population and Development: New Approaches to Enduring Global Problems, 4. Climate Change and its impacts: Regional approaches. Financial aid is available for international participants. Deadline: review of applications begins January 4. Visit: <http://www.brown.edu/biari>.

Call for Applications: **Indiana University Summer Language Workshop**, June 4-July 27, 2012. First year Mongolian, first year Kazak, 9 levels of Russian (Russian 1 begins May 29) and a number of other Eastern European and Eurasian languages. Fellowships available. Visit: <http://www.indiana.edu/~swseel/index.shtml>. Deadline: March 1, 2012.

Call for Applications: The **Central Eurasian Studies Summer Institute**, June 18 – August 10, 2012 at University of Wisconsin, Madison. The Center for Russia, East Europe, and Central Asia (CREECA) and the Department of Languages and Cultures of Asia at the University of Wisconsin-Madison are proud to announce the second annual Central Eurasian Studies Summer Institute, CESSI. In summer 2012, CESSI will offer intensive courses in beginning and intermediate Kazakh, Tajik, Uyghur, and Uzbek. With sufficient enrollment, other Central Eurasian Turkic languages could also be offered. Please contact the CESSI program coordinator if you are interested in a language not listed above. Scheduling of all courses is contingent upon enrollment. Please apply to CESSI as early as possible to help ensure that your class will be offered. CESSI 2012 will also feature lectures (in English) on Central Eurasian history and culture and a rich program of cultural events and field trips related to the countries of Central Eurasia. Visit: www.creeca.wisc.edu/cessi Deadline for admission and the fee remission grant: April 16, 2012. Deadline for Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) fellowships at UW-Madison is February 15, 2012.

Call for Applications: **NEH Summer Institute for Middle and High School Teachers on the theme Central Asia in World History** at Ohio State University, from July 15-27, 2012. Central Asia in World History will engage teachers in a deeper understanding of how Central Asia has historically functioned as a crossroads of intercultural exchange, connecting the great civilizations on the Eurasian periphery, giving rise to world empires of its own in antiquity and the medieval era, and serving as the playing ground for the Anglo-Russian "Great Game" in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. This will be done through expert presentations, analysis of primary material, both narrative and documentary, screenings and discussion of relevant films, immersion in traditional food and music of the region, and the development of unit plans for classroom use. An advisory panel will select twenty-five teachers from various disciplines to participate in the Institute. Primarily, we will seek out teachers in the fields of world history, the social sciences, geography, and Asian Studies. We will also consider full-time graduate students pursuing a K-12 teaching career for participation. NEH Summer Scholars receive a stipend of \$2,100 to help cover travel expenses and the cost of housing. Additional information, including a list of participating faculty, the Institute schedule and instructions on how to apply, can be found at: <http://hti.osu.edu/centralasia>. Deadline: March 15, 2011.

Call for Proposals: **2012 North American Graduate Student Conference in Buddhist Studies: Buddhist Traditions: New Directions**, at the University of Virginia, September 14-16, 2012. In addition to approximately 15 paper presentations, for which this announcement serves as a call for proposals, we will also host two special events — an introduction to UVa Buddhist Studies faculty initiatives in the digital humanities and a workshop on teaching Buddhism to undergraduates. UVa's more than thirty graduate students in Buddhist Studies look forward to welcoming you to what promises to be an enriching collaborative experience. Papers will be organized into panels, each chaired by a faculty respondent. Presentations will not exceed twenty minutes. Please submit your proposal of 500 words, along with your name, university and department affiliation, and a brief bio, to uvabuddhiststudies@virginia.edu by April 1, 2012. You will be notified in May of the status of your proposal, after which we will publish a detailed schedule of the conference. University of Virginia entities have allocated generous funding to cover the costs of all lodging and meals for students presenting papers. Travel funds, however, should be obtained from the students' home institutions or other sources. We also invite non-presenting students to attend at their own cost. Graduate students Manuel Lopez (mal5f@virginia.edu), Matt Zito (mjz3pm@virginia.edu), and Christie Kilby Robinson (cak9pn@virginia.edu) are the conference organizers whom you may also contact with questions. Visit: http://pages.shanti.virginia.edu/Buddhist_Studies_Gr/announcement

Call for Papers: **New York Conference on Asian Studies: Contesting Tradition**, at State University of New York at New Paltz, September 28-29, 2012. The NYCAS 2012 program committee invites proposals for panels, roundtables, and individual papers on all aspects of Asian and Asian-American history, culture, and contemporary life, representing disciplines in the humanities, social sciences, and professional schools. Interdisciplinary proposals are also welcome. Please see the website for suggested topics and more detailed information on individual, panel and roundtable structure. The deadline for submitting proposals is May 15, 2012. Visit: <http://www.newpaltz.edu/asianstudies/nycas/> (check for updates) Contact: co-chairs David Elstein and Akira Shimada: nycas2012@gmail.com

Research Fellowships, Scholarships and Grants

Postdoctoral Fellowship: **SSRC Postdoctoral Fellowship for Transregional Research**. The SSRC is pleased to announce a pilot postdoctoral fellowship program that will support transregional research under the rubric Inter-Asian Contexts and Connections. Its purpose is to strengthen the understanding of issues and geographies that don't fit neatly into existing divisions of academia or the world and to develop new approaches, practices, and opportunities in international, regional, and area studies in the United States. Funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, these fellowships will help junior scholars (those at the postdoctoral stage, one to seven years out of the PhD) complete first books and/or undertake second projects. In addition to funding research, the program will create networks and shared resources that will support Fellows well beyond the grant period. The Postdoctoral Fellowship for Transregional Research will thus provide promising scholars important support at critical junctures in their careers. As stressed by SSRC president Craig Calhoun, "Recent PhDs have written brilliant dissertations bringing new excitement to the social sciences and humanities by taking on the intellectual challenges of innovative transregional work. We want to help them complete, consolidate, and

expand the work they've undertaken. The intellectual thrust of the pilot project will be the re-conceptualization of Asia as an interlinked historical and geographic formation stretching from the Middle East through Eurasia, Central Asia, and South Asia to Southeast Asia and East Asia. Proposals submitted for the fellowship competition should bear upon processes that connect places and peoples (such as migration, media, and resource flows) as well as those that reconfigure local and trans-local contexts (such as shifting borders, urbanization, and social movements). The broad focus of the program is intended to advance transregional research as well as to establish structures for linking scholars across disciplines in the arts, the humanities, and the social sciences. Deadline: February 15, 2012 Visit: <http://www.ssrc.org/fellowships/transregional-research-fellowship/>

Fellowship: **The East-West Center** is now accepting applications from scholars and analysts who wish to undertake policy-relevant research and writing in Washington, D.C. **The Asia Studies** Fellowship supports scholars and analysts who wish to undertake policy-relevant research and writing in one of the following areas: 1) international relations in Asia; 2) political and economic change in Asia; 3) U.S.-Asia relations; and/or 4) ASEAN integration and community-building efforts. The fellowship finances a three-month residence in Washington, D.C., and, optionally and at the Fellowship's discretion, a small grant to cover field research in Asia prior to the start of the fellowship. Residency may begin as early as May 2012 and extend until January 2013. Fellows will complete articles or a monograph and give a public presentation on their topic. Visit: <http://EastWestCenter.org/dc-asia-fellowship> Deadline: All application materials must be received by March 15, 2012.

PhD Fellowship: **Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg, "Friends, Patrons, Clients."** The practice and semantics of friendship and patronage in comparative historical and anthropological perspective" financed by the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft offers 1 position for PhD students (TV-L 13, 60%, approx. EUR 1.200 net), to run from 1st June 2012 initially for 18 months. The position can be extended for further 18 months if sufficient progress has been made in the research. The PhD research group comprises the following disciplines: Ancient History, History (Medieval, Early Modern and Modern including the History of Eastern Europe and Imperial China), philosophy, sociology, political science and social and cultural anthropology. Candidates pursuing a project related to the history of China, South East Asia or the Near East are particularly encouraged to apply. Candidates are expected to have a degree on Masters level, and should have achieved marks above average. Applications should include a CV, academic certificates, a proposal of the PhD thesis, and two references to be sent directly to the chair of the group, Prof. Dr. Ronald G. Asch. Deadline: Applications close 15th March 2012. Visit: www.grk-freundschaft.uni-freiburg.de Contact: michael.strauss@geschichte.uni-freiburg.de (coordinator) or ronald.g.asch@geschichte.uni-freiburg.de (speaker).

Masters Fellowship: **2013-2014 Fulbright Student Fellowship**, The Public Affairs Section of the U.S. Embassy to Mongolia is now accepting applications for the 2013 -2014 Fulbright Student Fellowship Program. Fulbright Student Fellowships are part of a U.S. Government-funded academic exchange program and fund graduate-level (M.A., M.S) studies at U.S. universities. Fulbright Student Fellows are selected by the Public Affairs Section of the U.S. Embassy. Applicants will be assessed on the contribution that their study would make to greater

understanding between the United States and Mongolia, and the likelihood of the applicant performing successfully in a U.S. Academic setting. To qualify, applicants must: Hold a university degree (at least B.A. or equivalent), be fluent in English (IBT score of 80, Institutional TOEFL 550. (If you have not taken the test yet, it is important that you take the test as soon as possible.) Note: Preference will be given to candidates who have not had extensive recent experience in the United States. The Program supports study in most fields of social sciences and humanities, and some fields in science and technology (for a full list visit the website). Interviews will take place late May or early June, 2012. Applicants must be present for the interview. Completed applications must be returned to Public Affairs Section by 12 Noon on April 15, 2012: Entry House, U.S. Embassy, Big Ring Road, XI Microdistrict, Ulaanbaatar. Visit: http://mongolia.usembassy.gov/fulbright_2013-2014.html

Graduate Fellowship: **Mongolia Scholarship, University of Westminster**. This scholarship, including tuition fee waivers, accommodation, living expenses and flights to and from London, is for Mongolian students who have been accepted for full-time Masters degree studies. Award based on financial need, academic excellence and development potential. Deadline: May 31, 2011. Visit: <http://www.westminster.ac.uk/study/prospective-students/student-finance/funding/scholarships/postgraduate/mongolia-scholarship>

Position Openings

Assistant Professor, Ball State University, Philosophy and Religious Studies, East Asian Religions. The Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies invites applications for a three-year, non-renewable contract faculty position in East Asian Religions, effective August, 17, 2012. 4-4 teaching load, usually two preparations. AOS or AOC: popular religion, performance studies, ethnography, gender studies, religion and social theory, or cultural studies. Responsibilities: teaching Introduction to Religion in Culture and additional upper level courses, and providing service to the department as needed. Minimum qualifications: earned doctorate in Religious Studies or related field prior to start date; depth and breadth of training in religious studies, including ability to conduct research in appropriate languages (e.g., Chinese, Japanese, etc.). Preferred qualifications: focus in Religion in Culture, especially the modern period; experience in mentoring non-majority students, inclusive pedagogy, and diversity policy issues; some background in, or enthusiasm for, teaching an immersive/experiential courses. The department highly values scholarly teachers, so candidates should be prepared to demonstrate a passion for, and innovation in, the classroom. Contact: Send curriculum vitae, graduate school transcripts, three letters of recommendation, a writing sample, a brief statement of teaching philosophy, and a brief statement of research interests to: Ann Marie Adams, Dept. Administrator, Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies, Ball State University, Muncie, IN 47306, or via email to: philrelst@bsu.edu. Electronic submission is strongly preferred. Review of applications will begin immediately and will continue until the position is filled. Visit: <http://www.bsu.edu/religiousstudies> Posting Date: 01/12/2012, Closing Date 04/09/2012.

Resources

Mongolia Today: “This blog is an attempt by three avid Mongolia watchers to share their observations about current developments in Mongolia.” By Julian Dierkes and Dalaibulanii

Byambajav, social scientists at the University of British Columbia, this blog mostly follows Mongolian politics and the mining sector. Visit: <http://blogs.ubc.ca/mongolia/>

News and Events

Monthly Biobeers Talk: 1. B. Altangerel from Peabody Winsway Resources will give a talk entitled "Ereen reclamation project". 2. M.Odbayar from Environmental information center will introduce their ongoing projects and activities. First Thursday of the month (February 2), Sweet Cafe (located behind the Information and Technological National Park and next to the Admon Printing Company, west of Internom Bookstore Building). People are requested to arrive after 6pm, in time for the talk to start at 6.30. Biobeers is a monthly gathering of government and NGO staff, biologists, researchers, and other professionals interested in conservation. Each month, Biobeers sponsors a half-hour presentation on a topic relevant to Mongolian conservation, followed by an informal gathering to discuss activities and issues of interest. Biobeers is an opportunity to find out what is happening in the field of conservation in Mongolia, talk informally to other researchers and peers in your field, and share information about issues critical to the environment and people of Mongolia. Biobeers is organised by the Zoological Society of London's Steppe Forward Programme and sponsored by the Wildlife Conservation Society. Join the Yahoo! Group Mongolbioweb for announcements.

Event: **DC-Area Tsagaan Sar 2012.** It's that time of year again, so put on your del, grab your hat, and get ready to stuff yourself silly in celebration of the Lunar New Year. Sunday, Feb 12 from 2-6pm. Address: 490 M Street SW, Washington DC 20024 -- Pool House (next to the West Building) Cost: Donate what you can, no minimum. Mongolian food and potluck, trivia, clothes and music. Visit for more details and directions: <http://www.friendsofmongolia.org/updates/dc-areatsagaansar2012>

Exhibition: **Mongol Visions: Winged Horses and Shamanic Skies: Contemporary Masters from the Land of Chinggis Khaan**, Tibet House, New York City, December 1, 2011- February 15, 2012. "The vast influence of Mongolia on Euro-Asian civilization is only now being fully appreciated. Tibet House is delighted to join in the celebration of this inspiring and magical legacy by hosting an exhibition with some of Mongolia's greatest young artists whose works bring together the integrity of tradition and the creative impulse of the contemporary aesthetic. These celebrated artists include Gankhuyag Natsag, whose paintings, statues and traditional lama dance masks have shown in more than a dozen cities around the world; D. Soyolmaa, renowned for bringing the clarity and precision of traditional Buddhist art into a contemporary ambience; T. Nurmaa, famed for her ability to capture on canvas the radiance and raw intensity of the Mongolian spirit; D. Bulgantuya, an acclaimed artist who has received rave reviews in Sofia, Budapest, Warsaw, Kiev, and Vienna; and Ts. Bolor, especially known for her 'aesthetics of the feminine.'" Visit: <http://tibethouse.us/art-gallery/upcoming-exhibitions/221>

Exhibition: **Chinggis Khaan: an Exhibition.** Mongolian National Museum, until February 2012. The exhibition includes precious objects from the USA and Mongolia which are on display for the first time and highlight the period of Chinggis Khaan and Great Mongolian Empire. The goal is to familiarize local and international audiences with the richness of Mongolian culture & history. Some of the objects have been viewed by 300,000 visitors

internationally while traveling in Singapore & the USA since February of 2009 and now arriving for the first time in the land of their origin.

Recent Publications

“The Comintern and Revolution in Mongolia.” (Brill) Irina V. Morozova. (Forthcoming)
Using original research based on previously inaccessible material from the Comintern archives, the author addresses the issues of current concern in the rewriting of the twentieth-century history of Mongolia. It provides new interpretations of the activity of the Comintern (the Third Communist International) in Central Asia and of the politics of Soviet Russia towards the East.

“Institutional Arrangement for Urban Land Market: The Case of Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia” (Lambert) Munkhnaran Sugar. December 2011. Mongolia shifted from socialism to market economy in the beginning of the 1990s. Up to that date land could not be privately owned and no land and real estate market had not been known and only has been introduced for the first time after the transition. The study aims to understand current operation and development of land market and its institutions in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. Aspects such as types of land rights, land registration, land titling and land valuation etc. are briefly discussed in case study section. In addition, institutional aspects such as the legal frame, procedures, responsibilities, actors are discussed. Then findings of the current land transaction and land market situation in Ulaanbaatar are included. At the end, there are some recommendations for improved land market and its institutional arrangement in Ulaanbaatar.

“Effects of surface gold mining on macroinvertebrate communities: A case study in river systems in the North-East of Mongolia” (Lambert) Saulyegul Avlyush. December 2011.
The increase in mining activity has resulted in a long term damage of natural resources in Mongolia such as fine sediment inputs to streams as major contributors to the degradation of freshwater habitats. Previous studies conducted in Mongolia have shown changes of functional feeding group structure at mining sites compared with the non-mining sites. However, the fine sediment impact by open placer gold mining on stream communities is not well understood. In particular, it has been not clear which habitats were most sensitive and which relationships between physical and chemical parameters and macroinvertebrate community structure in Mongolia exist. Therefore an important objective of the research was to quantify the effects of open placer gold mining on macroinvertebrate communities in different habitats in river systems related to the spatial and temporal dimensions of the impact. Generally, the results show that due to their local distribution in rivers and their association to the hyporheic zone and the river bottom, macroinvertebrate communities seemed to be strongly affected by these fine sediments, as the intergravel space got clogged and the respiration processes increased.

“Dukhan, a Turkic variety of Northern Mongolia: Description and Analysis” (Turcologica, Harrassowitz Verlag) Elisabetta Ragagnin. December 2011. This volume offers the first grammatical description of Dukhan, a highly endangered non-written Turkic language spoken in northern Mongolia by approximately 500 people. Most of the Dukhans are engaged in reindeer breeding and follow a nomadic lifestyle in the forested taiga areas of the Tsagaan Nuur county in the Khovsgol province of Mongolia. The present description is exclusively based on the material collected by the author during intensive fieldwork sojourns. After a presentation of the Dukhan

people with respect to lifestyle, material culture and ethnohistorical background and some introductory linguistic considerations including a sociolinguistic scrutiny, the descriptive chapters focus on the sound system, derivational and inflectional morphology and the verbal categories aspect, mood and tense. The description of the phonological system is of particular interest, since it helps to better understand the fortis vs. lenis opposition of Turkic consonants. The volume also includes a large text corpus organized according to the topics "How to do things", "Life stories", "Tales" and "Legends". Each text is interlinearized: the first line represents the phonetic IPA-based transcription, the second line represents the broad transcription in use in Turcological studies, whereas the third and last line contains morpheme-by-morpheme glosses. Translations are given separately at the end of each text.

“Living with Herds: human-animal coexistence in Mongolia.” Natasha Fijn. Domestic animals have lived with humans for thousands of years and remain essential to the everyday lives of people throughout the world. In this book, Natasha Fijn examines the process of animal domestication in a study that blends biological and social anthropology, ethology and ethnography. She examines the social behavior of humans and animals in a contemporary Mongolian herding society. After living with Mongolian herding families, Dr. Fijn has observed through firsthand experience both sides of the human-animal relationship. Examining their reciprocal social behavior and communication with one another, she demonstrates how herd animals influence Mongolian herders' lives and how the animals themselves are active partners in the domestication process.

“Harnessing Fortune: Personhood, Memory and Place in Mongolia (Proceedings of the British Academy)”. Rebecca M. Empson. June 2011. Based on long-term fieldwork with herding families along the Mongolian-Russian border, this book examines how people tend to past memories in their homes while navigating new ways of accumulating wealth and fortune in the face of political and economic uncertainties. It is at this intersection, where the politics of tending to the past and the morality of new means of accumulating wealth come together to shape intimate social relations that the book reveals an innovative area for the study of kinship in anthropology. Combining personal experience with ethnographic insight, the volume will be essential reading for social anthropologists and those with a general interest in East Asia and post-socialist countries.

“Vegetation Dynamics of Mongolia (Geobotany).” P.D. Gunin, Elizabeth A. Vostokova, Nadezhda I. Dorofeyuk, Pavel E. Tarasov, Clanton C. Black (Editors). January, 2011. Mongolia is an expansive land-locked country, tilted by tectonic forces to the North, that experiences extremes of continental climate. Moisture-carrying wind currents are scarce so that the land has extended highs and lows in its environment. Culturally the people are mostly nomadic, having been sustained for centuries by an economy based on domestic livestock grazing. There is a saying that, 'As the noses go, so goes Mongolia', referring to the domesticated grazing noses of sheep, goats, camels, yaks or horses, and wild ungulates such as gazelles. The vast fenceless steppes of Mongolia furnish the vegetation for grazing. With such extremes in climate it is clear that the vegetation must be resilient and dynamic to cope with the dictates of its extremely harsh environments. Pollen profiles from lakes, plant macrofossils and other data over the last 15,000 years show the dynamic nature of Mongolian vegetation. Currently Mongolian society is experiencing much human-driven economic development which increases pressure on its vegetation. The Great Khural Laws of 1995 forcefully addressed such environmental concerns

with the expanded establishment of National Reserves and Parks. But continued effort and vigilance must be expended to insure that Mongolian society will continue to be sustained by its vegetation. This book highlights work such as conserving and restoring plant diversity in various ecosystems and makes recommendations for sustaining the vegetation basis of the nomadic Mongolian society.

“Tibet, Tartary and Mongolia: Their Social and Political Condition, and the Religion of Boodh, as There Existing (Cambridge Library Collection - History).” Henry Thoby Prinsep. June 2011. Henry T. Prinsep (1792-1878) was the son of a prominent East India Company servant, and like his father, he spent much of his life in the East. He left Britain for Calcutta in 1809, at the age of seventeen, and stayed in India, working in a variety of roles, until his retirement in 1843. He wrote a number of books about India: in this work, published in 1851, he turns to the north of the subcontinent. Prinsep draws from travel narratives of the few explorers who had been to this territory - which corresponds to today's western China and Mongolia - to illustrate the lives of the people there. Using sources ranging from the thirteenth-century account by Marco Polo to eighteenth-century reports by French missionaries, Prinsep brings information on what was then a little-known world to a wider audience.

“The Impact of the Financial Crisis on Poverty and Income Distribution in Mongolia,” March 2011. The global financial crisis of 2008-09 slowed down economic growth and severely affected Mongolian households. GDP contracted by 1.6% in 2009 after growth of 8.9% in 2008. The crisis led to a temporary halt in progress in reducing poverty. The poor were the most strongly affected by this negative shock but benefited the least from the early recovery in 2010-11. While poverty appears to have started to decline again post-crisis, the analysis suggests that it has been accompanied by rising inequality. Download at: <http://www.worldbank.org/en/country/mongolia>

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