

## This Month in Mongolian Studies – July 2008

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

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## Mongolian Elections

The evening of July 1 protests in front of the MPRP headquarters turned violent as hundreds of rioters clashed with police and set the MPRP headquarters ablaze. As an additional reference about the situation in Ulaanbaatar, the ACMS has been providing updates on its blog at <http://mongolianstudies.blogspot.com>. President Enkhbayar has declared a state of emergency, as well as a curfew starting at 10pm lasting until 8am over the next 72 hours. Students and faculty in Mongolia should be cautious over the next several days and avoid areas in which people appear to be congregating. The fallout of the last 24 hours is still not clear to anyone, and although the situation appears calm, tension is still simmering below the surface. If you have specific questions or concerns, please contact the ACMS at [info@mongoliacenter.org](mailto:info@mongoliacenter.org).

## ACMS Summer Schedule

The ACMS will be closed for the Naadam holiday from July 10th until July 21st. For assistance with urgent issues, please contact Brian White at [\(+976\) 9973-9869](tel:+97699739869) or Enkhbaatar at [\(+976\) 8801-7424](tel:+97688017424). Both Brian and Enkh will have limited access to cell phone coverage during this time, so you may also try sending an e-mail to [info@mongoliacenter.org](mailto:info@mongoliacenter.org). Someone at the ACMS will respond to your e-mail as soon as they can. Happy Naadam!

## Owen Lattimore: The Past, Present, and Future of Inner Asian Studies

CONFERENCE DATES: AUGUST 20-21, 2008

The American Center for Mongolian Studies (ACMS), together with the International Association of Mongolian Studies (IAMS) will organize a conference entitled, "Owen Lattimore: The Past, Present, and Future of Inner Asian Studies" in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia on August 20 and 21, 2008. The final schedule for the conference will be available at the end of July. The conference will be open to the public.

## ACMS Digital Book Collection

The ACMS is pleased to announce its newest online digital collection: Selected Mongolian Laws and Regulations 1917-1940. The collection contains nearly 1,600 digital scans of laws and regulations written in Mongol script, and it covers an interesting array of topics from the Mongolian People's Republic constitution to regulations about harvesting pinecone seeds. The project received support from the US Department of Education TICFIA program under the Local Archives and Libraries at Overseas Research Centers (LALORC) project. To view the collection, visit [www.mongoliacenter.org/library/digitalbooks](http://www.mongoliacenter.org/library/digitalbooks).

## ACMS Website in Mongolian

The ACMS main website is now available in Mongolian. The site is available at [www.mongoliacenter.org/mn](http://www.mongoliacenter.org/mn).

## ACMS Speaker Series - Call for Speakers for Fall 2008

The American Center for Mongolian Studies (ACMS) invites researchers and scholars to present public lectures during the ACMS Fall 2008 Speaker Series. If you are planning to visit Mongolia between September and December 2008 to conduct research or study, please contact [info@mongoliacenter.org](mailto: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 <http://www.mongoliacenter.org/ss>.

## Grants, Fellowships & Scholarships

"Travel Grants in Mongolian Studies"  
Center for East Asian Studies at Western Washington University

The Center for East Asian Studies of Western Washington University offers travel grants for research in the WWU Libraries on any subject dealing with Mongolia and the Mongols. Two grants of up to \$500 each will be awarded in any one calendar year to scholars, including doctoral candidates, who at the time of application reside more than 500 miles from Bellingham. Applications must be submitted by August 1 for research during September through January and by January 1 for research during February through June. They should include a brief description of the research project, an up-to-date curriculum vitae, and an estimated budget. When completed, they should be sent to: Director, Center for East Asian Studies, Western Washington University, Bellingham WA 98225-9057

## Call for Presentations/Panels/Papers

"Cultural Diversity in the Asian Society and a Role of Educational Organizations"  
7-9 August 2008, National University of Mongolia, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION DEADLINE: JULY 25, 2008

The National University of Mongolia with funding support from the Toyota Foundation will hold a conference which aims to examine intercultural aspects of the society and role of educational organizations in promoting intercultural dialogue and building social cohesion at international, national and local levels at the National University of Mongolia August 7-9, 2008. The registration deadline for the conference is June 20, 2008. The submission of abstracts deadline is July 25, 2008. The submission of full papers deadline is August 3, 2008. More information

at: [http://www.mongoliacenter.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=385&Itemid=115](http://www.mongoliacenter.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=385&Itemid=115).

"The Archaeology of the Warrior: Interpreting Military Equipment and Iconography"  
Colloquium Session and Archaeological Institute of America (AIA) Annual Meeting

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: AUGUST 1, 2008

Jed Thorn (University of Cincinnati) and Andrew Connor (University of Cincinnati) have issued a call for papers for a colloquium session and panel at the AIA annual meeting that will explore the various ways in which the ideologies and experiences of the individual warrior are reflected in the material record of military equipment and iconography. The goal is to assemble a set of papers that reflects a broad chronological, geographical, and methodological range. All abstracts should, however, focus on the ways in which objects served to define, cement, and broadcast the role of the warrior. Please send a CV and an abstract of no more than 250 words in electronic form conforming to AIA guidelines by August 1, 2008 to both session organizers: Jed Thorn ([jedthorn@gmail.com](mailto:jedthorn@gmail.com)) and Andrew Connor ([connoraj@email.uc.edu](mailto:connoraj@email.uc.edu)). [source: H-Asia List]