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This Month in Mongolian Studies - February 2006

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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 [acms_2005 at yahoo dot com](mailto:acms_2005@yahoo.com).

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

News from the Center

The ACMS is pleased to announce two new initiatives for 2006, the ACMS Field Research Fellowship Program and the ACMS Student Research Paper Competition. More information can be found below and on the ACMS website.

ACMS Announcements

ACMS Annual Meeting 2006

Call for Proposals – ACMS/Mongolia Society, Joint Poster Session

EXTENDED DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 17, 2006

The American Center for Mongolian Studies and the [Mongolia Society](#) are jointly organizing a poster session and reception for Mongolian Studies on Friday, April 7, 2006 from 7-10 pm in conjunction with the Association of Asian Studies' (AAS) Annual Meeting at the Marriot Hotel in San Francisco, California, USA. This session is free and open to the public and all are invited to attend. The ACMS and Mongolia Society are inviting scholars to submit proposals for scholarly posters to be presented at the event. For more information about this meeting and the poster session, see the ACMS webpage mongoliacenter.org.

ACMS Speaker's Series

"The Mongolian Nationality Lexicon: From the Chinggisid Lineage to Mongolian Nationality," by Lh. Munkh-Erdene, PhD

February 23, 2006 5 pm 5:00 pm in the 'Round Lecture Hall' (second floor) NUM Bldg no. 1

This paper will explore the importance of the Chinggisid lineage—genealogies that trace the descendants from Chinggis Khan—in Mongolian historiography from the 17th to the 20th centuries. Lhamsuren Munkh-Erdene, professor of ethnology at the National University of Mongolia, will explore these histories and show that they played an important role in unifying the Mongolian nobility and providing the basis for the concept of the Mongol 'nation.'

ACMS Field Research Fellowship Program

DEADLINE: MARCH 15, 2006

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 the creation of the US-Mongolia Field Research Program to support academic research projects in Mongolia by US and Mongolian students in summer or fall 2006. For additional information, see the ACMS webpage mongoliacenter.org.

ACMS Student Research Paper Competition

DEADLINE: APRIL 15, 2006

The American Center for Mongolian Studies is inviting Mongolian university and college students to submit research papers to its first annual Student Research Paper Competition. Papers will be accepted in the categories of science, social science, and humanities. Prizes: First: \$100 Second: \$75 Third: \$25. For more information, see mongoliacenter.org; or contact the Center at e-mail: [info at mongoliacenter.org](mailto:info@mongoliacenter.org); or phone: (976) 9919-7424.

Calls for Papers

13th Central Eurasian Studies Conference, April 2006

EXTENDED DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 15, 2006

The Association of Central Eurasian Students (ACES) of Indiana University invites paper submissions for the 13th Annual Central Eurasian Studies Conference to be held Saturday April 8, 2006. Please note, at this time we are only accepting applications from within the U.S. or from applicants outside the U.S. who do not

require a visa for travel to the U.S. Proposals may be submitted via e-mail as an attachment (.doc or .rtf formats preferred) to [aces at indiana.edu](mailto:aces@indiana.edu).

Conference, Capitalism and/or Patriarchy?, June 2006

DEADLINE: MARCH 1, 2006;

Centre for Gender Studies at European Humanities University International invites panel and paper proposals for the conference, "Capitalism and/or Patriarchy?," which aims to explore issues of gender in the post-Soviet region. For more information, see www.gender-ehu.org; or contact Elena Gapova [e.gapova at worldnet.att.net](mailto:e.gapova@worldnet.att.net).

Conferences, Lectures and Other Events

Conference - Mongolian Nomadic Culture, National University of Mongolia

The Department of Physical Anthropology at the National University of Mongolia (NUM) will organize the conference "Mongolian Nomadic Culture," February 8, 2006, beginning at 10:00 am in the 'round' lecture hall, NUM, building no. 1, second floor. Mongolian scholars will speak about Mongolian nomadic heritage from the era of Chinggis Khan to the present.

Lecture Series – Mongolia Speakers Series, University of British Columbia, Winter 2006

The Program on Inner Asia of the Institute of Asian Research at the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada, has announced its Mongolia Speakers Series schedule for Winter 2006. Speakers this month include Craig Janes, Simon Fraser University, "Assessing Market-Driven Health Reform in Mongolia: A Lesson for other Developing States?," February 2, 2006; and Daniel Waugh, University of Washington, February 24, 2006. Those wishing to be informed about future events in the Mongolia Lecture Series are asked to contact Julian Dierkes at email: [julian.dierkes at ubc.ca](mailto:julian.dierkes@ubc.ca).

Lecture – Philosophical Meanings about the Mongolian Long Song

Dr. Luvsannorov Erdenechimeg, a visiting scholar at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana, will present the lecture "The philosophical meanings of the Mongolian long song, 'The old man and the birds,'" Wednesday, February 8, 2006, at 4:00 pm in Ballantine Hall, Room 004 at Indiana University.

Exhibition – Where Earth Meets Sky: A Celebration of Mongolia's Cultural Legacy, February-March 2006

The Zuraach Collective is organizing the exhibition "Where Earth Meets Sky: A Celebration of Mongolia's Cultural Legacy," from February 12-March 17 at the Creative Research Lab at the Flatbed Press, 2830 E MLK Jr. Blvd, Austin, Texas. An opening celebration will be held on Sunday, February 12, 2006 at 6:00 pm. For more details, the media and public may contact Ashley St. Clair, Creative Curator at (512) 299-6952; E-mail: [zuraachcollective at gmail.com](mailto:zuraachcollective@gmail.com).

Symposium - Central Asia, Past, Present & Future, February 2006

The Institute for Research and Development in Humanities, Center for Research on Russia, Central Asia and Caucasus (IRAS), and Central Eurasia Program of Center for Graduate International Studies of the University of Tehran invite scholars to the symposium on "Central Asia, Past, Present and Future" in February 2006, in Tehran. For further information, see www.iras.ir/_Eng/Banner/Hamayesh.htm.

Conference – 5th East-West Center International Graduate Student Conference

The conference welcomes graduate students in social sciences, arts, humanities, and policy-oriented intersections with applied sciences and engineering, to gather and address the challenges facing the Asia Pacific region in the 5th East-West Center International Graduate Student Conference, 'Sustaining a Resilient Asia Pacific Community: Issues and Solutions,' at the East-West Center, Honolulu, Hawai'i, on February 16-18, 2006. Additional information is available at www.eastwestcenter.org/studentconference.

Grant and Fellowship Opportunities

Fellowship - SSRC Eurasia Program Teaching Fellowship Competition

EXTENDED DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 13, 2006

The Eurasia Program of the Social Science Research Council (SSRC) is currently offering a Teaching Fellowship of up to \$10,000 for the 2006-2007 academic year. This fellowship is intended to provide support for faculty members wishing to create and implement significantly revised or wholly new university courses on or related to the New States of Eurasia, the Soviet Union, and/or the Russian Empire, regardless of the applicant's discipline within the social sciences or humanities. Online applications and supporting materials are now available on the SSRC website at www.ssrc.org/fellowships/Eurasia.

2006 Summer School, Central European University, Budapest, Hungary

APPLICATION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 14, 2006

The Central European University offers high-level, research-oriented, interdisciplinary and innovative academic courses as well as workshops on policy issues for professional development in the social sciences and the humanities. For more information, see www.ceu.hu/sun; or contact the school at e-mail: [summeru at ceu.hu](mailto:summeru@ceu.hu); Phone: (36-1) 327-3811; Fax: (36-1) 327-3124.

Fellowship - Returning Scholars Fellowship Program, Open Society Institute

DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 15, 2006

The Open Society Institute invites applications for its 2006-2007 Returning Scholars Fellowship Program

(RSFP) from talented scholars who seek university positions and academic careers in their home countries after studying abroad. The program is open to citizens of Mongolia. For complete information, please visit: www.soros.org/initiatives/hesp/focus_areas/afp. Fellowships begin in August or September 2006 and normally last one academic year, with the possibility of renewal.

Fellowship - International Scholars Fellowship Program, Open Society Institute

DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 15, 2006

The Open Society Institute's International Scholars Fellowship Program invites highly-qualified scholars in the social sciences and humanities to teach and/or consult at selected university departments in South Eastern Europe, parts of the former Soviet Union, and Mongolia. For complete information, please visit: http://www.soros.org/initiatives/hesp/focus_areas/afp. Fellowships begin in August or September 2006 and normally last one academic year, with the possibility of renewal.

Grant - NEH Collaborative Humanities Grant for Post-Doctoral Research

DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 15, 2006

American Councils for International Education: ACTR/ACCELS and the National Council for Eurasian and East European Research (NCEEER) are currently accepting applications for the 2006-2007 NEH Collaborative Humanities Fellowship. Fellowships provide up to \$40,000 for four to nine months of research in Eastern Europe and Eurasia. For more information, see www.americancouncils.org.

New Publications & Resources

Film - Gobi Women Song, A Documentary About Mongolian Women

Gobi Women Song, a 72-minute personal documentary produced and directed by Sas Carey, shows the colorful and harsh life of nomadic women in Mongolia's Gobi Desert. It captures a transitional moment, one that has occurred in all cultures, which decides the future lives, environment, and lifestyle of its people. The stories--told in the voices of five women--give a close-up account of their lives, their thoughts, their work and the song their souls sing everyday they live this ancient lifestyle. It was filmed from 2001-2004. For more information, see

<http://www.lifenergyheal.com/mongoliaSet.html>; or contact Sas Carey at e-mail: [sas at lifenergyheal.com](mailto:sas@lifenergyheal.com).

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