

## This Month in Mongolian Studies – February 2011

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](mailto:info@mongoliacenter.org)

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### ACMS Sponsored Programs and Events

#### **Information Webinar: ACMS Fellowship Programs**

Thursday, February 3, 2011, 8PM EST

In this information webinar, the US Director of the ACMS will provide an overview of the ACMS fellowship and grant programs and answer questions about the application process in real time. The webinar is free and open to the public. You will need an Internet connection, headset, and Java installed on your computer to participate. The webinar will begin at 8pm Eastern Standard Time (EST). Contact: Brian White at [info@mongoliacenter.org](mailto:info@mongoliacenter.org) by Wednesday February 2nd, 2011 to confirm participation and receive instructions. ACMS Fellowship applications are being accepted until February 15, 2011. Visit: [www.mongoliacenter.org/fellowships](http://www.mongoliacenter.org/fellowships). This webinar is hosted by ACMS institutional member Royal Roads University ([www.royalroads.ca](http://www.royalroads.ca)).

#### **ACMS Fellowship Programs**

Application Deadlines: February 15, 2011

The ACMS is still accepting applications for its five Fellowship programs: the US-Mongolia Field Research Fellowship Program for students, the Faculty Research Program, the year-long Research Fellowship Program funded by the Henry Luce Foundation, the Summer Language Fellowship Program, and the new Library Fellowship Program.

#### **ACMS Visiting Scholar Program**

Application Deadline: April 1, 2011

Applications are invited for this new Program to bring Mongolian scholars the US for short-term visits. US universities or academic research institutes authorized to sponsor Exchange Visitors on J-1 visas are eligible to apply. Visit: <http://www.mongoliacenter.org/exchange>.

#### **ACMS Annual Membership Meeting (Preliminary Announcement)**

April 28th, 2011, 5pm-7:30pm, Washington, DC

The ACMS will hold its annual membership meeting in the top floor conference room of the Rome Building at School for Advanced International Studies (SAIS) from 5-7:30pm. The meeting will include a overview of the ACMS's activities over the year, a keynote lecture, and reception with cultural program. Dr. Uranchimeg Tsultem, a lecturer at UC-Berkeley and adviser to the Mongolian government on cultural heritage issues, will

give the keynote address on preserving Mongolians cultural heritage and important artifacts in an ever changing Mongolia. This event is free and open to all ACMS members and the general public. Mark your calendars, and please refer to the ACMS website ([www.mongoliacenter.org](http://www.mongoliacenter.org)) for additional information as the event approaches. Contact [info@mongoliacenter.org](mailto:info@mongoliacenter.org) with questions.

### **ACMS Annual Board Meeting (Preliminary Announcement)**

April 28th, 2011, 12:30pm-3:30pm, Washington, DC

The ACMS will hold its annual board meeting at the Phoenix Park Hotel on Capitol Hill. Institutional representatives and "At-Large" members are encouraged to attend the meeting. In order to facilitate greater participation from members unable to travel to Washington, DC, the ACMS tentatively plans to hold a webinar in conjunction with the meeting at the Phoenix Park Hotel. More information will be sent concerning the agenda and how to participate in the webinar in the next few weeks. Mark your calendars, and anticipate more information in the coming weeks. Contact [info@mongoliacenter.org](mailto:info@mongoliacenter.org) with questions.

### **Mongolian Cultural Heritage Panel (Preliminary Announcement)**

April 28th, 2011, 9am-11:45am, Washington, DC

The ACMS, in cooperation with the North America Mongolia Business Council (NAMBC), will organize a panel tentatively titled "Common Ground: The Intersection of Mining and Cultural Heritage in Mongolia" at the NAMBC annual meeting at the Phoenix Park Hotel on Capitol Hill. There are two major sectors digging into the ground in Mongolia: archaeologists and miners. Their activities intersect in several ways and the aim of the panel is to illustrate how these intersections can influence and affect Mongolia's cultural heritage-based decision-making. The panel will feature experts in the field and their perspectives about Mongolia's future. Mark your calendars, and please refer to the ACMS website ([www.mongoliacenter.org](http://www.mongoliacenter.org)) or the NAMBC website ([www.nambc.org](http://www.nambc.org)) for additional information as the event approaches. Contact [info@mongoliacenter.org](mailto:info@mongoliacenter.org) with questions.

### **Inner Asia Lecture Series**

*Co-organized by ACMS and Center for East Asian Studies, UW-Madison*

Thursday, March 24th, 2011, 4:00pm, Ingraham 306, University of Wisconsin-Madison

*"China, Uyghurs, and Education: Contemporary Opportunities and Challenges"*

Rebecca Clothey, Associate Clinical Professor, Drexell University

Wednesday, April 28th, 2011, 4:00pm, Ingraham 306, University of Wisconsin-Madison

*"Deathplace and Ethno-Islamic Identity among the Uyghurs of Chinese Turkestan"*

Rian Thum, Assistant Professor of History, Loyola University

*Funding provided by the Council of American Overseas Research Centers (CAORC), through a grant from the Carnegie Corporation of New York.*

### **Center for Russia, Eastern Europe, and Central Asia (CREECA) Lecture Series**

Co-sponsored by the ACMS at University of Wisconsin-Madison

Thursday, April 14, 2011, Ingraham 206, University of Wisconsin-Madison

*"Baron Ungern's Mongolian Pogrom: The Genealogy of Massacre"*

Willard Sunderland, Associate Professor, University of Cincinnati

### **"Open Educational Resource" and "Research Databases" training for faculty**

University of the Humanities, Ulaanbaatar, February 23, 2011, 10AM

### **International Conference**

May 26-27, 2011, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

The third annual ACMS Research Conference Sponsored by the Henry Luce Foundation will examine "The Case for Complexity: Accounting for Diversity in Mongolian Culture and Ecology." Cosponsored by the Mongolian State University of Agriculture, the Department of Anthropology at the National University of Mongolia, and the Institute of Geography at the Mongolian National Academy of Sciences. The Conference is being organized by this year's ACMS Research Fellows Annika Ericksen and Dr. Bryan Miller. The keynote speaker for the conference is Dr. David Sneath. There will be four panels (Geography and Environment; Adaptation and Resilience; Culture and Identity; and Tropes of The Nomad) with a final keynote speaker and discussion session. These conferences are free and open to the public so save the date.

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### **International Conference**

June 29, 2011, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

ACMS co-sponsored conference on Mongolian Buddhism (part of a larger conference on "Mongolians after Socialism: Economic Aspiration, Political Development, and Cultural Identity" June 27-29, 2011 by faculty from Emory University). Sessions include: Mongolia as Asian Crossroads: Arts, Culture and Ideology and Interpreting Mongolian Buddhist History: Why the Past Matters." Location: Open Society Forum. Sponsored by the Manjushri Institute of Buddhist Studies.

Contact: [taupier@research.umass.edu](mailto:taupier@research.umass.edu)

### **New Acquisitions at the ACMS Library**

Each month the ACMS publishes a list of materials acquired and added to the collection. The complete list for October 2010 can be viewed on the ACMS library website

at <http://www.mongoliacenter.org/library/index.php> Here are some highlights:

"The History of Mongolia," Vols. I-III, David Sneath, Christopher Kaplonski (2010), Global Oriental

"Yiyu - An Indexed Critical Edition of a Sixteenth-Century Sino-Mongolian Glossary," Ákos Bertalan Apatóczy, (2009), Languages of Asia 5, Global Oriental.

"Ars Orientalis," volumes 7-76 (1968-2009), University of Michigan. Donated by the Freer Gallery of Art, Smithsonian Institution

### **New Resources from Western Aimag Now Available in ACMS Library**

Dr. Vanchinkhuu, President of the Hovd University has agreed to provide the ACMS with his university's annual journal publications and conference proceedings, beginning with the most recent issues. The table of contents from these publications can be viewed here:

"Түүхийн Товчоон (Historical Summary), 2009" <http://www.mongoliacenter.org/library/docs/hovd/5.pdf>

Presentations from IX International Conference at Hovd University, 2009 "Природные Условия, История и Культура Западной Монголии и Сопредельных Регионов (Environmental Conditions, History and Culture of Eastern Mongolia and Contiguous Regions), Volume I" <http://www.mongoliacenter.org/library/docs/hovd/8.pdf>

Presentations from IX International Conference at Hovd University, 2009 "Природные Условия, История и Культура Западной Монголии и Сопредельных Регионов (Environmental Conditions, History and Culture of Eastern Mongolia and Contiguous Regions), Volume II" <http://www.mongoliacenter.org/library/docs/hovd/7.pdf>

Conference papers presented at Hovd University's 2nd International Conference "Language, Culture, Cultural Interactions," <http://www.mongoliacenter.org/library/docs/hovd/1.pdf>

Conference papers presented at Hovd University's 2nd International Conference, 2009 "Language, Culture, Cultural Interactions" <http://www.mongoliacenter.org/library/docs/hovd/14.pdf>

"Эрдэм Шинжилгээний Бичиг (Research Writings)" Issue: 1 (13), 2008 Social and Humanities

Sciences <http://www.mongoliacenter.org/library/docs/hovd/6.pdf>

“Эрдэм Шинжилгээний Бичиг (Research Writings)” Issue: 2 (14), 2009 Social and Humanities Sciences. <http://www.mongoliacenter.org/library/docs/hovd/2.pdf>

“Эрдэм Шинжилгээний Бичиг (Research Writings)” Issue: 3 (15), 2010 Social and Humanities Sciences <http://www.mongoliacenter.org/library/docs/hovd/4.pdf>

“Эрдэм Шинжилгээний Бичиг (Research Writings)” Issue: 1 (13), Environmental Sciences <http://www.mongoliacenter.org/library/docs/hovd/9.pdf>

“Эрдэм Шинжилгээний Бичиг (Research Writings)” Issue: 1 (14), Environmental Sciences <http://www.mongoliacenter.org/library/docs/hovd/10.pdf>

“Эрдэм Шинжилгээний Бичиг (Research Writings)” Issue: 1, 2009, Foreign Languages and Culture <http://www.mongoliacenter.org/library/docs/hovd/13.pdf>

“Эрдэм Шинжилгээний Бичиг (Research Writings)” Issue: 2, 2009, Foreign Languages and Culture <http://www.mongoliacenter.org/library/docs/hovd/11.pdf>

“Эрдэм Шинжилгээний Бичиг (Research Writings)” Issue: 3, 2010, Foreign Languages and Culture <http://www.mongoliacenter.org/library/docs/hovd/12.pdf>

## Call for Papers, Conferences and Workshops

### **Conference: February 01-02, 2011, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia**

“New Approaches to Geoinformation Research” is a conference sponsored by the School of Geology and Geography at National University of Mongolia. It aims to bring researchers, scientists and students together to share their experiences, new ideas and research outcomes through the presentation and discussion of papers of all aspects of geoinformation. Contact: [bolorchuluun@num.edu.mn](mailto:bolorchuluun@num.edu.mn)

### **Call for Proposals: JAXA Sponsored Mini-Project-2011**

Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA), Japan’s national space agency, is making efforts to provide opportunities to the satellite data user communities to develop their knowledge in applications of remote sensing, GIS and GPS in disaster and environmental issues. JAXA is currently inviting state/national agencies to apply for this capacity building project to enhance their human resources. They requests that interested agencies contribute to this initiative with their own resources such as satellite data, local data and funds in order to make this activity sustainable in the long run as a regional technical supporter. Submission deadline: March 6, 2011. Contact: [nagaim@ait.ac.th](mailto:nagaim@ait.ac.th) Visit: <https://sentinel.tksc.jaxa.jp/sentinel2/topControl.action>

### **Workshop: March 3-4, 2011, Vancouver, Canada**

“Mining in Mongolia: Opportunities and Challenges” is a workshop sponsored by the Business Council of Mongolia with support from the Trade Department of the Canadian Embassy. This event aims to attract Canadian investors to the Mongolian market. Canadian and Mongolian companies will engage in sessions to identify potential partnerships that would enable Mongolian companies to benefit from Canadian technical and training expertise while facilitating on the ground experience for Canadian companies.

Contact: [serod@bcmongolia.org](mailto:serod@bcmongolia.org) Visit: <http://www.bcmongolia.org/>

### **Call for Applications: Young Leaders Program, April 8-9, Boston**

“MonAme Mongolian Young Leaders Program-2011” will be hosted by the Harvard Undergraduate Mongolian Society and the MIT Mongolian Student Association. The program will be centered on the impacts and implications of the growing natural resource sector in Mongolia. Topics of discussion include economics, politics, public policy, environmental sustainability, entrepreneurship, and finance. Application deadline: February 16, 2011.

Visit: [http://www.monamescience.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=52%3Amongolian-young-leaders-program-2011&catid=1%3Anews&Itemid=2](http://www.monamescience.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=52%3Amongolian-young-leaders-program-2011&catid=1%3Anews&Itemid=2)

### **Call for Papers: Eurasian Journal of Business and Economics (EJBE)**

The EJBE is pleased to announce a call for papers for its sixth issue to be published by May, 2011. EJBE is a

refereed international, business and economics-focused social science journal published semiannually; articles in English are welcome. Contact: [editors@ejbe.org](mailto:editors@ejbe.org); Visit: <http://www.ejbe.org/>

**International Congress of Eurasian Archaeology: May 23-25, 2011, Turkey**

"Ethno-Cultural History of the Turkic Speaking People of Eurasia, from Prehistory to the Middle Ages." The topics of the conference are archaeological culture, ethnic culture and spiritual culture. Abstract submission deadline: March 4, 2011. Contact: [icea2011@gmail.com](mailto:icea2011@gmail.com).  
Visit: <http://web.deu.edu.tr/kam/index.php/congress/icea-2011-demirci>

**Call for Papers: International Conference, June 13, 2012, Paris**

An international conference dedicated to the topic of Mongolian Pastoral Society is being planned by graduate students at the University of Rennes. They have issued a call for papers for their conference on "Nomadic Heritage, Production Systems and Social Structures: Cross-disciplinary Perspectives." Deadline: June 13, 2011. Contact: [curtetjohanni@yahoo.fr](mailto:curtetjohanni@yahoo.fr)

**Call for Applications: Summer School, July 4-15, 2011, Copenhagen**

The Asian Dynamics Initiative (ADI), University of Copenhagen invites applications for a summer school on History, Identity and Religion in Contemporary Central Eurasia to be held in Copenhagen, Denmark, July 4-15, 2011. This summer school is an interdisciplinary event to provide students unfamiliar with the region with introductory courses into the societies, politics and cultures of contemporary Central Eurasia. It will also offer students who already have some knowledge of the region a deeper insight into ongoing academic research and discussions of the post-Soviet independent states, Afghanistan, Mongolia and Xinjiang. There is no tuition fee. The Asian Dynamics Initiative has a limited number of grants available (up to 10,000 DKK per person) to assist with travel expenses. Deadline: March 20, 2011. Contact: [ildiko@hum.ku.dk](mailto:ildiko@hum.ku.dk)

**Call for Papers: September 15-18, 2011, Columbus, Ohio**

"Central Eurasian Studies Society Annual Conference." Panel and paper topics relating to all aspects of humanities and social science scholarship on Central Eurasia are welcome. Deadline for panel/paper proposals: March 1, 2011. Visit: [https://www.units.muohio.edu/cess/CFP\\_2011.html](https://www.units.muohio.edu/cess/CFP_2011.html)

**International Scientific Congress: September 27-30, 2011, Omsk, Russia**

"The Ethnic History and Culture of Turkic Peoples of Eurasia" will be held to commemorate the 70th anniversary of Professor Nikolay Tomilov. Proposed topics of discussion: History of studying of Turkic peoples of Eurasia; Ethnic history of Turkic peoples of Eurasia; Traditional culture of Turkic peoples of Eurasia. The conference will conclude with a round table on: "The Turkic Peoples of Russia in the 21st Century: Innovative Potential." Paper submission deadline: February 28, 2011. Contact: [kongress\\_omsk11@mail.ru](mailto:kongress_omsk11@mail.ru)

**Call for Papers: September 20-22, 2011, University of Cambridge**

The European Society for Central Asian Studies invites proposals for individual papers, panels and round-table discussions for the twelfth ESCAS biennial conference on "Central Asia: A Maturing Field." ESCAS welcomes proposals relating to all aspects of research in the arts, humanities and social sciences in Central Asia - including Xinjiang, Mongolia, Afghanistan and adjacent regions of Russia, China, Iran, Pakistan, India and the Caucasus. Deadline: March 15, 2011. Visit: <http://www.escas.org/>

## Research Fellowships, Scholarships and Grants

**Zorig Foundation Environmental Fellowship Program**

The Zorig Foundation is announcing a new Environmental Fellowship Program (EFP). This is a five-month program for young professionals interested in acquiring an increased awareness and understanding of issues affecting the conservation and security of the Mongolian ecosystem. Eligible applicants must be between the ages of 22-26 and must display an interest in the environmental sector. Deadline: February 1st.

Contact: [non@zorigfoundation.org](mailto:non@zorigfoundation.org); [bulgan@zorigfoundation.org](mailto:bulgan@zorigfoundation.org)

### **Summer 2011 Freeman-Asia Scholarships for U.S. Undergraduates**

Freeman-ASIA accepts applications from U.S. citizens or permanent residents studying at the undergraduate level at a two-year or four-year college or university who demonstrate financial need to study abroad in East or Southeast Asia. Deadline: February 15, 2011. Visit: <http://www.iie.org/en/Programs/Freeman-ASIA>

### **World Forestry Center International Fellowship Program, 2012**

This Fellowship brings together professionals in natural resources management (foresters, environmental educators, land managers, NGO practitioners, and researchers) to conduct a practical research projects at the World Forestry Center. The Fellowship is a unique opportunity to learn about sustainable forestry from the Pacific Northwest forestry sector and to work with colleagues from around the world. Fellowships are open to applicants from any country and there is a matching grant from the Harry A. Merlo Foundation. Applications are due two months prior to the start date. Start dates are: February 1, May 1, and October 1.

Visit: <http://wfi.worldforestry.org/index/international-fellowship/how-to-apply.html>

### **2012 Ford Company International Fellowship of the 92nd Street Y**

Applications are being accepted by community leaders who are citizens and residents of Albania, Bolivia, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ecuador, Haiti, India, Israel, Mongolia, Peru, Tunisia and Zambia. Successful applicants must demonstrate that they are: a community leader engaged in the nonprofit sector, either professionally or as a volunteer; successfully addressing issues that affect the community's well-being; and that they would benefit from an intensive three-week nonprofit management training course in New York. Deadline: June 30, 2011. Contact: Alison Gardy at 212.415.5473, [agardy@92Y.org](mailto:agardy@92Y.org).

Visit: [http://www.92y.org/shop/category.asp?category=TE\\_International+Relations+Main888Ford+Fellows+Header8882010+Application+and+Brochure888](http://www.92y.org/shop/category.asp?category=TE_International+Relations+Main888Ford+Fellows+Header8882010+Application+and+Brochure888).

### **The East-West Center Graduate Degree Fellowship**

This Fellowship provides Master's and Doctoral funding for graduate students from Asia, the Pacific, and the U.S. to participate in educational and research programs at the East-West Center while pursuing graduate study at the University of Hawaii. The East-West Center Graduate Degree Fellowship provides funding toward Master's degrees (up to 24-month fellowship) and Doctoral degrees (up to 48-month fellowship). Citizens of Mongolia are eligible to apply. Deadline for fall 2012: November 1, 2011.

Visit: <http://www.eastwestcenter.org/?id=865>

## **Resources**

### **New e-journal: Crossroads - Studies on the History of Exchange Relations in the East Asian World**

The East Asian World in this context includes the regions of China, Japan, Korea and Taiwan (core regions) and their peripheral regions (e.g.-Mongolia, Tibet, Vietnam etc). The first volume features an article by Morris Rossabi "From Chen Cheng to Ma Wensheng: Changing Chinese Visions of Central Asia."

Visit: <http://www.eacrh.net/ojs/index.php/crossroads>

### **Mongolia Higher Education Policy Note: "Tertiary Education in Mongolia- Meeting the Challenges of the Global Economy"**

Enhancing the quality of tertiary education is essential to improving Mongolia's international competitiveness. To do so requires making strategic choices, improving governance, and increasing investments in tertiary education. This online resource is a policy review of Mongolian higher education and includes recommendations on the development of technical and vocational education at the senior secondary level.

Visit: [http://siteresources.worldbank.org/INTMONGOLIA/Resources/Mongolia\\_policy\\_eng\\_final.pdf](http://siteresources.worldbank.org/INTMONGOLIA/Resources/Mongolia_policy_eng_final.pdf)

### **Online NEMO-2 Quarterly Report Available Online**

The Netherlands-Mongolia Trust Fund for Environmental Reform (NEMO) was established in April 2005 with the objective of strengthening and advancing the environment and natural resources agenda in Mongolia. NEMO 2 activities during Year 3 (2010) include: translation of the novel "Wolf Totem" into Mongolian; establishing an award program for rangers to recognize outstanding performances; continuing implementation of the recommendations of the Silent Steppe report by supporting surveys of forest ungulates and marmots; and expansion of biodiversity monitoring through camera traps. Visit: <http://worldbank.org/nemo>

### **"The Intangible Cultural Heritage Courier of Asia and Pacific" Available Online**

This online newsletter features an article on registering Mongolian traditional intangible heritage such as morin khuur, humii, long song, biyelgee, magtaal. Visit: [http://ichcap.org/en/img/ichcourier\\_vol6.pdf](http://ichcap.org/en/img/ichcourier_vol6.pdf)

## **News and Events**

### **National Geographic Names Ulaanbaatar Among Top Twenty Destinations for 2011**

Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia was selected by National Geographic as one of the top twenty trip destinations for 2011. According to their description, as the cultural, economic, and transportation hub on the Tuul River, Ulaanbaatar is the starting point for two-humped Bactrian camel treks and other exotic Gobi desert expeditions, but its ten museums, close proximity to national parks, and collection of imperial palaces and Buddhist monasteries qualify Ulaanbaatar as a destination rather than way station.

Visit: <http://travel.nationalgeographic.com/travel/best-trips-2011-photos/>

### **Hollywood to Release a New Movie on Chinggis Khan this Summer**

Hollywood film director Richard L. Anderson directed a 3-D Chinese film in Inner Mongolia last year. The film is called "Proud Son of Heaven" and is about Genghis Khan. It is being made for a special large screen theater in Inner Mongolia at Genghis Khan's Mausoleum and will open this summer. Anderson wrote the script in English which was translated into Mongolian, the language used in the film.

Source: <http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90782/90875/7262238.html>

### **The Film "An Eternal Lamb" Now in Beijing Cinemas**

Featuring the nomadic lifestyle of Kazakh minorities in China's Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region, the film An Eternal Lamb is currently screening at Beijing's Broadway Cinemas until mid-February. Adapted by well-known Xinjiang-Kazakh playwright Yeerkexi Huermanbieke, from her own essay of the same name, this is also China's first film made in the Kazakh language. Source: <http://life.globaltimes.cn/entertainment/2011-01/615110.html>

### **"Poets of Mongolia" Film by a Belgian Filmmaker**

"Poets of Mongolia" is structured around the transformation of coal into energy in Nailakh, a small city at the edge of Ulaanbaatar. The film evokes the meaning of poetry in the daily life of ordinary people who are trying to cope with the harsh reality in a rapidly changing world. Through poetry a miner praises nature, a heating technician evokes man's destiny, a blind singer expresses her wish to see and an expat finds the strength to survive in a foreign country. The filmmaker Peter Brosens directed and produced the internationally acclaimed "Mongolia Trilogy," consisting of the documentaries "City of the Steppes" (1993), "State of Dogs" (1998) and "Poets of Mongolia" (1999). He also made the fiction film "Khadak" (2006).

Source: <http://amsterdam.mn/cultural-programme>

### **Mongolian Premier of film "Passion:" February 23-26, Tengis Theatre, Ulaanbaatar**

Passion is a full-length documentary film that received the Grand Prize for the Asia Vision Award at the Taiwan International Documentary Film Festival. The film also received official selection and screenings at the Pusan, Dubai, Salaya (Thailand) and Goteborg International Film Festivals. The film explores ideas about the notion of human choice and the dynamic tension between art and commerce. The jury of the Asia Vision Award

described *Passion* as “a beautiful film infused with nostalgia, sadness and a strange, hopeful optimism”. In March, *Passion* will have its North American premier at the 29th San Francisco International Asian American Film Festival. Visit: [www.tengis.mn](http://www.tengis.mn)

## Recent Publications

The current issue of *Central Asian Survey* is focused almost entirely on Mongolia (Volume 29 Issue 3 2010: ‘Mongolia-the New Politics of Society and Identity,’ Routledge). Some highlights include: “Introduction: Focus on Mongolia” Caroline Upton; “Political Mobilization and the Construction of Collective Identity in Mongolia” David Sneath; “The 1640 Great Code: an Inner Asian parallel to the Treaty of Westphalia” Lhamsuren Munkh-Erdene; “Rulers and Rascals: the Politics of Gold in Mongolian Qing history” Mette M. High and J. Schlesinger; “Nomadism, Identity and the Politics of Conservation” Caroline Upton; “Biodiversity Conservation and the Ecological Limits to Development Options in the Mongolian Altai: Formulation of a Strategy and Discussion of Priorities” Andrew Laurie, Jargal Jamsranjav, Onno van den Heuvel and Erdenesaikhan Nyamjav.

“Ханы Золотой Орды (Khans of the Golden Horde),” Pochekeyev, Roman Ulianovich (2010), Evraziia. The book gives biographical account of Batu khan, the factual founder of the Horde, Mengu-Tumur, the official khan, Mamai who tried to preserve the unity of the state during turmoil and Tokhtamysh who united the horde briefly, Ulug-Muhammed, the founder of Kazan’s khanate, Ahmat under whom Russia was released from taxation and eight more rulers who left their mark in history.

“Chosun and the Mongols: Understanding of the Mongols Represented in the Travel Books of Choi-Dukjung, Park-Jiwon, Seo-Hosoo,” Pak, Won-gil (2010).

“Wild Rangelands: Conserving Wildlife while Maintaining Livestock in Semi-arid Ecosystems,” edited by Johan T. du Toit, Richard Kock, James C. Deutsch (2010), Wiley-Blackwell. This book examines the pressures on rangeland ecosystems worldwide from human land use, over-hunting, and subsistence and commercial farming of livestock and crops. Leading experts have pooled their experiences from all continents to cover the ecological, sociological, political, veterinary, and economic aspects of rangeland management today.

“Japanese War Orphans in Manchuria: Forgotten Victims of World War II,” Itoh, Mayumi (2010), Palgrave Macmillan. The book provides historical examination of Japanese migration campaigns, diaspora, Japanese farmer settlers, repatriation and international politics of Imperial Japan before the collapse of Qing rule.

“Popular Religion and Shamanism,” edited by Ma Xisha, Meng Huiying (2011), Brill. Part I: ‘Popular Religion’ discusses the evolution of organized lay movements over ten centuries. Part II: ‘Shamanism’ reflects the revived interest of scholars in traditional beliefs and culture that reemerged with the “open” policy in China in the 1970s. Two of the essays included in this section address shamanism in northeast China, where the traditions played an important role in the cultures of the Manchu, Mongol, Sibe, Daur, Oroqen, Evenki, and Hezhen.

“Esoteric Buddhism and the Tantras in East Asia,” edited by Charles D. Orzech, Henrik H. Sørensen, Richard K. Payne (2011), Brill. “Esoteric Buddhism” had the greatest geographical spread; it left its imprint not only on its native India, but also on Southeast Asia, Central Asia, Tibet and Mongolia, as well as China, Korea and Japan. This volume, the result of an international collaboration of forty scholars, provides a comprehensive resource on Esoteric Buddhism and the Tantras in their Chinese, Korean, and Japanese contexts, from the first few centuries of the Common Era up to the present.

“The Constitution and Contestation of Darhad Shaman’s Power in Contemporary Mongolia,” Judith Hangartner (2011), Brill. This book offers an in-depth insight into post-socialist rural shamans in Mongolia, a rare but important contribution to the ethnography of both Inner Asia and Southern Siberia. It examines the social

making of shamans, in particular those of the Shishget depression of the northernmost borders of Mongolia. By analyzing practices, discourses and performances in local and national arenas, the author traces the social constitution of the shamans' inspirational power, examines the shamans' performance of power during the seance, discusses the economy of reputation of successful shamans and scrutinizes their legitimizing practices.

"The Bulgars and the Steppe Empire in the Early Middle Ages: The Problem of the Others," Tsvetelin Stepanov, translated by Tatiana Stefanova, Tsvetelin Stepanov (2010), Brill. This book is about the Eurasian steppe and China, Persia, Byzantium, as well as the 'Inside' and 'Outside' Other. This dual approach helps the reader better understand the attitudes of those who live in the Steppe toward their southern, sedentary neighbors (in this book, the 'Outside' Other) and to the women and shamans/magicians within the nomadic confederations (in this book, the 'Inside' Other), during the so-called 'Golden Age' of the Steppe Empire between the sixth and ninth/tenth centuries.

"One Hundred Thousand Moons: An Advanced Political History of Tibet," Tsepon Wangchuk Deden Shakabpa, translated and annotated by Derek F. Maher (2010), Brill. The author situates Tibet's relations with a series of Chinese, Manchurian, and Mongolian empires in terms of the preceptor-patron relationship. Simultaneously, this volume serves as an introduction to many aspects of Tibetan culture, society, and especially religion. The book includes a compendium of biographies of the most significant figures in Tibet's past.

"Mongol ulsyn niislel Ulaanbaatar khotyn tuukh, soelyn dursgal (Historical and Cultural Monuments of Ulaanbaatar City, Capital of Mongolia)," Gankhuyag, Oyuuny (2010), Nom Khur. The book features articles about historical and cultural monuments of Ulaanbaatar City.

"Khanty, People of the Taiga: Surviving the Twentieth Century," Andrew Wiget, Olga Balalaeva (2011), University of Alaska Press. Drawing on nearly twenty years of fieldwork, as well as ethnohistory, politics, and economics, this volume takes a close look at changes in the lives of the indigenous Siberian Khanty people and draws crucial connections between those changes and the social, cultural, and political transformation that swept Russia during the transition to democracy.

"From the Yenisei to the Yukon: Interpreting Lithic Assemblage Variability in Late Pleistocene/Early Holocene Beringia," edited by Ted Goebel and Ian Buvit (2010), TAMU Press. The twenty chapters explore how Beringians adapted in response to climate and environmental changes. By examining and analyzing lithic artifacts, geoarchaeological evidence, zooarchaeological data, and archaeological features, these studies offer important interpretations of the variability to be found in the early material culture of the first Beringians. The scholars contributing to this work consider the region from Lake Baikal in the west to southern British Columbia in the east.

"Contemporary Anthropology of Religion: Explorations in Siberia and Beyond," Marjorie Mandelstam Balzer (2010), Palgrave Macmillan. Personal experiences with shamans are based on extensive fieldwork in several areas of Siberia and the Far East, including Khanty, Sakha, Tuvan and Buriat regions. The author outlines shifting ways that healers and healing communities are creating effective yet altered ritual environments, transcending harsh legacies of Soviet and missionary repression. Providing new angles on our understanding of the intersections of spirituality, religion and politics, she uses narratives about shamans to probe social and political issues of post-socialism, modernity, authenticity and indigenous rights.

"The Genealogical Construction of the Kyrgyz Republic: Kinship, State and Tribalism," David Gullet (2010), Global Oriental. This book explores the conceptions of genealogy, kinship and 'tribalism' in the intertwined construction of personhood and national identity in the Kyrgyz Republic. It makes an important contribution to several theoretical and regional debates. Genealogy, a central theme of the work, is explored not only as an analysis of relationships, but also as a methodological tool through which to examine society. The book contributes to theories of kinship and the state.

"The Monguors of the Kansu-Tibetan Frontier," Louis J. Schram (Republished 2010), LuLu. Republication in a single volume of Schram's classic study of the Monguor, with new introductions by Juha Janhunen, Paul Neitupski, Gray Tuttle, Keith Slater, Jeroom Heyndricks, Limusishiden and Kevin Stuart.

"Lonely Planet Mongolia (Country Guide), Michael Kohn, Dean Starnes (August, 2011), Lonely Planet. New edition of the best-selling guide to Mongolia.

"Law, Policy and Practice on China's Periphery: Selective Adaptation and Institutional Capacity," Pitman B. Potter. This book examines the Chinese government's policies and practices for relations with its peripheral areas (Tibet, Xinjiang, and Inner Mongolia, Hong Kong and Taiwan). It focuses on themes of political authority, socio-cultural relations, and economic development.

"Flowers of Mongolia," Michael H. Hauck, Zeerd-Aduuchid B. Solongo (2010), Verlag Rüdiger Biermann. In this book about the flora of Mongolia more than 1000 color photos of more than 400 species of vascular plants belonging to more than 70 families are presented. The introduction is written in English, Mongolian and German. The appendix in English indicates information about the distribution, the locality where the plant was found, and about synonyms. Scientific names of the plants were used as well as the Mongolian names of the plants.

"Xinjiang and the Expansion of Chinese Communist Power: Kashghar in the Twentieth Century," Michael Dillon (July, 2011). This book focuses on the key city of Kashghar, the symbolic heart of Uighur society, drawing on a large body of records in which ordinary people provided information on the period around the communist takeover. Subjects covered by the book include work, government, the built environment, religion, culture and politics.

"Representing Power in Modern Inner Asia: Conventions, Alternatives and Oppositions," edited by Isabelle Charleux, Grégory Delaplace, Roberte Hamayon and Scott Pearce (2010), Western Washington University Press. The proceedings of an international symposium 'Representing Power in East Asia: Legitimizing, Consecrating, Contesting' held in Paris in March 2006. The symposium was organized within the framework of an agreement between the École Pratique des Hautes Études (Centre d'études mongoles et sibériennes) and the University of Cambridge (Mongolia & Inner Asia Studies Unit), as a continuation of a symposium on 'Inner Asian Statecraft and Technologies of Governance' held in Cambridge in March 2004.

"Representing Power in Modern Inner Asia: Legitimacy, Transmission and the Sacred," edited by Isabelle Charleux, Grégory Delaplace, Roberte Hamayon and Scott Pearce (2010), Western Washington University Press. This book was also published as a result of an international symposium 'Representing Power in East Asia: Legitimizing, Consecrating, Contesting' held in Paris in March 2006.

"Mongolia Economic Retrospective: 2008-2010" (2010), World Bank Publications. Although the economy has rebounded since the end of 2009 and the successful negotiation of the Oyu Tolgoi (OT) mining project has helped transform Mongolia's medium to long-term economic outlook, there remain sizeable policy challenges. In particular, the looming mining boom brings the risks of 'Dutch disease' to Mongolia. In the near term, significant fiscal financing risks remain until revenues from OT are realized. In particular, this Retrospective discusses the need for continued fiscal consolidation and how the adoption of the planned fiscal stability law should help manage the upcoming mining boom. Meanwhile, ongoing solvency problems in the banking sector need to be resolved quickly and transparently to prepare the sector for the upturn in economic activity.

"Монголд Өнгөрүүлсэн 9-н Сар: Элчин Сайд И.Я. Коростовецийн Тэмдэглэлүүд (9 Months in Mongolia: Diaries of I. Ya. Korostovets)," translated into Mongolian by Ch. Baatar, edited by O. Baatsaikhan (2011), Admon Publishing.