

This Month in Mongolian Studies – June 2009

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

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ACMS Celebrates 5th Year in Mongolia

ACMS officially opened its Ulaanbaatar office and resource center on May 27th, 2004 at the National University of Mongolia. Since that time the center has grown in size providing support to hundreds of scholars per year. The center currently has well over 300 members and is poised to grow significantly in the next five years. Thank you to all our members and your continued support of our efforts.

ACMS Research Fellowship Seminar

“Alternative Concepts: Conducting Research from a Mongolia-Centered Perspective”

June 25, 2009, 9am-3pm at the Open Society Forum

The American Center for Mongolian Studies (ACMS), with funding support from the Henry Luce Foundation, will organize a seminar with the theme “Alternative Concepts: Conducting Research in the Mongolian Context” as part of the first year of the ACMS Research Fellowship program. The ACMS Research Fellowship program brings a cohort of 3 US scholars to Mongolia each year to conduct dissertation or post-doctoral research. The seminar will be free and open to the public. The working languages of the seminar will be English. More information at: www.mongoliacenter.org.

Spring Newsletter

ACMS Update, the center's biannual newsletter, is now available online. Members should receive hardcopies of the newsletter in the mail this month, but those who cannot wait, can access it at: www.mongoliacenter.org/docs/newsletters/nlspring2009.pdf.

ACMS Library New Acquisitions

Each month the ACMS library publishes a list of materials acquired and processed into the ACMS library collection. The list for May 2009 can be viewed on the ACMS library website at www.mongoliacenter.org/library/bibliography.

Call for Speakers for Fall 2009

The American Center for Mongolian Studies (ACMS) invites researchers and scholars to present public lectures during the ACMS Fall 2009 Speaker Series. If you are planning to visit Mongolia between September and December 2009 to conduct research or study, please contact info@mongoliacenter.org to schedule a date to participate in this public lecture series. The lectures must be conducted in English, and all academic disciplines are welcome. The Speaker Series is a great opportunity for scholars to present their work and for the general public to learn about academic research in Mongolia. Please notify the ACMS at least two weeks prior to your proposed date to speak in order to allow enough time to advertise the lecture.

Conferences and Lectures

"War and Warriors: The Mongol Invasions in Japanese Art"

Sainsbury Institute, Norwich, UK

LECTURE DATE: JUNE 18, 2009, 6PM

Judith Fröhlich of University of Zurich will give lecture on Mongolian depictions in Japanese art. More information at <http://www.sainsbury-institute.org/>.

"Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs"

October 16-18, 2009, Miami University in Oxford

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: JULY 30, 2009

MCAA invites submissions from all academic disciplines on topics examining Asia. Proposals for panels and individual papers are due July 30, 2009. All proposals should be submitted electronically by following the appropriate link on their website at: <http://montgomery.cas.muohio.edu/mcaa/>.

Presenters must be members of MCAA and must pre-register by September 15, 2009. The membership fee is collected as part of the registration fee for the conference. Registration information is also available on the website.

Call for Papers

"The Tangut Language and the Religions and Cultures of the Northern China in the Age of the Xixia, the Liao, and the Jin"

December 17-22, 2009, Academia Sinica and Foguang University, Taiwan

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: JUNE 15, 2009

The Department of Buddhist Studies of Foguang University, the Institute of Linguistics of the Academia Sinica, announce a conference provisionally entitled "The Tangut Language and the Religions and Cultures of the Northern China in the Age of the Xixia, the Liao, and the Jin. The conference will take place from 17 through 22 December, 2009 at the Institute of Linguistics (Academia Sinica, Nangang, Taipei) and at Foguang University (Jiaoxi). The conference organizers solicit scholarly contributions on issues related the languages, cultures, and religions of Northern China in the period from the end of the Tang dynasty (around the year 881 which marked the beginnings of the Tangut statehood) until the Mongol conquest, with primary focus on the languages, cultures and religions of the Tangut kingdom, and the Khitan and Jurchen Empires.

The conference will consist of two sessions: one, devoted primarily to the linguistics, will be held at the Academia Sinica, while the second, devoted to the religious and cultural issues, will be held on the campus of Foguang University in Jiaoxi. The Organizing Committee invites letters of intent, with the abstracts of proposed presentations from the participants, to be submitted by June 15, 2009. For the Linguistics part: Lin Yingchin minyag@gate.sinica.edu.tw; Cultures and religions: Kirill Solonin: ksolonin@yahoo.com (preferred); Inso@mail.fgu.edu.tw

Final Call for Manuscripts

Asia in World History: The Twentieth Century, EAA Winter 2009

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: AUGUST 20, 2009

Education About Asia (EAA) is the peer-reviewed teaching journal of the Association for Asian Studies. EAA is in the process of developing a special section entitled "Asia in World History: The Twentieth Century" for the winter 2009 issue. This concluding special section, the fifth in the series, corresponds to the National World History Standards "Eras." EAA seek manuscripts that encompass a wide range of topics including economic, maritime, military, political, and social history. They also invite authors to submit manuscripts about important individuals who influenced twentieth century Asian and World History. EAA is looking for manuscripts about all areas of Asia. Contact Lucien Ellington, Editor, Education About Asia at l-ellington@comcast.net or visit the web site: <http://www.asian-studies.org/EAA/>

Research Grants

"Global Supplementary Grant Program for Doctoral Studies"

Open Society Institute

APPLICATION DEADLINE: JUNE 8, 2009

The Open Society Institute's Network Scholarship Programs (NSP) is pleased to

announce the Global Supplementary Grant Program (GSGP) for the 2009 - 2010 academic year. GSGP offers supplementary grants to students from select countries of Eastern and Central Europe, the former Soviet Union, and Mongolia. The purpose of the program is to enable qualified students to pursue doctoral studies in the Humanities and Social Sciences at accredited universities in Asia, Australia, Europe, the Middle/Near East, and North America. For further details about the program please visit: http://www.soros.org/initiatives/scholarship/focus_areas/global_supplementary/guidelines.

New Publications

“Asia Chronicle - The Online Journal of Asian News & Analysis”
www.asiachroniclnews.com

Asia Chronicle is a daily online journal of news, analysis, and commentary focusing on Asian (including Mongolian) political, economic, and defense issues. Offering free premium content updated daily, Asia Chronicle aims to serve as the premier English language source of quality intelligence for a diverse audience of business executives, diplomats, government officials, and scholars with a professional interest in Asia. Asia Chronicle is one of the only news and analysis services that explicitly integrates focused regional analysis with powerful global insights. Recognizing that the fates of Asia and the world rise and fall together, Asia Chronicle connects Asia to the world by identifying how global issues affect Asian interests and how Asian issues affect global interests.