This Month in Mongolian Studies – August 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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Call for Papers, Conferences, Workshops, and other Academic Programs

Call for papers, conference: **The Association for Asian Studies (AAS)** is pleased to invite colleagues to submit proposals for the 2013 Annual Conference. The Annual Conference will be held at the Manchester Grand Hyatt in San Diego, California, March 21-24, 2013. All proposals should be sent electronically through the AAS website. Please make sure to review all instructions and guidelines carefully before submitting your proposals, including information regarding the new proposal submission system. The deadline for proposal submissions is **Thursday, August 2, 2012**. Visit: [http://www.asian-studies.org/Conference/index.htm](http://www.asian-studies.org/Conference/index.htm)

Call for papers, conference: **Genghis Khan and the Fate of the Peoples of Eurasia**, 16-18 September 2012, Ulan-Ude. The main orientations of the conference include: International economic cooperation in Inner Asia, ethno-cultural communication and ethnic processes, peoples of Inner Asia, globalization and social relationships, Russian aspects of Inner Asia, political institutes, ethnopoliitical conflict management, national and political processes and technologies, political problems of international relations, and global development. Send materials by e-mail to: [ifbsu@mail.ru](mailto:ifbsu@mail.ru) Organizing Committee Tel: 8 (301) 2 216 447. Please include a CV with a file name indicating the code of the conference and the first author's surname (e.g., SC-18 Petrov).

Call for papers, workshop: **Central Asia: Building Theories and Methodologies in the Third Decade**, Multi-Disciplinary Doctoral Workshop, 24 November 2012, London. This workshop will provide a forum for young researchers to present their work, get feedback from an expert academic, and exchange ideas with other scholars in an open and friendly fashion. The event is open to all doctoral and post-doctoral researchers studying Central Asia and its neighboring regions with only 30 participants. The theme of the workshop is Building Theories and Methodologies in the Third Decade. Abstracts should clearly state the research title, author’s details, and theoretical and methodological scope of the study in no longer than 500 words. **Deadline for submission: 26 October 2012.** Contact Sevket Akyildiz, (School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London) [whitestar107@hotmail.com](mailto:whitestar107@hotmail.com)

Call for abstracts, edited volume: **Eastern Asia and the Great War**. We are inviting the submission of abstracts for a chapter in a new edited volume on Eastern Asia and the Great War. East Asia is often omitted from academic analysis of the First World War, not just in Western historiography, but also in Chinese and Japanese accounts of the First World War, which for example in China was often just called the Ouzhou Dazhan = Great European War or in Japan even reduced to the nichi-doku sens = Japanese German War. The German historiography of the Great War in East Asia was so far limited largely to the occupation of the German colony at Qingdao and the German and Austrian POW in Japan. Yet, if the First World War is to be truly understood as a World War, it has to be seen in its global context and events on the East Asian
Theatre or developments related to it have to be looked at and analyzed accordingly. Editors are Dr. Sandra Barkhof, Plymouth University, Dr. Cord Eberspacher, Director of the Confucius Institute at the University of Dusseldorf and Christian Bormann, PhD candidate of the University of Bonn. Abstracts by final year PhD students and post-docs are welcome. Abstracts should not exceed 400 words and should be submitted to Sandra.barkhof@plymouth.ac.uk by 30 July 2012. Abstracts can be written in English, German, Chinese or Japanese, the articles will have to be in English. Participants will receive note by the end of August. The articles should have a length of about 7-9000 words, deadline will be 30 November 2012.

Call for papers, conference: International Conference on Governance and Sustainable Development: Building Commerce and Communities, Coimbatore, Tamilnadu, India, December 10-13, 2012. Sustainable development involves a complex and intricate relationship between commerce and communities. With increasing calls for greater accountability and efficient management of sustainable development, there are also greater demands for more effective governance in this area. The overarching aim of the conference is to provide a forum for stimulating debate and exchange of ideas by exploring the latest developments in the governance of sustainable development from a variety of perspectives including environmental sustainability, social enterprise, corporate governance, legal pluralism, and social investment. The conference will appeal to academics, professionals from both business and non-profit entities, and policy makers. Authors interested in presenting a paper are invited to submit full papers by 15th September, 2012. For further information, please visit the conference website: http://www.amrita.edu/sdg/about.html

Call for papers, conference: Asia-Pacific Economic and Business History conference, Seoul National University, 14-16 February, 2013 Papers and proposals for sessions are invited for the APEBH 2013 conference. The main theme is 'Markets, institutions and people in economic crisis and recovery', but the organizers are open to proposals for contributions on other topics in economic, social, and business history, as well as proposals for sessions on particular themes. The conference organizers are particularly interested in attracting papers that examine developments in countries and areas in the Asia-Pacific region and papers that provide an international comparative perspective. During the recent Global Financial Crisis, various commentators heralded the end of globalization. A few noted that the world economy as a whole, and also different economic regions had overcome major economic crises before. Are there indeed limits to how mankind learns from history? How did crises unfold in the past? What roles did product and factor markets play in how crises unfolded? What role did institutions play? How were recoveries from crises achieved? What was the human impact of crises? What are the lessons from comparative approaches to analyzing crises across time and across countries? What lessons can be drawn from comparative historical perspectives for current and future crises? All materials should be mailed to all four committee members: Professor Chulhee Lee, Seoul National University, chullee@snu.ac.kr; Dr. Duol Kim, Korea Development Institute, duolkim@kdi.re.kr; A/Professor Lionel Frost, Monash University, Lionel.Frost@BusEco.monash.edu.au; and Dr. Keir Reeves, Monash University, Keir.Reeves@monash.edu. Paper abstracts of one page may be submitted at any time up to the closing date of 30 November 2012. A decision on proposals will be made within a month of submission. Session proposals of one page may be submitted up to the same date, outlining the main objectives of the session and potential participants. A conference paper prize
Research Fellowships, Scholarships and Grants

Travel grant: **The College Art Association** is accepting applications for the second year of its International Travel Grant Program, generously supported by the Getty Foundation, which will provide funding to twenty art historians, museum curators, and artists who teach art history to attend the 2013 Annual Conference in New York. Applicants must live and work outside the United States; professionals from developing countries or from nations underrepresented in CAA’s membership are especially encouraged to apply. Deadline: **August 15, 2012.** Visit: [http://www.collegeart.org/travelgrants/getty](http://www.collegeart.org/travelgrants/getty)

Call for applications: **Abe Fellowship.** The Social Science Research Council (SSRC), the Japan Foundation Center for Global Partnership (CGP), and the American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS) announce the annual competition. The Abe Fellowship is designed to encourage international multidisciplinary research on topics of pressing global concern. The Abe Fellowship Program seeks to foster the development of a new generation of researchers who are interested in policy-relevant topics of long-range importance and who are willing to become key members of a bilateral and global research network built around such topics. The objectives of the program are to foster high quality research in the social sciences and related disciplines, to build new collaborative networks of researchers around the three thematic foci of the program, to bring new data and new data resources to the attention of those researchers, and to obtain from them a commitment to a comparative or transnational line of inquiry. Deadline: **September 1, 2012.** For further information go to: [http://www.ssrc.org/fellowships/abe-fellowship/](http://www.ssrc.org/fellowships/abe-fellowship/)

Call for Applications: **Rutgers University, Assistant Professor, Chinese / East Asian History.** The Federated Department of History at Rutgers University, Newark - New Jersey Institute of Technology, invites applications for a tenure-track position, at the rank of assistant professor, in Chinese and/or East Asian History, based at Rutgers-Newark, to begin September 2013. The applicant should be able to present evidence of scholarly accomplishment and effective teaching. Ph.D. in hand by September 2013 is required. The department is a partner in the further development of three Rutgers-Newark campus centers that focus on race, ethnicity and culture (including historical memory, public history, human rights); urban studies; and global affairs. Research that focuses on empire, migration and/or womens/gender studies is also of particular interest. Send letter of application, c.v. and three letters of recommendation by no later than **October 19** to the address below. Search will be completed by December 21. Rutgers University is an AA/EOE and especially encourages applications from women and members of minority groups. Send application to Chair, Chinese History Search, Department of History, Rutgers University, 323 Conklin Hall, 175 University Avenue, Newark, NJ 07102-1814. Contact: Send application to Chair, Chinese History Search, Department of History, Rutgers University, 323 Conklin Hall, 175 University Avenue, Newark, NJ 07102-1814.
Call for Applications: The Fung Global Fellows Program reflects Princeton University’s commitment to engaging with scholars from around the world and inspiring ideas that transcend borders. The program brings exceptional international early-career faculty members working in the social sciences and the humanities to Princeton for a year of research, writing, and collaboration. It is administered by the Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies, which serves as a site for integration and joint activity across all of the University’s international and area programs. Each year, the Fung Global Fellows Program will select six scholars from around the world to be in residence at Princeton for one academic year and to engage in research, writing, and collaboration around a common theme. The program includes a public seminar series where the fellows will present their work to the University community. Fellowships will be awarded through a competitive application process to scholars employed outside the United States who have demonstrated outstanding scholarly achievement, exhibit unusual intellectual promise, and are still early in their careers. In 2013–14, the program’s inaugural year, the fellows and the accompanying seminar series will focus on how languages interact with political, social, economic, and cultural authority. Languages can be powerful tools for expressing and asserting authority. Yet they also constitute forms of authority in and of themselves (such as in the standardization and uniformity that they impose). Languages as forms of authority are also contested, and language communities have often formed a basis for resisting authority. Possible topics for this cycle include the ways in which languages and language use interact with globalization, empire, decolonization, nation-state formation, nationalism, language policy, language ideology, social stratification, migration, commerce and trade, social and religious movements, and the sociology of knowledge production. The application deadline for the 2013–14 Fung Global Fellows Program is November 1, 2012. An online form is available at jobs.princeton.edu/applicants/Central?quickFind=62407

Position Openings

Nomadicare Part-time Assistant. NOMADICARE works to harmonize traditional and modern medicine to support the health and cultural survival of Mongolia’s nomads. Nomadicare’s assistant will promote and prepare for Nomadicare’s programs in Mongolia. The objective of this assignment is to: Prepare for acceptance and welcoming of Nomadicare’s program on all levels, setting groundwork for government, NGO and public awareness as well as financial support; Have an on-the-ground presence for Nomadicare; Identify opportunities for Nomadicare to partner with persons and organizations; Take care of logistical work to make the Khovsgol training in 2012 even more successful than South Gobi’s in 2010. For further information see http://nomadicare.org/ or contact: sascarey@comcast.net.

Resources

Education About Asia: EAA has become an essential resource for teachers dealing with Asian themes or topics; both in the broad trans-continental and regional contexts. Conceived as a publication for K-12 faculty, it has in fact proved to be extremely helpful for higher education
faculty seeking insights on many subjects. The Asian Studies outreach activities of many colleges and universities have greatly benefited from EAA materials. Register (for free) to access approximately 900 articles from all thirty-seven back issues from 1996-2008: http://www.asian-studies.org/EAA/index.htm and subscribe to the Print Edition at https://www.asian-studies.org/EAA-Subscriptions.htm.

Inner Asian and Uralic National Resource Center: Indiana University’s IAUNRC has updated its website to include not only its regular newsletters but podcasts, lecture videos, teaching resources and more: http://www.iu.edu/~iaunrc/

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: First Thursday of the month (July 5), 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.

Exhibit Museum of Prehistoric Anthropology, Jardin Exotique, Monaco: “Early Nomads of Upper Asia”. 21 May to 21 September 2012. The nomads of Upper Asia are an extraordinary people, who still inhabit a geographical area that includes parts of Mongolia, Kazakhstan, the Russian Federation and China. Many thousands of years before long-haul flights, their ancestors were doing exactly what they do now: moving in vast numbers across the high Asian steppe, seeking out pastureland for their herds of horses, yaks, sheep, goats and camels. Wherever they settled, they would erect portable wood-framed dwellings called yurts, and mysterious ‘deer stones’ - megaliths carved with images of flying deer - whose exact purpose has never been established. For the last six years, a Monegasque archeological team has been investigating the extraordinary history of the people of the Mongolian and Siberian steppe. The fascinating results of their research are now on public display, and we are being invited to take part in a nomadic journey of our own, to Monaco’s Exotic Garden, to witness the culture of these ancient peoples. For more information see: http://www.cityoutmonaco.com/monaco-travel/articles/mongolia-comes--to-monaco

Recent Publications

Designed with the foreign investor in mind, this guide presents region and city-specific intelligence available through few other English sources. Its pages overview the region from a business standpoint, examine the economy of the region's provinces and prominent cities in depth, and introduce the basics of establishing a business in the region. With detailed economic indicators and primary research largely from Chinese government and news sources, this guide is an accessible and engaging compilation of the practical information you need for doing business in the region. This is part of a five book business guide series: the Yangtze River Delta, Beijing and Northeast China, South China and the Greater Pearl River Delta, Central China and West China.


My Journey to Mongolia: A Reporter’s Journal is a compilation of short sketches of incidents, usually written shortly after they occurred. They offer a glimpse of my 16 months backpacking across the Mongolian steppe training journalists -- where I met reindeer herders, feasted on sheep ears, bonded with Eagle hunters, drank fermented mare’s milk, hiked through a blizzard and awoke to an icy hotel room to discover my toothpaste had frozen. All along the way, I met some of the warmest people in the world in one of the coldest places on Earth.

Fortune and the Cursed: The Sliding Scale of Time in Mongolian Divination (Epistemologies of Healing). (Berghahn Books). Katherine Swancutt. 2012. Innovation-making is a classic theme in anthropology that reveals how people fine-tune their ontologies, live in the world, and conceive of it as they do. This ethnographic study is an entrance into the world of Buryat Mongol divination, where a group of cursed shamans undertake the "race against time" to produce innovative remedies that will improve their fallen fortunes at an unconventional pace. Drawing on parallels between social anthropology and chaos theory, the author gives an in-depth account of how Buryat shamans and their notion of fortune operate as "strange attractors" who propagate the ongoing process of innovation-making. With its view into this long-term "cursing war" between two shamanic factions in a rural Mongolian district, and the comparative findings on cursing in rural China, this book is a needed resource for anyone with an interest in the anthropology of religion, shamanism, witchcraft, and genealogical change.

Leavenworth Papers, August Storm: The Soviet 1945 Strategic Offensive in Manchuria. (Combat Studies Institute). LTC David M Glantz. 2012. This critical examination of the final Soviet strategic offensive operation during World War II seeks to chip at two generally inaccurate pictures westerners have of the war. Specifically, Westerners seem to think that only geography, climate, and sheer numbers negated German military skill and competency on the eastern front, a view that relegates Soviet military accomplishments to oblivion.

Rarebooksclub.com has recently republished the following rare accounts of Mongolia from the 19th to early 20th Centuries:
The Land of the Lamas; Notes of a Journey through China, Mongolia and Tibet. William Woodville Rockhill; After Wild Sheep in the Altai and Mongolia, Elim Pavlovich Demidov; Geological RResearches in China, Mongolia, and Japan; During the Years 1862 to
1865, Raphael Pumpelly; A Land Journey from Asia to Europe; Being an Account of a Camel and Sledge Journey from Canton to St. Petersburg Through the Plains of Mongolia and Siberia, William Athenry Whyte; Travels of the Russian Mission Through Mongolia to China Volume 1; and Residence in Peking, in the Years 1820-1821, Egor Fedorovich Timkovski.

The Council of American Overseas Research Centers: Facilitating Scholarly Exchange Across the Globe. (Psychology International). Jeanne Marecek. 2012. Dr. Jeanne Marecek provides an overview of CAORC and how U.S.-based psychologists can benefit from its resources. Are you or your students interested in cultural psychology, global studies or international psychology? If so, the Council of American Overseas Research Centers (CAORC) may offer programs, educational resources, and funding opportunities for you. CAORC is a global network of academic centers that supports U.S. scholars and researchers. I’ve worked with CAORC for over 15 years, and I now serve as the chair of CAORC’s board of directors. Only a few U.S.-based psychologists have drawn upon the resources of CAORC and its member centers, and I hope that can change. This column gives a glimpse of what CAORC and its network of overseas centers can offer to researchers, and how these centers can enhance your work. Available at: http://www.apa.org/international/pi/2012/06/collaborate.aspx

Education and the Labor Market in Central Asia: The Cases of Mongolia and Tajikistan (Lap Lambert Press). Otgontugs Banzragch. 2012. The book uses the 2003 Mongolian Living Standard Measurement Survey and 2004 Informal Sector Household Survey in Mongolia and 1999, 2003, and 2007 Tajik Living Standard Surveys data on earnings, years of schooling, and highest educational attainment to compute the rates of returns to schooling and all levels of educational qualifications for wage earners and self-employed individuals aged 15-65 by gender, generation, marital status, ethnicity, location, sectors and firms’ ownership in Mongolia and Tajikistan. The study estimates the Mincerian wage equation taking into account endogeneity and sample selection bias. Furthermore, this dissertation research explores how returns to schooling differ for individuals in the lower, medium and upper part of the wage distribution using quantile regression methodology and to what extent education exacerbates or reduces inequality in wages in Mongolia and Tajikistan. The estimated rate of return to schooling for Mongolia in the early 2000s ranged from 5.6 percent to 6.5 percent for wage earners and over 7 percent for self-employed individuals.

Climate and Conservation: Landscape and Seascape Science, Planning, and Action (Island Press). Jodi Hilty, Charles C. Chester, and Molly Cross (Editors). 2012. Climate and Conservation presents case studies from around the world of leading-edge projects focused on climate change adaptation-regional-scale endeavors where scientists, managers, and practitioners are working to protect biodiversity by protecting landscapes and seascapes in response to threats posed by climate change. The book begins with an introductory section that frames the issues and takes a systematic look at planning for climate change adaptation. The nineteen chapters that follow examine particular case studies in every part of the world, including landscapes and seascapes from equatorial, temperate, montane, polar, and marine and freshwater regions. Projects profiled range from North American grasslands to boreal forests to coral reefs to Alpine freshwater environments. Climate and Conservation offers readers tangible, place-based examples of projects designed to protect large landscapes as a means of conserving biodiversity.
in the face of the looming threat of global climate change. It informs readers of how a diverse set of conservation actors have been responding to climate change at a scale that matches the problem, and is an essential contribution for anyone involved with large-scale biodiversity conservation.

**Mongolia: A Guide to Economic and Political Developments (Guides to Economic and Political Developments in Asia).** (Routledge). Ian Jeffries. 2012. With Mongolia fast becoming a significant exporter of minerals and raw materials, this book provides a full account of political and economic events in this important country. It focuses on the period since the establishment of the Soviet-backed Mongolian People’s Republic in 1924 and the transition towards a democratic free market system since the collapse of the Soviet Union.

**Dietary Patterns and Obesity Risk among Adults in Mongolia: Dietary Pattern and Obesity Risk.** (Lap Lambert Press). Otgontuya Dugee. 2012. Obesity is an independent risk factor for cardiovascular disease. In Mongolia, cardiovascular diseases have consistently been the leading cause of death since 1995. However, there is a lack of study on the relationship between diet and nutritional risk factors of chronic disease among Mongolians. The purpose of this study was to identify major dietary patterns of the Mongolian adults and to examine the dietary patterns as risk factor of overweight and obesity. The cross-sectional study of 420 healthy Mongolian men and women aged 25 years and over was conducted in urban and rural province of Mongolia. The study findings suggest that public health efforts in Mongolia should be targeted at population subgroups in order to address prevailing specific aspects of the Transitional and Traditional dietary patterns, which were found to be associated with increased risk of cardiovascular disease.

**Mongolia at the Market: Dedicated to the 60th Anniversary of the School of Economic Studies.** (LIT Verlag). Puntsagdash Luvsandorj, Chuluundorj Khashchuluun, and Namsrai Batnasan (Editors). 2012. Mongolia at the Market looks at the process of economic transition and development in the years since Mongolia started the transition toward a market economy. The book describes the new market economic system of Mongolia through an analysis of the country’s economic branches, sectors, and market components. It also examines the issues of transition and development which determine trends of national economic development. Mongolia at the Market is written by academics and researchers of the School of Economic Studies at the National University of Mongolia. (Series: Global Cultural and Economic Research - Vol. 7).