

## This Month in Mongolian Studies – September 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](mailto:info@mongoliacenter.org) and/or the editor, Marissa Smith, at [msmith@mongoliacenter.org](mailto:msmith@mongoliacenter.org).

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### ACMS Sponsored Programs and Events

**The ACMS has a new office in Ulaanbaatar.** As many of you know, space is always at a premium in universities. In response to the needs of M.U.S.T. for additional classroom space for distance education and computer testing facilities, the ACMS UB office has moved from our former location. We are happy to say that the new office is still centrally located but much easier to find. We are now located in room 306 of the Center 34 building across the street and just to the west of the Zanabazar Museum of Fine Arts. For a map of the new location, please see: [http://www.mongoliacenter.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=499&Itemid=146](http://www.mongoliacenter.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=499&Itemid=146).

### Call for Papers, Conferences, Workshops, and other Academic Programs

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 Workshop Proposals: Inter-Asian Connections IV, Istanbul, October 2-5, 2013.**

This is the fourth conference in a series, following on conferences held in Dubai in February 2008, Singapore in December 2010, and Hong Kong in June 2012. As with the preceding events, this four-day conference aims to effect a paradigm shift in the study of the Asian expanse, re-conceptualized as a dynamic and interconnected historical, geographical, and cultural formation stretching from the Middle East through Eurasia, South Asia and Southeast Asia, to East Asia. Workshops will have the dual aim of showcasing innovative research from across the social sciences and related disciplines as well as exploring themes that transform conventional understandings of Asia. Proposals are invited from faculty interested in organizing and directing a workshop that addresses one of fourteen broadly conceived themes. Each workshop should have two directors (with different institutional affiliations and preferably representing different disciplines) who, if selected, will be expected to help recruit and choose ten international workshop participants (senior and junior scholars, graduate students, other researchers) competitively from across relevant disciplines in the social sciences and related fields. The full text of the request for proposals, along with information on the application process and eligibility, can be found on the program's website. The deadline for application submissions is **October 2, 2012** and decisions will be announced by early November.

Contact: [interasia@ssrc.org](mailto:interasia@ssrc.org), Visit: <http://www.ssrc.org/programs/interasia-program/>

**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 Sevet 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 nichu-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](mailto: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: **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](mailto:chullee@snu.ac.kr); Dr. Duol Kim, Korea Development Institute, [duolkim@kdi.re.kr](mailto:duolkim@kdi.re.kr); A/Professor Lionel Frost, Monash University, [Lionel.Frost@BusEco.monash.edu.au](mailto:Lionel.Frost@BusEco.monash.edu.au); and Dr. Keir Reeves, Monash University, [Keir.Reeves@monash.edu](mailto: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 will be awarded. A selection of papers (subject to the normal reviewing process and standards) may be published in *Australian Economic History Review: An Asia-Pacific Journal of Economic, Business and Social History*. Some support will be made available to graduate students wishing to participate in the conference. Visit: <http://apebh2013.wordpress.com/>

Call for papers, conference: **14th Student Conference on Conservation Science, University of Cambridge, 19– 21 March 2013**. SCCS is aimed at young researchers working in university departments, conservation organizations, or resource management agencies. Approximately 200 postgraduate students (and similar-stage researchers) attend the conference each year, from a broad range of disciplines in conservation, including ecology, geography, sociology and economics. SCCS will provide financial support for some students from developing countries and eastern Europe. Bursaries can be used to cover travel and conference expenses. Deadline for applications: **31 October, 2012**. For further information, please visit the conference website: <http://www.sccs-cam.org/>.

Research Fellowships, Scholarships and Grants

Call for proposals: The 2012 funding round for the **AusAID Development Research Awards Scheme (ADRAS)** is now open for applications. Mining for Development is a priority theme for research funding, with three sub themes listed: Safeguards and Gender, Illegal Mining, and Seabed Mining. The top-geographic priorities for this research funding are Mongolia and the Pacific. Other priority regions include Africa, Asia and Latin America. Applications are open for proposals submitted by Australian and international research organizations and institutions. Deadline: **21 September, 2012**. For more information, please see website: <http://www.ausaid.gov.au/research/Pages/adras.aspx> or contact the AusAID Research Section [research@ausaid.gov.au](mailto:research@ausaid.gov.au) or +61 2 6718 4318. Please note that AusAID will not discuss the specifics of your proposed research with you.

PhD and Postdoctoral Fellowship: **TAKH Association** leads an integrated nature conservation and research project in Khomiin Tal, Zavkhan Aimag and is sponsoring a PhD student to work on **Mechanisms of social cohesion between family groups in a Przewalski's horse herd**. The student is required to collect his/her own data but can benefit from the previous data set. He/she will be trained in observation methodology and will participate in the behaviour monitoring in the field. She/he will do her/his own analyses and finish the PhD in 3 years. Lectures will be in Ulaanbaatar. Outside of lectures, the field post is based in Seer camp (Khomiin Tal, Zavkhan Aimag), where 4 Mongolian and one French rangers stay full-time. Living quarters are in a ger equipped with a solar panel. **Start:** as soon as possible, autumn 2012. The candidate needs a Master (Magister) degree in Biology and good English. He/she needs to show an interest in animal behaviour and nature protection. He/she needs to like doing fieldwork close to the Przewalski's horses under harsh conditions in all seasons. He/she needs to show a real interest in wild horses. Female candidates are encouraged. The net salary is 700,000 Tg per month in addition to a private health insurance. Research equipment, university fees and transport are paid by the project. Ger, heating material and ger equipment in Seer are provided by the project. The student will start on a 6 months trial contract before the full contract. The student will then sign a contract stating that she/he will finish the PhD and commit to work a further 2 years for the project as a PostDoc (including a substantial salary increase). Please send your CV, a letter of motivation, and the contact details of two references, in English, to [claudia.feh@gmail.com](mailto:claudia.feh@gmail.com), before **September 30, 2012**. Visit: <http://www.takh.org>.

Postdoctoral Fellowship: **Princeton Society of Fellows** invites applications for three-year postdoctoral fellowships 2013-2016 for recent PhDs (from Jan. 2011) in humanities or allied social sciences. FOUR appointments to pursue research and teach half-time in the following areas: Open discipline; East Asian Studies; Humanistic Studies; Race and/or Ethnicity Studies. Stipend: approx. \$78,000. Application postmark deadline: **October 1, 2012**. For eligibility, fellowship and application details, see website [www.princeton.edu/sf](http://www.princeton.edu/sf). Contact: [fellows@princeton.edu](mailto:fellows@princeton.edu)

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](http://jobs.princeton.edu/applicants/Central?quickFind=62407)

Call for applications: **The School for Advanced Research (SAR), Resident Scholar Fellowships**. SAR awards approximately 6 fellowships each year to scholars who have completed their research and analysis and who need time to think and write about topics important to the understanding of humankind. Resident scholars may approach their research from anthropology or from related fields such as history, sociology, art, and philosophy. Both humanistically and scientifically oriented scholars are encouraged to apply. SAR provides Resident Scholars with low-cost housing and office space on campus, a stipend up to \$40,000, library assistance, and other benefits during a nine-month tenure, from September 1 through May 31. A six-month fellowship is also available, as indicated below. Six types of fellowships are available. Deadline for applications is **November 1st, 2012**. In addition, SAR is interested in hosting exceptional scholars who have received funding through the following programs: Ford Foundation Diversity Fellowships, Mellon/ACLS Recent Doctoral Recipients Fellowships, and Visiting Fulbright Scholar fellowships. Applicants to these non-SAR fellowship programs whose research is consistent with SAR's mission may be able to join the School's dynamic intellectual community for the duration of their fellowship. Interested scholars can contact SAR's Resident Scholar Program for more information. For more information on SAR, please visit <http://www.sarweb.org/>. Details and application materials for the Resident Scholar program can be found at <http://scholar.sarweb.org/>.

Call for proposals: **Henry Luce Foundation/ACLS Program in China Studies**. The American Council of Learned Societies is pleased to announce a new program of fellowships and grants in China Studies. The Henry Luce Foundation/ACLS Program in China Studies seeks to maintain the vitality of China Studies in the U.S. through fellowships and grants designed primarily for scholars early in their careers. Studies on and in China have developed over the last 30 years in

the United States into a robust field, but current conditions pose daunting problems, especially for scholars just before and just after the dissertation. To address this situation, the program will offer three competitions: 1. Pre-dissertation Grants for Research in China, enabling young scholars to gain familiarity with work underway in archives and field sites in China and to establish formal and informal relations with Chinese institutions and colleagues; 2. Postdoctoral Fellowships, supporting scholars in preparing their Ph.D. dissertation research for publication or in embarking on new research projects; and 3. Collaborative Reading-Workshop Grants, providing opportunities for scholars of different disciplines to share in-depth investigation of texts that are essential points of entry to Chinese periods, traditions, communities, or events in contemporary or historical times. Deadline for applications for the first competition is **November 15, 2012**. For more information on the Luce/ACLS Program on China Studies, and information on how to apply, please see <http://www.acls.org/programs/china-studies/>.

## Position Openings

**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 women's/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.

**The Faculty of Liberal Arts, Sophia University,** invites applications for an open-rank position in socio-cultural anthropology. (Assistant Professor is a five year tenure-track appointment, while appointments of Associate Professor and Professor are tenured). It is desirable that the applicants have research interests and teaching ability in one or more of the following areas: popular culture; ethnography of media; science and technology; or public anthropology. Candidates should have an ethnographic focus in Asia. A comparative or transnational perspective that includes or could be expanded to include Japan is a plus. The successful applicant will have research accomplishments, a Ph.D in hand at the time of appointment, with teaching experience preferred. The language of instruction is English, but competence in Japanese language is desirable. The normal undergraduate teaching load is two courses per semester. Depending on rank, the successful applicant will also teach in the MA and Ph.D. Programs in Global Studies or Japanese Studies. The appointment will be effective from April 1, 2013, or September 21, 2013. Applications should include a cover letter (outlining academic background, fieldwork and research interests, teaching abilities and an explanation of your

interest in being at Sophia University); a detailed curriculum vitae; three publications (articles, books, dissertation chapters); the names and addresses of three referees; course descriptions or syllabi the applicant would be prepared to teach. Applications should be postmarked no later than **October 15, 2012** and addressed to: Professor Yoshitaka Okada, Dean, Faculty of Liberal Arts, Sophia University, 7-1 Kioi-cho, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 102-8554, JAPAN. Contact: Professor David Wank, [d-wank@sophia.ac.jp](mailto:d-wank@sophia.ac.jp) Visit: <http://www.fla.sophia.ac.jp/>

**Assistant Professor of History, tenure-track, Asia Since 1800.** The successful candidate must teach both halves of U.S. History survey, along with advanced Asian History courses in subfields that may include, but are not necessarily limited to: comparative, diplomatic, economic, political, and social history. A tenure-track assistant professor of History is expected to teach four courses a semester, typically three sections of U.S. survey and one advanced course. Tenure-track faculty serve on committees, participate in the operations of the History Department in a collegial manner, hold office hours, advise students, share their expertise with community and national professional organizations, and have an active research and publication agenda. (Research fields may be in U.S. or Modern Asia, or from a comparative perspective.) Quality teaching with clear, high standards is of first importance. Tenure-track faculty are expected to communicate well and collegially with campus and community constituencies, and to be engaged professionally with their disciplines. Ph.D. in hand at the time of appointment, one year of teaching experience, either as a graduate teaching fellow or in a college as an adjunct, instructor, or assistant professor. Evidence of professional engagement with the History discipline, which may be indicated by papers given at professional conferences, book reviews and essays published in peer-reviewed forums, and books published by recognized peer-reviewed presses. Required Applicant Documents: Cover letter, Curriculum Vitae, Teaching Philosophy, and three professional letters of reference. Closing Date: **November 15, 2012**. Applications should be submitted online through ASU Human Resources: <http://www.angelo.edu/publications/employment/>.

**The Department of National Security Affairs at the Naval Postgraduate School** seeks applications for a tenure-track appointment at any rank (assistant, associate, or full professor) in the history or politics of Asia. We are particularly interested in scholars working on Southeast Asia, Korea, or Japan. The successful candidate must also be prepared to teach a general graduate-level course on either comparative politics or modern history. The Naval Postgraduate School is a fully-accredited graduate school whose students are drawn from the armed forces and civilian agencies of the United States and many other countries. National Security Affairs is a multi-disciplinary department with curricula based on comparative politics, international relations, history, and economics. Contact: Interested parties should send a letter of application, C.V., and writing samples. Applicants for appointment as assistant professor should also have at least three letters of recommendation sent. Applicants for appointment as associate or full professor should submit a list of at least three references with e-mail addresses. Address applications and supporting materials electronically to Professor Harold Trinkunas, Chair, Asia Search, Department of National Security Affairs, [hatrinku@nps.edu](mailto:hatrinku@nps.edu). The search committee will begin reviewing applications on **October 1, 2012**.

**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](mailto: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:

Biobeers will resume in October. If you would like to present your work at the October Biobeers, please email us at [baatar\\_946@yahoo.com](mailto:baatar_946@yahoo.com). Presentations should be approximately 20 minutes and will be followed with questions from the audience.

First Thursday of the month, 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 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

**Mineral Investment and Decision Making: Basic Decision-Making Theory: A Case Study on The Oyu Tolgoi Mine Project in Mongolia. (LAP Lambert).** Naranzul Bayasgalan. 2012. This book briefly discusses decision-making basic theory, in particular the deliberation method, and applies it to decision-making in the mining sector when making investment agreements between government and the private sector. However, decisions could be examined and applied in every industry sector. For instance, the mining sector includes many different decision making methods such as cost benefit analysis and socio-economic, environmental and health impact assessments. Every analysis and impact assessment requires different stakeholder participants and analysts from different sciences. This can sometimes make decisions more complicated. This book analyzes the planned Oyu Tolgoi (OT) copper and gold project in Mongolia using the Multi Account Evaluation method, which includes financial, economical, social and environmental analysis. It also briefly discusses social and environmental impacts from the Mongolian government point of view and whether this project will have a positive or negative influence on Mongolian economic and social development.

**Anti-Chinese Attitudes in Post-Communist Mongolia: The Lingering Negative Schemas of the Past. (LAP Lambert).** Mendee Jargalsaikhan. 2012. Why do anti-Chinese attitudes in Mongolia still persist after both nations have enjoyed friendly, neighborly relations for more than two decades? Anti-Chinese attitudes in Mongolia are persistent because of lingering impacts of artificially-consolidated negative schemas about China, Chinese people, and their culture from the 1960s-1980s. Mongolian political elites at that time institutionalized anti-Chinese attitudes, introducing only negative schemas, while blocking all other sources for positive or neutral schemas about China. Nevertheless, Mongolian political elites' attitudes toward China became noticeably positive since mid-2000 due to increased interactions, information, and the changing economic reality despite of the fact that unfavorable views of China and the anti-Chinese attitudes have still dominated the Mongolian media, blogosphere, and public discourses. The main reason for the gap between attitudes of the political elites and the public can be explained

by a reluctance of the political elites and intellectuals to de-construct the past schemas because of its diacritic purpose to differentiate Mongolian identity.

**Spatial Relationships among Soil Nutrients, Plant Biodiversity and Aboveground Biomass in the Inner Mongolia Grassland, China. (LAP Lambert).** Fei Yuan. 2012. The relationship between biodiversity and ecosystem functioning (BEF) is a central issue in ecology, and a number of recent field experimental studies have greatly improved our understanding of this relationship. Spatial heterogeneity is a ubiquitous characterization of ecosystem processes, and has played a significant role in shaping BEF relationships. The first step towards understanding the effects of spatial heterogeneity on the BEF relationships is to quantify spatial heterogeneity characteristics of key variables of biodiversity and ecosystem functioning, and identify the spatial relationships among these variables. The goal of our research was to address the following research questions based on data collected in 2005 (corresponding to the year when the initial site background information was conducted) and in 2008 (corresponding to the year when removal treatments were conducted) from the Inner Mongolia Grassland Removal Experiment (IMGRE) located in northern China: 1) What are the spatial patterns of soil nutrients, plant biodiversity, and aboveground biomass in a natural grassland community of Inner Mongolia, China? How are they related spatially? and 2) How do removal treatments affect the spatial patterns of soil nutrients, plant biodiversity, and aboveground biomass? Is there any change for their spatial correlations after removal treatments? Our results showed that variables of biodiversity and ecosystem functioning in the natural grassland community would present different spatial patterns, and they would be spatially correlated to each other closely. Removal treatments had a significant effect on spatial structures and spatial correlations of variables, compared to those prior to the removal treatments. The differences in spatial pattern of plant and soil variables and their correlations before and after the biodiversity manipulation may not imply that the results from BEF experiments like IMGRE are invalid. However, they do suggest that the possible effects of spatial heterogeneity on the BEF relationships should be critically evaluated in future studies.

**The Quality of Life in Asia: A Comparison of Quality of Life in Asia. (Springer).** Takashi Inoguchi and Seiji Fujii. 2012. This book studies and compares quality of life in 29 countries/societies in Asia: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Brunei, Cambodia, China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Korea(South), Laos, Malaysia, Maldives, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, the Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Tajikistan, Thailand, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, and Vietnam. We utilize the AsiaBarometer Surveys conducted annually from 2003 through 2008. We focus on the notion of subjective quality of life and conceptualize it as two levels, global and domain. After we explain about the AsiaBarometer Survey Project, we explore current country profile, demographics, lifestyles, value priorities, specific life domain assessment and overall quality of life. We then estimate the independent effects of demographics, lifestyles, value priorities, life domain assessment on the overall quality of life within each society. As well as comparing the results between nations, we look for key generalized characteristics of life quality for the entire and sub-regions of Asia.

**China's Neighbors: Who is Influencing China and Who China is Influencing in the New Emerging Asia. 3rd Edition. (Springer).** 2012. Dezan Shira & Associates (Editor). 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. (Kindle Edition)].** 2012. Charles Rice. 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 19<sup>th</sup> to early 20<sup>th</sup> 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 Researches 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.