This Month in Mongolian Studies – January 2010

This is a monthly listing of selected activities and resources related to Mongolian Studies in Ulaanbaatar and around the world. 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, or have received this message in error, please contact the ACMS at info@mongoliacenter.org

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New Acquisitions at the ACMS Library

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


Dundad Ueiin Mongolyn Tuukh (History of Mongolia Around the Middle Ages: From the 14th to the Beginning of the 18th Centuries), 2008, Dindub, Gerelbadrakh, Z., & Ulziibaatar, D., eds., Ulaanbaatar: Undesnii Arkhivyn Gazar.


Sendenjavyn Dulam (Biography of Dulam Sendenjav), 2004, Biligsaikhan, C., & Lochin, S., Ulaanbaatar: “Bembi San” Khevleliin gazar


Call for Papers, Manuscripts

The 2010 Annual Meeting of the Mongolia Society
March 27, 2010 at the Philadelphia Marriott Downtown

The Mongolia Society has issued a call for participants in either of two panels; one on the Kalmyks and the other on Mongolian culture, society and linguistics. In order to be considered, you must be a member of The Mongolia Society and submit an abstract for review no later than January 15, 2010. The abstract must contain the title of the paper and be no more than 300 words. If your abstract is accepted, you will have 20 minutes to present your paper, which will include five minutes of discussion. The exact time of the meeting and panel will be announced as plans are formalized. Submit your abstract to Susie Drost at monsoc@indiana.edu or www.mongoliasociety.org

Second International Conference on Mongolian Buddhism - Preliminary announcement:

August 27-29, 2010 in Ulaanbaatar

The co-Chairs of the Second International Conference on Mongolian Buddhism are soliciting proposals for this conference to be held August 27-29, 2010 in Ulaanbaatar. The conference, which is being organized through the American Center for Mongolian Studies and hosted by the National University of Mongolia, has three principal topics: 1) The History of Buddhism among Mongolian People, 2) Mongolian Buddhist Art, Music, and Culture, and 3) Contemporary Issues in Mongolian Buddhism. Academic papers or less formal presentations (such as oral histories or presentations that depend mostly on visual imagery or music) may be proposed in any one of these three areas. The First International Conference on Mongolian Buddhism was held at Smith College in Northampton, MA, USA in March, 2009 (see: www.smith.edu/buddhism/mongolia/index.php).

Deadline: April 16, 2010. Contact: Conference Chairs Dr. Rick Taupier at taupier@research.umass.edu and Lhagvademchig Jambada at lhagvademchigi@gmail.com or the ACMS at baigalmaa@mongoliacenter.org

The International Association of Buddhist Studies - XVIth Congress

June 20-25, 2011 at Dharma Drum Buddhist College, Jinshan, Taiwan

The International Association of Buddhist Studies is soliciting panel proposals from all areas of Buddhist Studies. Deadline for submission: January 31, 2010. Contact: Dr. William Magee, iabs2011@ddbc.edu.tw or http://iabs2011.ddbc.edu.tw/

The Fourth International Conference on "Buddhism and Nordland 2010 - Historical Connections of Buddhism in the Nordic countries"

September 23-25, 2010, Tallinn University, Estonia

One specific topic in the call for papers is Buddhism in the broader sense of the various schools (Buddhism in Tibet, Mongolia, and China, for example). The conference will be held in English. Deadline: February 1, 2010. Contact: Marju Broder, marju.broder@gmail.com or www.budcon.com

Asia in Dialogue: Visions and Actions for a Humane Society

September 13 - November 12, 2010

The International House of Japan and the Japan Foundation are jointly announcing a call for applications for its Asia Leadership Fellow Program (ALFP). The theme for 2010 is "Asia in Dialogue: Visions and Actions for a Humane Society." The ALFP seeks to create a close, personal and professional network of public intellectuals in Asia, deeply rooted in and committed to civil society beyond their own cultural, disciplinary and geopolitical backgrounds. Eligible applicants must be citizens of Northeast, Southeast or South-Asian countries, aged 35 to 59; although a postgraduate degree is not a prerequisite, applicants must have a good command of English and have demonstrated outstanding leadership ability or potential in their own professions. Applicants may come from academia, journalism, business, national and local politics, education, the arts and the not – for – 
profit sectors. Applicants are expected to have access to a wide audience in his/her country or region through publications, teaching, media, performance, etc. to disseminate findings.

Deadline: January 11, 2010. Contact: The ALFP Secretariat at alfip@i-house.or.jp or www.i-house.or.jp/en/ProgramActivities/alfp/index.htm

Asia Monograph Series

The editors of the Asia Monograph Series are soliciting monographs on Asia-related research in the Social Sciences from specialists on any facet of Asia in the fields of sociology, anthropology, political science, economy, geography, and history.

Contact: Kelvin E.Y. Low, Social Sciences in Asia Monograph Series, Brill at low.kelvin@gmail.com

Conference on “Asia’s Global Influence: How is it Exercised and What Does it Mean?”

June 17-18, 2010 in Washington, D.C.
The National Bureau of Asian Research and the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars are launching a major national research and policy initiative “National Asia Research Program” to re-activate the policy-relevant study of Asia. Nominations from the heads of all institutions of higher learning and research organizations in the United States are being asked to select a group of National Asia Research Associates and Fellows. All nominees must have made exceptional contributions to America’s understanding of the vast changes underway in the region and must be experts in one or more of the following research issues: geopolitics and grand strategy; global trade, investment, and finance; international security and military modernization; energy, raw materials, health, food, water, and environmental protection; and domestic transitions and transformations.

Deadline for nominations: January 31, 2010

Contact Ms. Stephanie Renzi at srenzi@nbr.org or nbr@nbr.org

Conferences

International Conference on Prevention and Control of Non-Communicable Diseases and Injuries (NCDI)

April 15–16, 2010, Chingis Khaan Hotel, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.

Sponsored by the Ministry of Health, Millennium Challenge Account-Mongolia, EPOS Health Management; WHO, Mongolia. This conference represents the first step in an international initiative in Mongolia to participate in the WHO Global Strategy for the Prevention and Control of Non-Communicable Diseases, endorsed by its 61st World Assembly in 2008. The main objectives of the conference are: to educate key decision-makers in the government regarding the importance of addressing the challenge of NCDI for the social and economic development of the country; to define risk factors; to lay out the experiences already available and to demonstrate the feasibility of effective interventions; to facilitate exchange of experience and challenges faced among various countries; to stimulate inter-sectoral dialogue and cooperation across health and social boundaries; to promote international partnership in support of country efforts. Contact: info@mca.mn - MCA-Mongolia Health project PIU http://www.mca.mn/?q=mn/node/334

1st International Conference “Survey of Mongolian Aquatic Ecosystems in a Changing Climate: Results New Approaches and Future Outlook”

April 7-10, 2010, Puma Imperial Hotel, Ulaanbaatar.

Organized by the Water Research Center, National University of Mongoliaand co-sponsored by: the World Wildlife Federation; Strengthening IWRM inMongolia - a Dutch government funded project; and IWRM in Central Asia- Model Region Mongolia“ - a German government-funded project. The conference will focus on the findings and results from fresh water ecosystem surveys in different regions of Mongolia, presenting new approaches or innovative methods of scientific research, discussing major gaps and uncertainties of ongoing research programs and methods, and proposing priorities for future aquatic ecosystem research in Mongolia. Specific conference sessions will include: aquatic biodiversity, distribution and taxonomy; water quality
assessment and monitoring; water resources and management; and educational approaches to the water research sector.
Contact:  wrc@num.edu.mn or http://www.num.edu.mn/wrc

The 6th International Conference on "Asian Raptors"

Contact: Dr S.Gombobaatar, gombobaatar@biology.num.edu.mn or www.mos.mn/arrcn and http://www5b.biglobe.ne.jp/~raptor/.

Grants, Scholarships, Fellowships

Masters Scholarship Programs

The Educational Advising and Resource Center in Ulaanbaatar is announcing several scholarship opportunities for the 2010 academic year, funded by the OSI/FCO Chevening Scholarship Program (in conjunction with the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office and the University of Oxford), as well as Central European University. All OSI/FCO Chevening scholarships cover university and college fees, travel to and from UK, and basic living expense.

* University of Oxford, UK: Apply to any one-year Masters degree program in the Humanities, Social Sciences, or Environmental Sciences. Deadline: January 12, 2010. For the full list of the available courses and the related information see: www.earc.mn.org Contact: www.earc.mn.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=184&Itemid=1


* Central European University, Budapest, Hungary. One-year and two-year MA programs in the social sciences, with full and partial scholarships. Deadline: January 25, 2010. Contact: www.ceu.hu

Research and Doctoral Scholarship Programs

* University of Oxford: 9 month research scholarships are available for postgraduate research leading to a doctoral degree in the candidate's home institution. Awards are for study in the Humanities, Social Sciences, or Environmental Sciences. Deadline: January 12, 2010. Contact: www.earc.mn.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=184&Itemid=1

* Central European University: Full scholarships available for a PhD program in the Social Sciences. Deadline: January 25, 2010
Reminder: short-term workshop and training for Faculty of social sciences are available at Central European University (see Nov or Dec issue of ThisMonth in Mongolian Studies) Contact: www.ceu.hu

Fellowships for Art or Indian Trade Textiles
The Asian Civilizations Museum in Singapore invites scholars specializing in Buddhist art or Indian Trade Textiles to apply for a 12-month research fellowship from June 2010 to May 2011. The Museum presents a broad yet integrated perspective of pan-Asian cultures and civilizations and promotes research on Asian art and culture.
Deadline: 15 February 2010.
Contact: nhb_acm_rpu@nhb.gov.sg or www.acm.org.sg/research/research_fellowship.asp

Association for Asian Studies (AAS) China and Inner Asia Council - Small Grants

Small grants are available to scholars with special interests in China or Inner Asia. Applications are specifically encouraged in the following areas:
1. Curriculum development at the college or secondary level.
2. Conferences and seminars: organization of small conferences and seminars away outside of major centers of Chinese studies.
3. Short research trips for scholars at non-research institutions to travel to major libraries and collections in North America and Taiwan.
4. Specialist or regional newsletters or websites disseminating important information to their respective fields
5. Translations of scholarly books and articles.
6. Collaborative projects in which the grant will facilitate communication and limited travel by scholars working on a common project in Taiwan and North America.
Applicants must be current AAS members, but there are no citizenship requirements.
Deadline: February 1, 2010. Contact: Matthew Sommer
atmsommer@stanford.edu or http://www.aasianst.org/grants/main.htm#CIAC

Recent Publications and Resources

Islamic Central Asia - An Anthology of Historical Sources, 2009, Scott C. Levi and Ron Sela, eds., Indiana University Press, ISBN-13: 978-0-253-22140-7. The first English-language anthology of primary documents for the study of Central Asian history. This anthology draws from a vast array of historical sources to illustrate important aspects of the social, cultural, political, and economic history of Islamic Central Asia. The anthology covers the period from 7th-century Arab conquests to the 19th-century Russian colonial era and most entries are newly translated. Parts 2 (Encounter with the Turks), 3 (The Mongol Empire), and 5 (Central Asia in the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Centuries) for example, are highly pertinent to Mongolians studies. For the Table of Contents and information: www.iupress.indiana.edu/catalog/product_info.php?isbn=978-0-253-22140-7


Études Mongoles & Sibériennes, Centralasiatiques & Tibétaines is an on-line journal published by the Center of Siberian and Mongolian Studies of the Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etude. From 2009 (No. 40) the journal will be published only online.
Contact: Katia Buffetrille, Director, katia.buffetrille@ephe.sorbonne.fr ttp://emscat.revues.org/index.html

The Center for Mongolian and Siberian Studies also publishes a database, named Juniper, which is a collection of written materials, audiovisual and graphic materials about Northeast Asia: http://translate.google.com/translate?js=y&prev=_t&hl=en&ie=UTF-8&layout=1&eotf=1&u=http%3A%2F%2Femscat.revues.org%2Findex.html&sl=fr&tl=en

Archaeology and Landscape in the Mongolian Altai: An Atlas, 2010, E. Jacobson-Tepfer, ed., J. Meacham, G. Tepfer (photography), ESRI Press, Redlands, CA, ISBN-10: 1589482328. Examines the distribution of ancient surface archaeology within the mountainous landscape of northwestern Mongolia. This is an atlas of the stone altars, burial mounds, standing stones and stone images erected by hunters and pastoral nomads in the valleys through which they moved as well as of rock art images in the high valleys that effectively recount their lives.
Contact: Esther Jacobson-Tepfer at ejacobs@uoregon.edu or http://mongolianaltai.uoregon.edu/
Buddhist Warfare, 2010, Michael Jerryson and Mark Juergensmeyer, eds., New York: Oxford University Press, ISBN: 978-0-19-539483-2. Although Buddhism is traditionally regarded as a peaceful religion, on multiple occasions over the past fifteen centuries Buddhist leaders have sanctioned violence, and even war. The essays in this book focus on a variety of Buddhist traditions, from antiquity to the present, and show how Buddhist organizations have used religious images and rhetoric to support military conquest throughout history. Contact: Michael Jerryson at jerrysm@eckerd.edu or www.amazon.com/Buddhist-Warfare-Michael-Jerryson/dp/0195394844/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1259727039&sr=8-1

Manj Chin Ulsyn Mongolchuudyg Zakhirsan Bodlogo /Oiraduudyn Jisheen Deer. (The Policy of the Manchu Qing - Ruled Mongolia /Examples of Oirads) 2009, Oyunjargal Ochir, ed., Ulaanbaatar. This book is the author's Ph.D work at Tokyo University, completed in 2006, which explored official documents and laws of the Mongols and the Manchu State using the National Archives in Mongolia and the First Archive in China. Contact: Oyunjargal at oyunjargaljp@yahoo.co.jp

Events

Calligraphy Exhibition: “Cultural Days of G. Mend-Ooyo” featuring his poetry, new books and calligraphy.

Highlighting the exhibition is a calligraphy piece called the ‘Crystal Temple of Soul’ that represents the development of script culture of the XXI century.
Contact: 321843 or 99296481

Exhibition: “Smoke in the Brain,” organized by the “5+” Studio team and young, local artists.

This exhibition aims to address one of burning issues in Ulaanbaatar city, air pollution, through new and contemporary works of art ranging from painting to video art and photography. Through these media, the artists intend to express their concerns about not only the air pollution but also contemporary social disorder, chaos and unorganized city planning. Contact: 88812615 or 88890124

International Education & Tourism Exhibition-Mongolia

March 27 - 28, 2010 at Chinggis Khaan Hotel, Ulaanbaatar.
The purpose of the event is to bring international education and tourism community under a roof, provide a perfect platform to meet with Exhibitors and participants for International Education & Tourism in Mongolia. The exhibition will definitely be worthy participating educational Institutes, govt. and private travel & tourism organizations.
Contact for exhibition application form: oyunlaguils@gmail.comhttp://www.oyunlaguils.mn/event.html

Calligraphy Exhibition

March 2010, London, UK
A “Mongolia’s Calligraphy” exhibition will be mounted in London, the UK, in March 2010 for two weeks. The Asia House and a London-based Mongolian company "Art Cafe at Lingua Global" are organizing this exhibition that will display works of Mongolian calligraphists. During the event, lectures about this script and calligraphy - Mongolia’s national cultural heritage--will be given to advertise Mongolia to the international community.