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## This Month in Mongolian Studies - November 2006

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This is a monthly compendium of important and interesting events taking place at the ACMS in Ulaanbaatar in Mongolian Studies and among the Mongol peoples of the world. This list is based on information our center has received and is presented as a service to ACMS members. If you would like to become a member, have information you would like to submit to future newsletters or have received this message in error, please contact the ACMS at [info at mongoliacenter.org](mailto:info@mongoliacenter.org).

*For more information on each entry, please see the "Announcements" section of the ACMS webpage.*

### ACMS Speaker Series

*"Perspectives on Integrated Water Resources Management"*

**5 pm, November 9th, 2006, National University of Mongolia, Building 1 Lecture Hall**

Roberta Hawkins, Paul Marmer, and Korice Moir, graduate students from York University, Toronto, Canada will give a presentation on Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM). IWRM is a collaborative process promoting sustainable water resource use that balances social, environmental and economic objectives. It encourages a participatory approach toward the integration of science, policy and stakeholder involvement. The presentation will focus on ecological conservation, demand management and gender issues related to water management. This lecture is open to the public.

*"Dynamics of the external security environment of Mongolia and the challenges of transformation for the Mongolian military"*

**5 pm, November 16th, 2006, National University of Mongolia, Building 1 Lecture Hall**

Major D. Munkh-Ochir will present a lecture on the evolution of Mongolian diplomatic and military affairs in the 21st century. This lecture will touch on aspects of Mongolian involvement in United Nations mandated peacekeeping operations, which have increased in recent years, providing the country with opportunities to gain recognition as a significant participant in global affairs. Major D. Munkh-Ochir is an officer in the Mongolian Armed Forces and Senior Analyst at the Institute for Strategic Studies. He is a member of the advisor board to the President on foreign affairs, as well as a lecturer and PhD candidate at the National University of Mongolia. This lecture is open to the public.

### ACMS Online Bookstore

Coming In November 2006

The ACMS will soon offer books on Mongolia and Inner Asia for sale through its website ([mongoliacenter.org/bookstore.htm](http://mongoliacenter.org/bookstore.htm)). As part of an agreement with Amazon.com, a portion of the proceeds from books purchased through the online bookstore will go towards supporting the ACMS. This program will provide you the secure, reliable service you expect from Amazon.com, as well as an extensive list of materials about Mongolia and Inner Asia in one convenient location. Initially the online bookstore will have approximately 200 titles and will continue to grow on a monthly basis. Be sure to visit [mongoliacenter.org/bookstore.htm](http://mongoliacenter.org/bookstore.htm) first whenever you need books, films, music or maps related to Mongolia and Inner Asia.

### ACMS Field Research Fellowship Final Reports

Available After November 7th, 2006

The American Center for Mongolian Studies (ACMS), in conjunction with the Council of American Overseas Research Centers (CAORC) and the US Department of State Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA), has completed its first annual US-Mongolia Summer Field Research Program to support academic research projects in Mongolia by US and Mongolian students. To read the final reports written by the fellowship recipients go to <http://mongoliacenter.org/fellowship/recipients2006.htm> after November 7th, 2006.

### Ulaanbaatar Public Lecture

*"The Frontier of Free Verse in American Poetry"*

**4pm, November 9th, 2006, American Cultural Information Center.**

Fulbright Scholar Lisa Fink will present a lecture on Walt Whitman and Emily Dickinson as major contributors to the evolution of modern American poetry, including a discussion of several subsequent

schools of American poetry and their politics and aesthetics. Ms. Fink is currently doing research on contemporary Mongolian poetry. The American Cultural Information Center is located at the Natsagdorj City Public Library, which is northeast of the Mongolian National Circus building. This lecture is open to the public.

### **Call for Abstracts**

#### **10th Annual Harvard East Asia Society Graduate Student Conference**

March 9-11, 2007, Boston, MA

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 15, 2006

The Harvard East Asia Society Conference invites all graduate students to present papers at the 10th Annual Harvard East Asia Society Graduate Student Conference to present their research in front of graduate students, and receive feedback from Harvard professors at the largest East Asian Studies conference in North America for graduate students. Your paper must be related to the East Asia region (including Inner Asia). Abstract limit: 500 words. Submit your abstract at <http://hcs.harvard.edu/~heas/conference/index.htm>. For more information, please email [heasconference@gmail.com](mailto:heasconference@gmail.com).

### **Film Premiere**

*"Gobi Women's Song"*

**4 pm, November 4th, 2006 Rubin Museum, 150 West 17th St, New York, NY**

Set against the background of barren expanses, Gobi Women's Song immerses the viewer in a different world. Five 21st century nomadic women share the rhythm of their harsh daily lives. These are women who live the same lifestyle their ancestors did 3000 years ago--women who still hum the song of the soul passed down from their grandmothers. Tickets \$15. For more information, visit <http://www.rmanyc.org>.

### **Fellowships**

*"The Next Generation: Leadership in Asian Affairs"*

**June 2007-2008, National Bureau of Asian Research, Seattle, WA**

APPLICATION DEADLINE: JANUARY 15, 2007

The National Bureau of Asian Research's "The Next Generation: Leadership in Asian Affairs" fellowship for 2007-2008 is intended for recent master's degree recipients interested in bridging the gap between scholarship and policymaking. The fellowship will be based at NBR's headquarters in Seattle. Fellows will collaborate with leading scholars to publish research and share their findings with the policymaking community in Washington, D.C. For further information and application materials please visit <http://www.nbr.org/NextGeneration>.

*"Workshop on Institutional Analysis"*

**June 16-21, 2007, Ronald Coase Institute, Reykjavik, Iceland**

APPLICATION DEADLINE: DECEMBER 1, 2006

The Ronald Coase Institute will competitively award a limited number of fellowships to scholars from developing and transitional countries, for tuition and meals, hotel accommodations, and fees for attendance at its "Workshop for Institutional Analysis" and the International Society for New Institutional Economics (ISNEI) 2007 conference in Reykjavik, Iceland. Participants will be selected on the basis of their current research abstracts. Admission is strictly limited. The pace is intense. Participants must attend all sessions and give as well as receive feedback. For more information visit <http://www.coase.org/whatsnew.htm>.

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