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# This Month in Mongolian Studies - November 2007

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This is a monthly compendium of important and interesting events taking place in Mongolian Studies in Ulaanbaatar and around the world. This list is based on information the center has received and is presented as a service to ACMS members. If you would like to renew your membership, have information you would like to submit to future e-mails or have received this message in error, please contact the ACMS at info@mongoliacenter.org

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## **ACMS Speaker Series**

"The demographic window, development, and population policy implications in Mongolia" Speaker: Thomas Spoorenberg, PhD Candidate, University of Geneva, Switzerland

November 8, 2007, 5:00 PM Room 305, Building No.5 NUM

Among Asian countries, the population of Mongolia presents a unique feature. Until 2050, due to rapid fertility decline, Mongolia will count the highest proportion of adults in Asia. This phase, called the demographic window, is highly favorable to economic development, investment in the social system, and human development. However, the length and size of the demographic window depends largely on population policies. Through four population projection scenarios, the presentation will focus on their implications for Mongolia.

"An Intellectual Commons in Mongolia: Strategies for Coordinating Library and Archive Information Resources Using a Virtual Library Consortium"

Speaker: Brian White, ACMS Resident Director

November 22, 2007 5:00 PM Room 305, Building No.5 NUM

The Internet offers compelling solutions to many problems in transitioning societies such as Mongolia. One particular idea is the development of an intellectual commons in which knowledge is universally accessible and freely shared, providing greater equity in the social, economic, and political arenas. If Mongolia were to have an intellectual commons, what would it look like and how would it be achieved? What has been done in Mongolia already, and what remains to be done to achieve such a vision? Coming off a one month sabbatical at Duke University as a Joel L. Fleishman Fellow in Civil Society in which he grappled with these very questions, ACMS Resident Director Brian White will explore the inter-relation of technology and society in forming a virtual library consortium as the catalyst for developing an intellectual commons in Mongolia.

# ACMS Conference Pre-announcement

"Owen Lattimore: His Life, Work, and Contribution to the International Understanding of Mongolia." Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, August 2008

#### FULL ANNOUNCEMENT COMING IN LATE NOVEMBER

The American Center for Mongolian Studies (ACMS) is pleased to pre-announce it will be organizing a multi-day international conference in August 2008 with the theme "Owen Lattimore: His Life, Work, and Contribution to the International Understanding of Mongolia." The conference will be held in Ulaanbaatar, and it will provide a rare opportunity for those who met or worked with Lattimore to reflect, reminisce, and interact with a new generation of scholars working in Mongolia. Lattimore's influence went well beyond Mongolian Studies, and he has been an inspiration to many academics and lovers of travel writing. Please keep an eye out for the full announcement for this conference, including a call for papers and participants in late November. Please contact info@mongoliacenter.org with questions or comments.

#### ACMS Language Program Pre-announcement

### "Summer Intensive Mongolian Language Course"

Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, Summer 2008

#### FULL ANNOUNCEMENT COMING IN LATE NOVEMBER

The American Center for Mongolian Studies is pleased to pre-announce it will offer an intensive Mongolian language course in the summer of 2008. The program will include approximately 8 weeks of full time language training specifically designed for undergraduate and graduate students planning to do research in Mongolia. The full announcement for the program will be available in late November, and there are plans to offer 2-3 fellowships to defray the costs of travel. Please keep an eye out for the full announcement coming soon. Please contact info@mongoliacenter.org with questions or comments.

#### Grants, Fellowships & Scholarships

## Institute for Advanced Study, School of Historical Studies

Academic Year 2008-2009.

#### DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 15, 2007

The Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton University invites applications from scholars in Central Asian Studies and other fields of historical research to conduct intellectual inquiry, without the obligations and distractions associated with the teaching of undergraduates. Scholars from around the world come to the Institute to pursue their own research. Candidates of any nationality may apply for a single term or a full academic year. Residence in Princeton during term time is required. A Ph.D. (or equivalent) and substantial publications are also required. Information and application forms may be found on the School's website, www.hs.ias.edu, or contact the School of Historical Studies, Institute for Advanced Study, Einstein Dr., Princeton, N.J. 08540 (E-mail address: mzelazny@ias.edu).

#### Conferences

#### "Interchanges and Influences in Chinese Buddhist Sculpture"

Sotheby's Institute of Art, London

#### DATES: 2-3 November 2007, 9am-6pm

This international academic conference will reassess Chinese Buddhist Sculpture exploring issues of patronage, scientific dating, conservation methods, multi-cultural influences, iconography and the history of collecting. The conference is organised by Dr Anne Farrer, Programme Director of the MA in East Asian Art, Sotheby's Institute of Art, and Dr Lilla Russell-Smith, Chair, Circle of Inner Asian Art and is supported by the British Academy and the Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation for International Scholarly Exchange. For more information and a full list of speakers please visit http://www.sothebysinstitute.com/day-eve-6.html.

#### Call for Papers

# "Regimes and Revolutions: Power, Violence, and Labor in Eurasia Between the Ancient and the Modern"

University of Chicago, May 1-3, 2008

#### SUBMISSION DEADLINE: DECEMBER 15, 2007

The University of Chicago Conferences on Eurasian Archaeology bring together graduate students and senior researchers from institutions across North America, Europe, and Asia. The conferences provide a forum for sharing new data, testing original ideas, and developing cross-cultural conversations that will forward the next decade of research in Eurasia. Individuals interested in presenting should send an abstract of no more than 200 words along with a completed submission form to Charles Hartley <chartley@uchicago.edu> by the submission deadline. Additional information is available at the conference website: http://acc.spc.uchicago.edu/eurasianconference/

# "Thirteenth Annual Conference of the Central & Inner Asia Seminar"

University of Toronto, May 16-17, 2007

#### SUBMISSION DEADLINE: DECEMBER 21, 2007

The Thirteenth Annual Conference of the Central & Inner Asia Seminar CIAS 2008) will be held at the University of Toronto, Ontario, Canada, in the Croft Chapter House on Friday and Saturday May 16-17, 2008. The theme of this year's gathering is "The Material Culture, Language and Religion of Central and Inner Asia". Scholars from any relevant discipline are invited to submit proposals for papers. The time allowance for any presentation is 20 minutes. Please include the title, a one-page summary and a short copy of your curriculum vitae and send them, by email, to Gillian Long at gillian.long@utoronto.ca or to Professor Michael Gervers at gervers@chass.utoronto. For further information see www.utoronto.ca/cias.

# "Generation Removed? Assessing Nostalgia, Memory, and Legacy in Russia, Eastern Europe, and Central Asia"

Fifth Annual Graduate Student Conference, University of Pittsburgh, REES, and GOSECA

### DEADLINE: December 1, 2007

REES and GOSECA invite papers that assess the current and past roles of nostalgia, memory and legacy in the Russia, Eastern Europe, and Central Asia for its 5th Annual Graduate Student Conference to be held February 22-24, 2008. The conference is deliberately interdisciplinary and aims to deepen our understanding of the region as a whole using a broad range of approaches to examine an intricately woven matrix of issues. Participation is open to graduate students in the social sciences, the humanities, and the professional schools. Abstracts should be no more than 250 words long. For more information, please contact gosecaconference@yahoo.com.

# **New Publications**

"Journal of Inner Asian Art and Archaeology, Vol. 2 (2007)"

November 2007

The second volume of the Journal of Inner Asian Art and Archaeology is scheduled for November 2007. The Journal of Inner Asian Art and Archaeology is a new annual journal launched by the Circle of Inner Asian Art (CIAA) in November 2006, replacing their Newsletter (Issues. 1-20, 1995-2005). The Journal covers the vast regions flanking the ancient Silk Roads from the Iranian world to western China, and from the Russian steppes to north-western India. For more information about the CIAA please visit http://www.soas.ac.uk/ciaa/.

