

This Month in Mongolian Studies – February 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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ACMS Position Starting 2010 - Director of Institutional Relations

The American Center for Mongolian Studies (ACMS) is currently accepting applications for the position of Director of Institutional Relations for its Ulaanbaatar Office. The position is open to Mongolian citizens with a strong academic background and English language capabilities. This person will be responsible for representing the ACMS in negotiations with Mongolian government ministries and city agencies, university officials, business and legal entities, and NGOs to carry out the organization's strategic initiatives. The position reports to the ACMS Resident Director, and will join a strong team of employees in the ACMS Ulaanbaatar office.

Specific responsibilities include:

- * Maintaining and expanding relationships between the ACMS and Mongolian universities, government ministries, academic organizations and individual scholars
- * Facilitating the research activities of international scholars working in Mongolia by overseeing logistical support services; the acquisition of required permits, registrations and visas; and locating partner institutions and scholars in Mongolia
- * Oral and written translation from Mongolian into English and from English to Mongolian
- * Ensuring that the ACMS maintains good standing in its registration, personnel and taxation requirements as a foreign NGO operating in Mongolia
- * Assisting in the development of new programs and identification of funding sources to support the mission of the ACMS

For further details about the position and application instructions visit http://www.mongoliacenter.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=478&Itemid=1

ACMS UB Office Schedule

The ACMS will be closed for the Tsagaan Sar Holiday February 10-February 19. For assistance with urgent issues, please contact Robin Charpentier at (+976) [9973-9869](tel:+97699739869) or Baigalmaa at [\(+976\) 9917-0042](tel:+97699170042). You may also send an e-mail to info@mongoliacenter.org. Happy Tsagaan Sar!

ACMS Newsletter Fall 2009

ACMS Update, the Center's biannual newsletter, is now available online: www.mongoliacenter.org/docs/newsletters/nlfall2009.pdf.

ACMS Speaker Series and Conferences

FEBRUARY 25, 2010, 5PM ROOM 305, BUILDING NO. 5 NUM

"Mongolian Tea Culture"

Gaby Bamana, PhD Candidate, University of Wales, Lampeter

FEBRUARY 12, 2010, 4-6 PM , OPEN SOCIETY FORUM, CONFERENCE ROOM, ULAANBAATAR

Mini-Conference on "Think Like a Funder: Developing Successful Grant and Tender Proposals by Thinking Like the Agencies that Fund Them"

The ACMS is co-organizing this faculty development opportunity, designed for junior faculty members and others (NGOs) who are planning to submit a proposal to a funding agency for the first time, or who have been routinely unsuccessful in obtaining funding for previous proposal submissions. Representatives from two funding agencies in Ulaanbaatar will discuss how proposals are evaluated from the funder's perspective. This will be followed by a proposal-writing instructional presentation. Space for this mini-conference is limited to the first 50 qualified registrants. To register, send your name, email address, position title and a sentence about the proposal you are planning to develop to: Robin Charpentier, Resident Director, ACMS, rcharpentier@mongoliacenter.org by Monday, February 8, 2010. Applicants will be notified by email of their acceptance status. For further details

visit: http://www.mongoliacenter.org/docs/library/flyer_MEASFOTACMS.pdf

ACMS Library – Recent Acquisitions

Each month the ACMS library publishes a list of materials acquired and added to the collection. The complete list for January 2010 can be viewed on the ACMS library website at http://www.mongoliacenter.org/library/index.php?option=com_content&task=blogcategory&id=24&Itemid=54. Here are some highlights:

"Khalmyk bolon Mongolyn Oiraduudyn khel ayalguu, soyolyn tuukhen khelkhee kholboony asuudald" (On the Historical Links of Language and Culture Between Oirats and Khalmyks), 2009, Ulaanbaatar, MongolianStudies Center of the NUM and National University of Khalmyk. (inMongolian and Russian)

"Islamic Central Asia: An Anthology of Historical Sources," 2010, S. Levi and R. Sela, eds, Indiana University Press.

"Books of the Mongolian Nomads: More than Eight Centuries of WritingMongolian" G. Kara, 2005, Indiana University Uralic and Altaic Series, D. Sinor, ed., Vol. 171, Indiana University RIFIAS, Bloomington, IN

"Abstracts of Papers Presented by Soviet Scholars," International Symposium on Ethnic Problems of the Ancient History of Central Asia, Dushanbe, October 17-22, 1977, Institut Vostokovedenia AN CCCR, 1977, Moscow (in English)

"Mongolian Traditional Literature: An Anthology," C.R. Bawden, 2003, Kegan Paul Ltd., London

"An Historical Atlas of Central Asia," Yuri Bregel, 2003, Handbook of Oriental Studies, Vol. 9, Handbook of Oriental Studies, Brill: Leiden, Boston

"Some Notes on Eastern Turki (New Uighur) Munazara Literature," 1980-1981:2, and "Dervish and Qalandar: Texts from Kashgar," 1985-1986:2, Gunnar Jarring, *Scripta Minora*, Regiae Societatis Humaniorum Litterarum Lundensis, Studier utgivna av Kungl. Humanistiska Vetenskapssamfundet i Lund.

"ACTA Mongolica" Vol.9 (320), 2009, Centre for Mongol Studies, National University of Mongolia, Ulaanbaatar. This volume is dedicated to the 80th Birthday of Professor Igor de Rachewiltz.

"Bibliography of Islamic Central Asia," Yuri Bregel, ed., 1995, Indiana University Uralic and Altaic Series, D. Sinor, ed., Vol. 160, Parts I, II, III, Indiana University RIFIAS, Bloomington, IN

Funding Opportunities for Scholars

The 60th Summer Workshop for Slavic, East European and Central Asian Languages (SWSEEL) at Indiana University has fellowships to complete college-level language instruction, including Mongolian, during an eight-week summer session June 18-August 13, 2010. Application Deadline: March 22, 2010. Contact: Adam Julian, Indiana University, swseelatindiana.edu or visit <http://www.indiana.edu/~swseel/faq.shtml>

The Rachel Carson Center invites applications for its 2010-11 Postdoctoral and Senior Fellowships Program, sponsored by the Munich University and the Deutsches Museum, Munich Germany. The Program is designed to bring together a cohort of excellent scholars working in environmental history and related professional disciplines. Fellowships will be awarded to scholars from around the globe and from a variety of disciplines. Scholars' research should pertain to: Resource Use and Conservation; Transformation of Landscapes; Knowledge and Knowledge Societies; Natural Disasters and Cultures of Risk. The Carson Center will pay for a replacement of the successful candidate at his or her home institution; alternatively it will pay a fellowship that is commensurate with experience and current employment. Deadline for applications: March 15, 2010. Contact: CarsonCenter@lmu.de or visit <http://www.carsoncenter.uni-muenchen.de>

Oyu Tolgoi, LLC (OT) is accepting proposals from an expert group of cultural heritage and sustainable development professionals, working together, to produce a detailed risk analysis and program design for a long-term OT Cultural Heritage Program (CHP). For details see the Terms of Reference <http://file.sodonsolution.com/ot/OT%20Cultural%20Heritage%20TOR%20Complete%20Eng%20Mon%20Nov%202009.pdf> and for information updates visit <http://culture.ot.mn>

OT is also accepting proposals from an expert group of health, safety and security and sustainable development professionals, working together, to conduct background research and to propose designs for a long-term Community Health, Safety & Security Program. For details see the Terms of Reference <http://file.sodonsolution.com/ot/OT%20Community%20Health,%20Safety,%20Security%20TOR%20Complete%20Eng%20Mon%20Dec%202009.pdf> and for information updates visit <http://health.ot.mn>

The programs are to be designed primarily for the Khanbogd, Bayan-ovoo, and Manlai soums, Dalanzadgad aimag center, and the South Gobi aimag. These solicitations are for the design phase only; implementation of the designs will be part of a separate process. The deadline for both Requests for Proposals is February 26, 2010. Separate information sessions for each tender will be held at the Chinggis Khan Hotel in Ulaanbaatar at 2:30 PM: February 4, 2010 for the Community Health, Safety and Security Design Consultancy and February 5, 2010 for the Cultural Heritage Program Design Consultancy as described in the attached document: <http://docs.google.com/Doc?docid=0AedUBKHxjVtoZDV3czRyNI84N2Z2ZHJtcWNx&hl=en>

Contact: Morgan Keay morgank@ivancorp.net

The Open Society Forum (OSF) is now accepting applications for a 2010 cycle of its **Policy Fellowship Program** aimed at enriching the policy-making process in Mongolia with high quality policy research papers and informed participation of independent policy researchers. Individuals and research teams are invited to work on one of the following topics: improving accountability of public institutions with independent status;

improving the legal and institutional environment for election dispute resolution; improving the mechanism for human rights protection; and developing policy aimed at facilitating a prison-to-society transition.

The OSF is also soliciting applications for its **Senior Fellows Program**. Researchers with considerable experience in policy making and/or policy analysis who also have experience applying methods of policy research and analysis may apply to explore one of the following topic areas: reviewing Mongolia's secrecy laws and regulations vis-à-vis the Freedom of Information concept; improving financial market control and monitoring mechanisms; and improving governance and management of extra-budgetary funds.

Deadline: February 21, 2010. Contact: oyunsaruul@forum.mn or visit http://www.openforum.mn/en/index.php?sel=content&obj_id=3684 (in English) or http://www.openforum.mn/index.php?sel=content&obj_id=3684 (in Mongolian)

Call for Papers, Manuscripts

The 3rd Conference of Mongolian Studies.

May 8-9, 2010, Washington DC

The Mongolian Culture Center and the Mongolian Embassy in the US are announcing a call for papers for the 3rd Conference of Mongolian Studies. The conference will be held in the Mongolian language. Deadline: March 20, 2010.

Contact: info@mongolcc.org or http://www.mongolcc.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=100&Itemid=27&lang=en

Modern Art Asia, a new journal dedicated to the arts of Asia from the eighteenth century to the present, is soliciting previously unpublished papers from graduate students for the May issue. Articles and exhibition reviews are also welcome from journalists interested in becoming regular correspondents or in submitting shorter journalistic pieces. Deadline: March 12, 2010. Contact: modernartasiaenquiries@yahoo.co.uk or visit <http://modernartasia.com>

February 15-18, 2011: 1st Academic International Conference on 'Exploring Leadership & Learning Theories in Asia,' hosted by the Asia-Europe Institute, University of Malaya, Malaysia. The conference emphasizes an Asian perspective on leadership and learning. Specifically, as a response and reaction to the predominant presence of social theories rooted in the West, there is a growing recognition of and movement toward understanding theories through the wide range of diverse contextual and cultural perspectives in the East. Conference themes: Are the Western-inspired theories on leadership and learning relevant for Asia in general and different contexts in Asia in particular? Is there a need to develop theories specific for Asia? Are there existing theories on leadership and learning with an Asian origin, which have not received much attention or have not been acknowledged so far? Deadline for abstracts: March 31, 2010 Contact: inquiries@ellta.org or ellta.conference@gmail.com or visit <http://ellta.org/>

June 11, 2010, Cambridge University, workshop on "Elites and the Formation of Identities in Post Soviet Space: Global and Domestic Influences," sponsored by the Centre for East European Language Based Area Studies (Ceelbas). Papers should address the ways in which domestic and international or exogenous elites influence the formation of identity (national, international, regional, religious, class and individual) in the countries of post-Soviet space.

Deadline for abstracts: March 1, 2010. Contact: David Lane at DSL10@cam.ac.uk

Meetings, Conferences, Seminars

Biobeers

February 4, 2010, 6:30 pm, Location: Sweet Café, Ulaanbaatar.

Seminar by S. Purevsuren, Senior Biologist, "The Snow Leopard Research Conservation Center." Located in the Mongolian south Gobi, this Center is conducting the first ever long term study of snow leopards, to improve their conservation.

Seminar by Batmunkh Davaasuren, National University of Mongolia, "The Status of the Pallas's Fish Eagle in Mongolia"

Sponsored by Biobeers, a monthly gathering of investigators interested in conservation in Mongolia organized by the Zoological Society of London's Steppe Forward Program and sponsored by the Wildlife Conservation Society. Contact: MongolBioweb-unsubscribe@yahogroups.co.uk

Mongolian Economic Forum

February 8-9, 2010, Ulaanbaatar. The inaugural meeting of the Mongolian Economic Forum, an independent non-government organization founded by the Prime Minister of Mongolia with active support of the President and Great Hural. Clear ownership of this event and its recommendations by national political forces and state institutions sets it apart from previous such meetings; whereas the Mongolia Economic Forum welcomes the support and participation of international organizations, representatives of foreign Governments, private foreign investors, and companies interested in working in the country, this Forum is a locally-owned platform for discussion of development issues, identification of crucial policies for economic growth and finding a consensus among all domestic players on vital issues of national development. For 2010, better utilization of Mongolia's human and natural resources to improve the competitiveness of the country will be key themes on the agenda. Visit: <http://www.meforum.mn/index.php>

The Second Annual Brown International Advanced Research Institutes

June, 2010, Brown University, Providence, RI. The Second Annual Brown International Advanced Research Institutes (BIARI). The objective of the BIARI program is to provide a platform for promising young faculty from the Global South and emerging economies to engage in a high level and sustained intellectual and policy dialogue with leading scholars in their fields and each other. Each Institute addresses canonical and cutting-edge questions in the field, and contributes to building the next generation of a transnational academic community. Institutes foster scholarly networks among young faculty, while providing them with an opportunity to develop their scholarly agendas. Selected Institute topics this year are: Climate Change and its Impacts; Towards a Critical Global Humanities; and Technology Entrepreneurship and Management.

Deadline: March 15th, 2010. Contact: biari@brown.edu or visit www.Brown.edu/BIARI

"Cultural Crossings: China and Beyond in the Medieval Period"

March 11-13, 2010

The conference on "Cultural Crossings: China and Beyond in the Medieval Period" at the University of Virginia will be followed by a half-day workshop on digital projects in Asian art and humanities. The purpose of the conference is to present research on exchanges between China and neighboring cultures during the medieval period (third–tenth centuries) from cross-cultural and interdisciplinary perspectives.

Contact: culturalcrossings@email.virginia.edu or visit
<http://www.virginia.edu/artmuseum/culturalcrossings/index.html>

Publications of Interest

Mongolian Buddhists Protecting Nature: A Handbook on Faiths, Environment and Development, January 2009, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. This publication was developed, in part, as a response to increased mining activities in Mongolia; it also contains a Mongolian Buddhist guidebook to creating an eight year plan for generational change. This is a project of the Alliance of Religions and Conservation (ARC) in partnership with Gandan Monastery and with the Netherlands Mongolia Trust Fund on Environmental Reform-II at the World Bank, the Mongolian Ministry of Nature, Environment and Tourism, and the Tributary Fund. For the full text of this document visit:

<http://www.arcworld.org/downloads/Mongolian%20Buddhist%20Environment%20Handbook.pdf>

The new issue of *The Silk Road Journal* (Vol. 7, Autumn 2009), available online, contains several articles on the topic of Buddhism in Mongolia Today. The Table of Contents and link to the full text articles are available at <http://www.silkroadfoundation.org/newsletter/vol7/> Contact: Daniel C. Waugh dwaugh@u.washington.edu

Nishan Udganii Bichig - Nišan saman-i bidhe (Nishan Shaman's Script), T. Otgontuul, Altaic Studies Department, National University of Mongolia, M. Bayarsaikhan, ed. A resource for researchers who study Manchu, Mongolian and Altaic languages and also for researchers who study shamanic culture. Visit: http://smlc.num.edu.mn/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=636

Steppe Empires and Silk Roads: Historical Sources on the World of Genghis Khan, G. Lane, ed. 2010, Greenwood Pub Group, covers over 500 years of history of Greater Iran and the Mongol Empire, from approximately 1000 CE until 1500 CE. The encyclopedia makes use of both primary and secondary resources to explain this period of Asian history.

Exhibitions

"New Historical Memories of Ancient Nomads"

January – February, 2010, Zanabazar Fine Art Museum, Ulaanbaatar, An exhibition of findings from a Turk era tomb (6th to 8th Century AD) of a high-ranking soldier, possibly a Turk general, found in the area of Shoroon Bumbagar in Zaamu Soum, Tov Province, Mongolia. Archaeologists L.Erdenebold and A.Ochir, and team members participated in the excavation of this site near the Tuul River.

"The Best Photos of 2009"

February 19-20, 2010, Information Technology Park, Ulaanbaatar. 'The Best Photos of The Year' competition, organized by the Gamma photo agency since 2001, is issuing a call to professional and amateur photographers to submit their best photos of Mongolia. Categories: an event, nature, environment, sport, portrait, family, social life, children's safety and free topic. Deadline for submission: February 10, 2010. Contact: 328675, [96648445](tel:96648445) or visit www.gammaphoto.mn