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This Month in Mongolian Studies - June 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.

News from the Center

June marks the arrival to Mongolia of not only summer rains and green grasses but also many eager foreign students, educators and researchers. All members coming to Ulaanbaatar this summer are welcome to see us in our new offices at the National University of Mongolia. And we encourage all planning trips to Mongolia to bring along an academic book to donate to our blossoming ACMS Scholarly Library.

ACMS Announcements

ACMS Second Anniversary Celebration, June 8

All members and those interested in Mongolia and Mongolian Studies are cordially invited to the celebration of the Second Anniversary of the opening of the ACMS Ulaanbaatar office. The event will take place on June 8 at 5:00pm in the Round Lecture Hall of the National University of Mongolia. The keynote speech will be given by the United States Ambassador to Mongolia, the Honorable Pamela Slutz.

ACMS Speaker's Series for June

June 22: "Land Use and Resource Conservation: Finding the Balance," by Jayne Belnap

This lecture begins at 5:00 pm and will be held in the 'Round Lecture Hall' (second floor) National University of Mongolia, Building no. 1, downtown Ulaanbaatar. ACMS Speaker Series lectures are free and open to the public.

Job Opening, Resident Director, ACMS Ulaanbaatar Office

The American Center for Mongolian Studies is seeking a Resident Director for its Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia office. The ACMS Resident Director is responsible for the management of the ACMS Ulaanbaatar office, staff and programs, and the development of new programs, partners and funding sources. The position is primarily administrative, but requires an ability to work effectively with international and Mongolian academic institutions, scholars and students. Application screening will begin June 1, 2006, and will continue until a suitable candidate is identified. The position is available starting August 1, 2006. For more information on the ACMS, please visit our website: mongoliacenter.org or email: [info @ mongoliacenter.org](mailto:info@mongoliacenter.org).

Call for Papers

Workshop on Anthropology of Socialist and Post-Socialist Societies, June 2006

DEADLINE: EARLY JUNE 2006

The Departments of Anthropology of University College London and Cambridge University will host the workshop Anthropology of Socialist and Post-socialist Societies, New Directions in Post-Socialist Research, at University College London on June 19, 2006, for anthropologists and other like-minded academics to hear and discuss papers on specific aspects of research in socialist and post-socialist societies. Those interested in participating should contact Ruth Mandel at [r.mandel at ucl.ac.uk](mailto:r.mandel@ucl.ac.uk). In the past, workshop papers occasionally have evolved into publications. Limited funds may be available to subsidise students' transportation costs.

Conferences and Workshops

Eurasian Nomads as Agents of Cultural Change, June 5-8

Institute of Advanced Studies at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Givat Ram Campus, will organize the workshop, Eurasian Nomads as Agents of Cultural Change, June 5-8, 2006. For more information, contact Michal Biran at e-mail: [biranm at mssc.huji.ac.il](mailto:biranm@mssc.huji.ac.il).

Nomadic Culture and Shamanism in Mongolia, June 5-11

The Department of Anthropology at the National University of Mongolia and the Alliance Francaise in Mongolia is organizing the international conference, Nomadic Culture and Shamanism in Mongolia: Differences Between City and Countryside Mongols, June 5-11, 2006. For more information, contact the Alliance Francaise at e-mail: [afm at magicnet.mn](mailto:afm@magicnet.mn).

Capitalism and/or Patriarchy?, June 22-24

Centre for Gender Studies at European Humanities University International will organize the conference, Capitalism and/or Patriarchy?, June 22-24, 2006 in Vilnius, Lithuania. The conference aims to explore issues of gender in the post-Soviet region. Conference languages are the regional lingua franca of Russian and English. For more information, see www.gender-ehu.org; or contact Elena Gapova at [e.gapova at worldnet.att.net](mailto:e.gapova@worldnet.att.net).

History and Culture of the Great Mongolian State, June 23-24

The National University of Mongolia, the School of International Relations, and the School of Mongolian Language and Culture are organizing an International Conference, History and Culture of the Great Mongolian State, in honor of the 800th Anniversary of the founding of the Great Mongolian State. The Conference will be held on June 23-24, in building no 1 of the National University of Mongolia. The Conference will examine: the history and relations; archeology, anthropology; and language and literature of the Great Mongolian State.

Fellowship

Senior and Research Fellowships, IFK, Vienna

DEADLINE: JULY 1, 2006

The Internationales Forschungszentrum Kulturwissenschaften is an independent institute for advanced study that aims to support and develop the intellectual enterprise of trans-disciplinary cultural analysis and the study of culture. The IFK is offering Senior Fellowships designed to support excellent scholars, who are well advanced in their academic careers. The IFK is also offering Research Fellowships designed to support post-doctoral scholars early in their careers. Qualified scholars are eligible without regard to nationality, institutional, or departmental affiliation; although preference is given to qualified Austrian applicants. For the application form or for more information, go to www.ifk.ac.at/fellowships-en.html.

New Publications and On-Line Resources

Mongolia-China Relations: Modern and Contemporary Times

Pentagon Press announces the release of the book, Mongolia-China Relations: Modern and Contemporary Times, by Sharad K. Soni. This book not only traces the historical roots of Mongolia-China relations but also analyses the extent and pattern of the diverse relations between the two countries in the modern and contemporary times. For more information please visit our website: www.pentagon-press.com.

The Indo-Mongolian Society of New York Website

The Indo-Mongolian Society of New York has created a Mongolian history and culture website offering on-line resources for a range of information about Mongolia, Mongol history and related topics. The website is found at www.MongolianCulture.com. The website also contains a very large compilation of Mongolian History and related information on-line resources. The website also offers Indo-Mongolian Society lecture papers, excerpts from books, and other Mongolian history articles. For more information please email: [mongcult at yahoo.com](mailto:mongcult@yahoo.com).

Lexicarry: Pictures for Learning Languages

A Mongolian version of Lexicarry: Pictures for Learning Languages by Roger Cohen and Tumenjargal Budragchaa has been published by Pro Lingua press www.lexicarry.com. Lexicarry is a picture dictionary and vocabulary builder that has versions in multiple languages. The book costs \$15; the Mongolian word list is \$7. The Mongolian version also contains an extensive section of Mongolian proverbs.

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