

## This Month in Mongolian Studies – June 2011

This is a monthly listing of selected academic activities and resources related to Mongolia. 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 please contact the ACMS at [info@mongoliacenter.org](mailto:info@mongoliacenter.org)

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### **ACMS Annual Membership Meeting Minutes and Report**

The ACMS Annual Membership meeting was held on April 28th in Washington, DC. The minutes from the meeting along with a program and financial report are available on the ACMS website. Minutes: [www.mongoliacenter.org/docs/members\\_minutes\\_2011.pdf](http://www.mongoliacenter.org/docs/members_minutes_2011.pdf)  
Report: [www.mongoliacenter.org/docs/members\\_packet\\_2011.pdf](http://www.mongoliacenter.org/docs/members_packet_2011.pdf)

### **SIT/World Learning Student Research Presentations: “Mongolia: Nomadic Culture and Globalization,” June 7, 2011, 9AM – 4PM, Room 409, Central Library Building, MUST**

ACMS is pleased to continue to host student research presentations for this semester's School for International Training's (SIT) Study Abroad program. This field-based, academic, undergraduate program immerses students in real-world contexts where they can examine critical, global issues from diverse perspectives and multiple sources of knowledge. The program ends with a month long Independent Study Project (ISP) that provides the

opportunity to learn primary research methods, skills, and ethics; practice field study; and gain a deep understanding of the research topic. This year's presenters include:

The Mongolian Horse and Horseman, Elisabeth Yazdzik

The Role of the Bull in Herding Practices of Mongolian Nomadic Pastoralists, Jesse Geary

Yak, a Green Icon and a Good Investment, Caroline Kang

Survival on the Steppe: Ethnoveterinary Practices & Veterinary Medicine, Kayla Koether

Livestock Management and Economic Change with Animal Privatization in Huvsgul Aimag, Emily Wilmers

What is Mine is Ours-Pasture Control in Huvsgul, Nathan Tweedy

Macroeconomic and Agricultural Policies and Their Impact on the National Security of Mongolia, Coty Brennan

The Nomadic Lifestyle and Spatial/Temporal Conception, Laura Nichols

Ethical Imperatives of Global Poverty Alleviation, Tyler Poliquin

Ultranationalist Ideology and Populist Movements in Mongolia, Nicholas Jacobsen

Mongolian Wrestling, Walter Lehner

Self-Perceptions of Mongolia through Visual Arts and Media, Bethany Brown

### **ACMS Special Training Workshop Series, Seminar Presentation**

The ACMS is co-sponsoring the visit of Rajive Ganguli, Ph.D., Professor and Chair of Mining Engineering at the University of Alaska, Fairbanks the week of June 13, 2011. Dr. Ganguli will present a series of workshops for MUST faculty, which builds upon the monthly training provided at MUST during the academic year by our IT Specialist/Librarian M. Tuya. He will then give a public lecture as part of the ACMS Speaker Series. Dr. Ganguli will also teach a short course on "Neural Networks for Mining Industries" to select participants.

#### **1. Training Workshops for Mining and Engineering Faculty at MUST**

The series is organized according to the three ways web based resources can be used for research and teaching: a) locating information, b) disseminating information and c) interaction and collaboration (including teaching).

#### **Monday, June 13, 9am – noon, MUST**

a) Locating information - The session will present some sources of information relevant to the mineral industry researchers. These include [onemine.org](http://onemine.org), NIOSH, MSHA, and numerous comprehensive databases (such as ScienceDirect, IEEE and GeoRef) through the UAF Library. Other sources of information including YouTube, Google Groups will also be explored. Attendees will be asked to submit topics of choice, which will be researched live.

**Monday, June 13, 2pm – 5pm, MUST**

b) Disseminating information - This session will teach users how to build a basic website, create blogs and Twitter posts to disseminate research. Website will be created using Google Sites, while blogs will be created in Wordpress. Attendees will be guided into creating a website and/or a blog.

**Monday, June 20, 9am – noon, MUST**

c) Interaction and collaboration: The popular course management system, Blackboard, that is used for online delivery of courses (distance education), will be presented. Attendees will be taught how to set up tests, automatic grading, discussion boards and chat sessions. If time permits, another popular technology, Skype will be demonstrated using an actual, real time collaboration between the instructor and his graduate student in Alaska.

**2. ACMS Speaker Series**

Date: 5:30 PM, Thursday-June 16th, 2011, MUST, Central Library, Room 405

Title: "Accreditation of Engineering Education in the United States"

Speaker: Rajive Ganguli, PhD, Professor and Chair, Department of Mining and Geological Engineering, University of Alaska, Fairbanks

Brief Summary: The standards and processes that govern accreditation of engineering education in the United States will be discussed. The Mining Engineering curriculum at the University of Alaska Fairbanks will be used as an example. The talk will be of interest to government, academic and industry officials in Mongolia since they are interested in developing academic agreements with universities in the United States or employing graduates of such agreements.

**Online Mongolian Language Course Fall 2011**

Course Begins: August 29, 2011

The American Center for Mongolian Studies is pleased to announce the fall semester of "Mon 101: Introduction to Mongolian Language and Culture", an online Mongolian course being offered at University of Maine at Augusta (UMA) from August 29 to December 17, 2011. The course is co-organized by UMA and ACMS. The course is open to anyone (you do not need to be a student at UMA to participate), and it is the first semester in a two semester offering of beginner Mongolian. The course is three credits with three Instructors and no textbook (everything is online). Register through University of Maine at Augusta

<http://www.uma.edu/enrollmentservices.html> 1-800-868-7000

More information about the course is available at: [www.mongoliacenter.org/mon101](http://www.mongoliacenter.org/mon101)

**New Acquisitions at the ACMS Library**

Each month the ACMS publishes a list of materials acquired and added to the collection. The complete list for April 2011 can be viewed on the ACMS library website at: <http://www.mongoliacenter.org/library/index.php> Here are some highlights:

Janzen, J. (2007). *Artisanal and small-scale mining in Mongolia: The global perspective and two case studies of Bornuur sum / Tuv aimag and Sharun gol Sum / Darkhan-Uul aimag.* Ulaanbaatar: Admon.

Crate, S. A., & Nuttall, M. (2009). *Anthropology and Climate Change: From Encounters to Actions.* Walnut Creek, CA: Left Coast Press.

Katzner, K. (1994). *English-Russian, Russian-English dictionary.* New York: Wiley.

Bawden, C. R. (1997). *Mongolian-English dictionary.* London: K. Paul International.

Bazargur, D., & Enkhbayar, D. (1997). *Chinggis Khaan (Činggis Qayan): Historic-Geographic Atlas.* Ulaanbaatar: Cartographic Enterprise of the State Administration of Geodesy and Cartography.

## Call for Papers, Conferences and Workshops

Conference: June 3, 2011, Hovd University, Mongolia, “Hovd Aimarg 80 years.” This research conference’s focus is on history and the historical role of western aimags in the national liberation movement of 1911. The topics include: the Hovd region at the turn of the twentieth century, local political figures and activists, ethnography of the population from western regions as well modern day development of the aimag. Contact: [benkhj46@yahoo.com](mailto:benkhj46@yahoo.com)

Conference: June 6-7, 2011, National University of Mongolia, “5<sup>th</sup> International Remote Sensing and Space Science Conference.” The applications of remote sensing and GIS systems give the possibility to better investigate and analyze the potentiality of landscape, to discover its past and to plan its future development. The first aim of this workshop is to study the Mongolian Landscape from both a technological and humanities perspective. . The potentiality of the Mongolian cultural landscape is huge and the manifold shapes of this great land are also its great resource. Remote sensing technology and GIS are the scientific tools to discover, manage and disseminate landscape archaeological heritage data, in order to preserve and to disseminate landscape knowledge from multiple disciplines. Visit: <http://ssmongolia.yolasite.com/>

Conference: June 6-10, 2011, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, "Mongolia: Capital Raising and Investment." This event provides an opportunity for those interested in exploring the latest developments in Mongolia's business environment from key direct sources, for investors to discover investment opportunities and for Mongolian companies to learn ways of raising capital from abroad. Visit: <http://www.frontier-annual-conference.com/>

Workshop: June 10-11, 2011, University of Warwick. "The Mongols & the Ming: New Approaches to the Fourteenth Century."

This two-day workshop will focus on Mongols, the formation of Yuan dynasty, its politics, culture, society, art and its eventual influence on Chinese history, culture and society. The first day's topics are: "The Mongols," Morris Rossabi; "Notes on Mongol Influences on the Ming," Peter Jackson; "The Mongols and the Islamic World," David Robinson; "In the Shadow Empire: Positioning the Early Ming Court in an Eurasian Perspective," Ankeney Weitz; "Auspicious Imagery in the Yuan-Ming Transition," Yuka Kadoi; "Further Thoughts on Islamic Chinoiserie: Sino-Persian Artistic Interactions in the Late 14th Century," Shane McCausland; "What Art did the Yuan Bequeath to the Ming?" Contact: [a.t.gerritsen@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:a.t.gerritsen@warwick.ac.uk)

Forum: June 13, 2011, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, "4th Mongolia Corporate Governance Forum." The Corporate Governance Development Center and Mongolian Stock Exchange are organizing this forum which brings together senior government officials from Mongolia and executives from international development agencies, stock exchanges, private sectors, investment banks and international media to discuss the formation of policy reforms in Mongolia. Contact: Ms. Tsend-Ayush Tel: 99105111, Email: [tsendee51@yahoo.com](mailto:tsendee51@yahoo.com); [tsend-ayush.t@cgdc.org.mn](mailto:tsend-ayush.t@cgdc.org.mn)

Call for Papers: *Acta Mongolica*, an annual journal from the Center of Mongolian Studies at National University of Mongolia is issuing call for papers to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the late Frances Woodman Cleaves. The journal issue invites papers from scholars, researchers and scientists in all fields. Submission deadline: June 15, 2011. Contact: [ganjidmaa@num.edu.mn](mailto:ganjidmaa@num.edu.mn)

Short course: June 16-17, 2011, Mongolian University of Science and Technology, "Neural Networks for Mining Industries." MUST, in collaboration with the Mining Engineering School from the University of Alaska, are organizing this short training course for industry professionals and researchers. The course will be taught by Dr. Rajive Ganguli, Professor and Chair of the Department. The course will introduce mining engineers to artificial neural networks. Best practices of neural network modeling will be presented, with a special emphasis on mining problems. The course will be taught using Excel-based neural network software developed specifically for this course by the instructor. All examples are from the mining industry. Registration deadline: June 12, 2011. Contact: [altantuya@must.edu.mn](mailto:altantuya@must.edu.mn), [ariunbolorp@must.edu.mn](mailto:ariunbolorp@must.edu.mn)

Call for Presenters: August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011, Building #1, National University of Mongolia. The Institute for Mongolian Studies at the NUM is organizing a research conference to

commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Harvard Mongolist Francis Woodman Cleaves. In relation to this event the journal *Acta Mongolica* has issued a call for papers. Contact: [ganjidmaa@num.edu.mn](mailto:ganjidmaa@num.edu.mn)

Conference: August 19-21, 2011, Hovd University, Mongolia, “Environmental Conditions, History and Culture of Western Mongolia and its Bordering Areas.” The conference is organized by Hovd University to commemorate 100 years of the national independence movement as well as the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Hovd aimag. Conference topics are: environmental conditions, environmental use, ecosystem, ecology, contemporary ecology issues, archaeology, ethnography, history of regional population, culture and education, literature and language of local population. Contact: [ts\\_gomboo@yahoo.com](mailto:ts_gomboo@yahoo.com); [tserendavaa\\_b@yahoo.com](mailto:tserendavaa_b@yahoo.com); [bilguunteniin@yahoo.com](mailto:bilguunteniin@yahoo.com)

Workshop: September 4-8, 2011, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, FIG Commissions 5 and 6 Workshop on “Innovative Technologies for an Efficient Geospatial Management of Earth Resources.” Organized by the International Federation of Surveyors (FIG) and the Mongolian Association of Geodesy, Photogrammetry and Cartography (MAGP & C) and the Siberian Academy of Geodesy. The key issues to be discussed are: prediction of the earth’s surface and engineering structure deformations and movements in areas of tectonically and technogenically active hazardous zones using geodetic observations; automated geodetic monitoring systems applied to construction of engineering structures and their maintenance, terrestrial laser scanning systems, their usage in architecture, civil and mining engineering; industry engineering and mine surveys for exploration and prospecting of mineral resources. Registration deadline: July 15, 2011. Contact: [mgl\\_cartography@yahoo.com](mailto:mgl_cartography@yahoo.com); [argina@gmx.de](mailto:argina@gmx.de), [argina.novitskaya@gmail.com](mailto:argina.novitskaya@gmail.com)

## Research Fellowships, Scholarships and Grants

Scholarship: Mongolia-Australia Scholarships Program-2013. The Government of Australia through the Agency for International Development (AusAID), in cooperation with the Cabinet Secretariat of the Government of Mongolia, is pleased to announce that 38 scholarships are being awarded to individuals to undertake Master's degree studies at Australian Universities commencing in either January or July 2013. The scholarships are made available through the Mongolia - Australia Scholarships Program (MASP). The scholarships are available under two categories: Category 1 is for applicants from target ministries and their associated agencies and Category 2 is restricted to applicants from the public and private sectors, as well as non-government organisations. Application deadline: June 6, 2011. Visit: <http://tinyurl.com/3vayens>

Call for Applications: Summer University Course on Privatization in Education. The Education Support Program of the Open Society Foundations and the Central European University in Budapest, Hungary, are offering a one-week summer university course from July 25–29, 2011. Bringing together an internationally renowned faculty, the course aims to locate new governance initiatives in education sectors in relation to wider transformations in the global political and cultural economy. Applicants should be PhD candidates and early career educational researchers, policy makers and government officials, and faculty in education, particularly those engaged in comparative scholarship. Application deadline: June 8, 2011. Visit: <http://www.soros.org/initiatives/esp/news/privatization-education-20110520>

Call for Proposals: Democracy Small Grants Program, U.S. Department of State. The U.S. Embassy in Mongolia is now accepting proposals for up to a maximum of \$20 000 from non-governmental and not-for-profit organizations. Grants may be used for: expenses directly related to the program implementation; modest administrative expenses; training trainers; seminars/workshops with description of expected audience, content and timeframe; outcome and benefits to U.S. national interests; publications. Application deadline: June 13, 2011. Visit: [http://mongolia.usembassy.gov/sdp\\_competition.html](http://mongolia.usembassy.gov/sdp_competition.html)

Fellowships: 2012-2013 Fulbright and Government of Mongolia Student Fellowship Program. The Public Affairs Section of the U.S. Embassy in Mongolia is now accepting applications for the 2012 -2013 Fulbright Student Fellowship Program for scholarships to be funded by the Government of Mongolia in five priority subject areas: Education; Engineering; Health; Information Technology and Science and Technology. This Fellowship will fund full scholarships for graduate-level (M.A., M.S) studies at U.S. universities. Fulbright Student Fellows are selected by the Public Affairs Section of the U.S. Embassy. Application deadline: July 25, 2011. Visit: [http://mongolia.usembassy.gov/fulbright\\_announcement052711.html](http://mongolia.usembassy.gov/fulbright_announcement052711.html)

Fellowship: The Kofi Annan Fellowship for outstanding leadership is a grant for an emerging leader from a developing country for one year full-time MBA education in Berlin, Germany. The successful applicant will attain financial means to study management at the European School of Management and Technology (ESMT) in Berlin. The fellowship especially targets applicants from developing landlocked countries. Deadline: September 30, 2011. Visit: <http://www.esmt.org/eng/mba-emba/kofi-annan-fellowship/>

Grant: AAS China and the Inner Asia Council (CIAC) Small Grants. The China and Inner Asia Council of the AAS (CIAC) is soliciting applications for awards of up to \$2,000. Dissertation-level graduate students and scholars with special interests in China or Inner Asia are invited to submit proposals. Applicants must be current AAS members, but there are no citizenship requirements. Junior and independent scholars, adjunct faculty, and dissertation-level graduate students are especially encouraged to apply. Applicants must not have received

a CIAC Small Grant within the past three years. Application deadline: February 1, 2012  
Visit: <http://www.aasianst.org/grants/main.htm#CIAC>

## Position Openings

Australasian Independent Diamond Drilling (AIDD) is now accepting applications from qualified Mongolians for a new salaried Traineeship Program. AIDD seeks local and international Mongolian and Kazakh applicants who hold a bachelor's or master's degree or MBA. Successful candidates must have strong communication and English language skills and be eager to develop their business skills. The program will consist of 4 or 5 rotations varying from 2 to 3 months each, through various departments such as Supply and Procurement, Project Management, Operations, Health and Safety, and Business Administration. The rotations will be mainly based in Mongolia, with the possibility of travel to Hong Kong and Kazakhstan. Contact: [hr@aidd.mn](mailto:hr@aidd.mn) Visit: [www.aiddgroup.com](http://www.aiddgroup.com)

UNDP Mongolia has several position openings in environmental governance, biological diversity and mountain landscapes. Visit: <http://www.undp.mn/eannouncement.html>

## Resources

The World Bank published its quarterly economic update on Mongolia. This resource provides a summary as well as a detailed analysis of Mongolia by addressing key economic factors such as economic growth, inflation, budget, trade, banking sector, labor markets and prospects. Visit: <http://tinyurl.com/3hc7o4b>

## News and Events

### UNESCO Registers Two Mongolian Documents as Works of Cultural Heritage

Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. The "Altan товч" and "Mongol Shunkhan Danjuur" have successfully been officially registered with UNESCO as elements of Mongolian Cultural Heritage. The recommendation of the IAC has been endorsed by the Director-General.  
Source: <http://tinyurl.com/3euktdy>

Opening of Library Housing World's Largest Private Collection of Tibetan Literature will be Part of Chinese University's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration



On May 31<sup>st</sup> The Tibetan Buddhist Resource Center (TBRC) announced that a significant portion of the personal collection of E. Gene Smith - the world's largest private collection of Tibetan texts – would be donated to the library at the Southwest University for Nationalities in Chengdu, China. The library opened on June 1, 2011 as part of the university's 60th anniversary celebration, reflecting the importance of this offering to the university. E. Gene Smith, who died on December 16, 2010, chose to donate nearly 12,000 volumes to the university through TBRC, the organization he founded to digitally preserve his collection. Source: <http://tinyurl.com/3rhodce>

### Mongolia Establishes International Research Center for Landlocked Countries

The State Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, D.Tsogtbaatar, recently signed recently a declaration of intent to set up an International Research Center of Landlocked Countries. Mongolia was the first country to sign the document, which will become a binding agreement when 10 countries support it. The International Center in Ulaanbaatar was proposed by Mongolia to provide permanent research facilities for landlocked countries to suggest their rights and to get these globally accepted. Source: <http://mongoliaeconomy.blogspot.com/2011/04/mongolia-agrees-to-set-up-international.html>

### Simone de Beauvoir's *The Second Sex* Recently Published in Mongolia

The classic feminist text has recently been translated into Mongolian and is now available at Internom book stores in Ulaanbaatar. The translation was made available due to funding from local gender study group. National University of Mongolia recently organized research conference focused on the newly published book. Visit: <http://www.internom.mn/>

### Free admission to all museums in Ulaanbaatar, June 3-7

Unitel Mongolia and the Mongolian Art and Cultural Committee are arranging for free admission to museums in Ulaanbaatar, including the Museum of Natural History, National History Museum, Zanabazar Art Museum and Bogd Khaan's Museum. Free admission is only for Mongolian citizens.

### Ecopreneur-International Business Plan Competition June 6-11, 2011

This is an international business plan competition on eco friendly business for young entrepreneurs. It is hosted by Mongolian National Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and organized by "Century News," a national daily newspaper. The event is to promote young entrepreneurs initiatives and creative ideas for green economy development, increase the number of social and environmentally responsible companies, create environmental awareness for the next generations, mobilize investment for eco friendly business projects and establish a "Green Business Project Fund." Source: <http://www.inomics.com/node/5618>

Roaring Hoofs: International Music-Festival and Gobi-Summer-Academy, June 13-26, 2011 Ulaanbaatar and Gobi Aimag

The 13<sup>th</sup> Roaring Hooves international music festival will take place over two weeks this month featuring some of Mongolia's best musicians and artists. Each year, participants in Roaring Hooves travel to destinations in Mongolia's beautiful countryside to perform. The festival is organized by the New Music Association of Mongolia and will be held in Ulaanbaatar, Elsentasarkhai, Kharakhorum (Bulgan, Uvurkhangai province) Dornogobi province. Visit: <http://www.roaringhooves.com/>

Asia Society Washington Annual Awards Dinner, June 15, 2011

The 24<sup>th</sup> annual Asia Society Awards Dinner will be held at The Ritz-Carlton (1150 22<sup>nd</sup> Street, NW, Washington, DC). At the Awards Dinner, the Society will honor leaders who are recognized as visionaries for the significant contributions they have made to deepen connections and build partnerships among Asia and America. This year's distinguished Honorees include: Tsakhiagiin Elbegdorj, President of Mongolia, who will receive the Society's Distinguished Statesman Award; Dr. Henry Kissinger, former Secretary of State and recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize, who will receive Lifetime Achievement Award and around 300 other distinguished guests. To reserve dinner tickets contact: [SGyotan@asiasociety.org](mailto:SGyotan@asiasociety.org) Visit: <http://tinyurl.com/3w72mxc>

"Night of Ballet" Festival, Ulaanbaatar, June 19-25, 2011

The Head of the Mongolian Ballet's Development Foundation, the much acclaimed dancer D. Altankhuyag, is preparing a "Night of Ballet" in Ulaanbaatar; this is the first time such a dance festival has will be held. The Night of Ballet will consist of two parts, beginning with the ballet of Swan Lake at the State Opera and Ballet Theater on June 19th. D. Altankhuyag himself along with these prominent ballet dancers will star. The second part is a gala concert, running on June 24th and 25th. The finest ballet dancers arriving from the USA, Canada, Cuba, Columbia, England, Argentina, Spain, and South Africa will all participate on these nights. Source: <http://tinyurl.com/3v98u6n>

"Voice of Nomads Band Competition," Festival, Buryat Republic, May 22-July 19, 2011

During this Festival various bands from Mongolia, Russia, Tuva, Japan and Europe will compete in traditional genre. Source: <http://www.infomongolia.com/ct/ci/743>

Recent Publications

“Diatom Assemblages from Sphagnum Bogs of the World: 1. Nur Bog in Northern Mongolia”, Edited by MS Kulilovskiy, H Lange-Bertalot, A Witkowski, NI Dorofeyuk and SI Genkal, 2010, Verlag. Nur is a unique ecosystem in Mongolia because it is the only known large Sphagnum bog throughout this region. There are no earlier studies on the algal flora of this ecosystem. A total of 242 diatom taxa, belonging to 48 genera have been identified from samples taken from different habitats of this bog. Light and scanning electron microscope analyses resulted in the description of one new genus, and 18 new species.

“Панцирные клещи Монголии (Oribatid Mites of Mongolia),” B. Bayartogtokh, 2010, KMK Press. The book deals with information on the fauna, systematics, zoogeography and ecology of habitats of oribatid mites of Mongolia. It provides identification keys for all known families, genera and species of oribatid mites in Mongolia. Each species is described in detail and illustrated with original drawings. In addition to morphological traits, information about the general and regional distribution and ecology of each species in Mongolia.

“Use of Satellite and In-Situ Data to Improve Sustainability,” Felix Kogan, 2010, Springer. The presented papers provide information on how to use operational satellites and in situ measurements for early detection of large-scale droughts, floods and fires, diagnose crop and pasture annual losses, predict periods with health/unhealthy vegetation based on climate forcing events, monitor air quality and geomagnetic activities, assess land cover trends in response to global warming etc. A full chapter is dedicated to monitoring droughts and pastures productivity in Mongolia using NOAA-AVHRR data.

“The Spread of Buddhism Among Western Mongolian Tribes Between The 13th And 18th Centuries: Tibetan Buddhism in the Politics and Ideology of the Oirat People,” Baatr U. Kitinov, 2010, Edwin Mellen Press. Numerous works exist on the Oirats and their history, but most of the research has been devoted to the study of Buddhism in the Mongolian empire during its formative years. The examination of this Buddhist tradition, in its early stages, being appropriated by the Oirats as their dominant worldview, allows a greater degree of certainty in answering numerous questions as far as the study of the history and culture of the Oirats and Kalmyks of later periods.

“Good to Eat, Good to Live With: Nomads and Animals in Northern Eurasia and Africa,” Florian Stammler, 2010, Sendai: Center for Northeast Asian studies, Tohoku University. A volume co-edited with colleague Hiroki Takakura that compares the social significance of animals among nomads. This volume tries to build fruitful academic dialogues between 'south' and 'north' in studies of pastoralism. The authors focus on the field of human-animal relations in pastoralism in its practice in the Arctic, Africa and Central Asia for understanding human socio-cultural identity, similarity and diversity. While the regional orientation is comparative, this volume, nonetheless, has a strong focus on the North.

“Socialist Devotees and Dissenters: three Twentieth-Century Mongolian Leaders,” Yuki Konagaya, L. Lkhagvasuren, Morris Rossabi, 2010, Osaka National Museum of Ethnology. The book features interviews and memoirs by statesmen during the Communist period.

“Монгол орны мал амьтанд шинээр илэрч буй болон сэргэж байгаа зарим халдварт өвчнүүд (Emerging Animal Disease Reference Book),” USDA, Mercy Corps, 2011. Where an outbreak of infectious diseases among animals occurs, veterinarians have a responsibility to respond quickly to provide bio-security services and manage treatment. In a 2010 survey of veterinarians, 30% of respondents said they frequently have difficulties in responding correctly to emerging infectious diseases. This book was written to address the gap of readily available information for practitioners.

“Reorienting the Manchus: a Study of Sinicization, 1583-1795,” Pei Huang, 2011, Cornell University Press. Making extensive use of Chinese, Japanese, Manchu, and Western sources, the author adopts a historical multifaceted approach to explore the various forces—geography, economics, frontier contacts, political and social institutions; language, literature and art; religion and Confucianism—that made possible the Manchu adoption of Chinese ways of life.

“Ascendant Peace in the Four Seas: Drama and the Qing Imperial Court,” Ye Xiaoqing, 2011, Columbia. Relying on materials uncovered by in the First Historical Archives in Beijing, the author investigates the development of imperial drama and its influence on Peking Opera, as well as the function and system of the Nanfu (later Shengpingshu), an organization responsible for drama in the Qing dynasty. Also discussed are the complex roles of the actors on and off stage, and the broader issues of cultural and political control intertwined with the performances themselves.

“Field Guide to the Mammals of Mongolia,” N. Batsaikhan, 2011, Mongolian Ornithological Society. In Mongolian and English. Pictures of the animal, its tracks, scat and skull are presented. As it is relatively rare to see the animal itself, these three things are the commonest signs that an animal has been in the area. In the last section of the book there is a more detailed section about other such signs including feeding habits and burrows.

“Dukhan, a Turkic Variety of Northern Mongolia: Description and Analysis (Turcologica),” Elisabetta Ragagnin, 2011, Verlag. The book offers the first grammatical description of Dukhan, a highly endangered non-written Turkic language spoken in northern Mongolia by approximately 500 people. The volume also includes a large text corpus organized according to the topics "How to do Things," "Life Stories," "Tales" and "Legends." Each text is interlinearized: the first line represents the phonetic IPA-based transcription, the second line represents the broad transcription in use in Turcological studies, whereas the third and final line contains morpheme-by-morpheme glosses.

“Mongolian Agriculture: Analysis of Irrigated Farming Systems for Tuv and Selenge Provinces in Mongolia,” Sodgerel Volodya, 2011, LAP Lambert Academic Publishing. Water

scarcity is the most important problem Mongolian farmers are facing and the major hindrance in improved crop production. The modernization of water systems can be achieved by importing proper technology and providing access by farmers to these technologies. Efficient water use techniques and practices can be adopted by farmers' education and skill development.

“Mongolian Buddhist Art: Masterpieces from the Museums of Mongolia-Volume I, Part 1 & 2: Thangkas, Embroideries, and Appliqués,” Zara Fleming, 2011, Serindia Publications. Although constrained by the rules of Buddhist iconography and strongly influenced by Tibetan art, the Mongolians have succeeded in creating many works that are uniquely Mongolian, a highly expressive and vibrant tradition that can be seen in this volume.

“Islam and Tibet Interactions along the Musk Routes,” Anna Akasoy, Charles Burnett, Ronit Yoeli-Tlalim, 2010, Ashgate. This volume brings together new studies by an interdisciplinary group of international scholars. They explore the multi-layered contacts between the Islamic world, Central Asia and the Himalayas from the eighth century until the present day in a variety of fields, including geography, cartography, art history, medicine, history of science and education, literature, hagiography, archaeology, and anthropology.

“From Shamanism to Sufism: Women, Islam and Culture in Central Asia”, Razia Sultanova, 2011, Macmillan. Ritual and music are at the heart of Central Asian and Islamic culture, not only at weddings and funerals but in all aspects of everyday life. Through her in-depth analysis of these facets of cultural life within Central Asian society, this book offers important insights into the lives of the nomadic societies in the region. The role of women has often been neglected in studies of religious culture and this book aims to place women within their historical and cultural context.

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