

## This Month in Mongolian Studies – July 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 Sponsored Programs and Events

#### **Notice: ACMS will be closed for the Naadam holiday from July 11-15, 2011**

The ACMS Ulaanbaatar office will be closed for the week during Naadam. We will re-open on July 18, 2011.

#### **ACMS Spring 2011 Newsletter**

Link: <http://www.mongoliacenter.org/docs/newsletters/nlspring2011.pdf>

#### **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, co-organized by UMA and ACMS, 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 Library Acquisitions:**

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

Konagaya, Y., Lkhagvasuren, I., Rossabi, M. (2011). *Socialist devotees and dissenters: Three twentieth-century Mongolian leaders*. Osaka: National Museum of Ethnology.

Zhao, Z. (2010). *China's Mongols at University: Contesting cultural recognition*. Lanham, Md: Lexington Books.

Rachewiltz, I. (1993). *In the service of the Khan: Eminent personalities of the early Mongol-Yuan period (1200-1300)*. Wiesbaden: Harrassowitz.

## Call for Papers, Conferences and Workshops

Conference: July 6-7, 2011, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. "The 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Mongolian Revolution of 1921 and the Study of Contemporary Mongolian History." The conference will address issues of social, political and intellectual life, the history of Mongolia from an international relations point of view, the Mongolian Revolution of 1921, and Mongolia in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century and beginning of 20<sup>th</sup> century. Visit: <http://tinyurl.com/3z6yztm>

Conference: August 26-30, 2011, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. "Hsiung-nu Empire and the Study of Ancient Mongolian History." The National Organizing Committee, the Institute of History and Institute of Archaeology of the Mongolian Academy of Science are organizing this conference dedicated to the 2220<sup>th</sup> anniversary of establishment of Hsiung-nu Empire. The themes of the conference are: history and heritage of Mongolian state development; origin of the Hsiung-nu and issues concerning its social and economic history and culture; history and culture of the Hsien-pi, the Juan-juan, the Türk, the Uighur, the Kitan; society, economy, origin and culture of Central Asian nomads. Visit: <http://tinyurl.com/3zor5yj>

Conference: August 26, 2011, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. "Metals Mongolia 2011-International Conference of Mining and Metallurgy. The objective of the Conference is to provide a discussion platform and assist in medium and long-term planning and implementation associated with the Government's intentions to achieve value-added production at industrial parks through downstream processing of ferrous and non-ferrous metal products. The goal is to provide potential investors with insight into the Government's policies pertaining to the metallurgical industry, related exploration, extraction, processing, and infrastructure projects. Visit: [http://www.mining.mn/NewsDetails\\_5506.aspx](http://www.mining.mn/NewsDetails_5506.aspx)

Colloquium: October 10-11, 2011, Rome, Italy. SEECHAC International Colloquium on "The Political and Religious Expression of Sovereignty in the Himalayas and Central Asia: Rituals, Texts, Representations and Institutions, from Antiquity to the Present." This year's colloquium will include presentations such as: "Rois et reines dans les portraits des souverains mongols du XIII<sup>e</sup> au XVIII<sup>e</sup> siècle," "Religions as a Tool for Political Control and National Identity's Statement in the Uyghur Empire," "Ensuring Sovereignty: the Buddhist legitimization of the Kingdom of Khotan". Visit: [http://seechac.org/en/colloquium/#/images/colloque08/IMG\\_3711.JPG](http://seechac.org/en/colloquium/#/images/colloque08/IMG_3711.JPG)

Call for Papers: March 15-18, 2012, Toronto, Canada. Association for Asian Studies (AAS) 2012 Conference. The annual conference is now inviting submission of proposals for organized panels, roundtables, workshops and individual papers for sessions. The Committee seeks sessions that will engage panelists and audiences in the consideration of ideas, information, and interpretations that will advance knowledge about Asian regions and, by extension, will enrich teaching about Asia at all levels. Submission deadline: August 4, 2011. Visit: <http://www.asian-studies.org/Conference/2012-Call-for-Papers.htm>

Colloquium: March 17-18, University of Nottingham, UK. "Cultural Construction in the USSR and States of the Former Soviet Bloc." The School of History at the University of Nottingham is hosting a postgraduate colloquium, initiated and organized by its own doctoral students, on the theme of cultural construction in the Soviet Union and states of the former Soviet bloc. The aim will be to explore the origins and nature of cultural discourses and practices in government, academia, the intellectual sphere and everyday life with a view to assessing their influence on the political and social development of these countries. Researchers in history, modern languages, cultural studies, sociology and related disciplines from UK universities are invited to submit proposals for papers. Submission deadline: October 23, 2011. Visit: <http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/history/events/pgcolloquium2012.aspx>

Call for Papers: May, 2012, Paris, France. "Mongolian Space and Heritages," an international, cross-disciplinary, academic and associative lecture panel organized by OTASIE's research group 'Réflexions d'Asie,' a group led by young scholars from EHESS, EPHE, Inalco, Paris VII, Paris VIII and Rennes II. The lecture panel is to be part of a larger event that will include a forum for non-profit organizations, concerts and art exhibitions to promote Mongolian culture and civilization. Deadline for proposals: August 10, 2011. Contact: [otasie@gmail.com](mailto:otasie@gmail.com) Visit: [www.gdri-nomadisme.misha.fr/accueil.htm](http://www.gdri-nomadisme.misha.fr/accueil.htm)

## Research Fellowships, Scholarships and Grants

Fellowship: Kluge Fellowships for Research, Library of Congress. The Library of Congress invites qualified scholars to conduct research in the John W. Kluge Center using the Library of Congress collections and resources for a period of up to eleven months. The Kluge Center especially encourages applications from humanities and social sciences researchers who propose to make use of the Library's large and varied collections. Interdisciplinary, cross-cultural, or multi-lingual research is particularly welcome. Foreigners as well as U.S. residents are eligible to apply. Application deadline: July 15.

Visit: <http://www.loc.gov/loc/kluge/fellowships/kluge.html>

Grant: Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant Program (FLTA). The Public Affairs Section of the US Embassy in Ulaanbaatar is now accepting applications for its 2012-2013 FLTA program. The program is to provide foreign teachers of English with the opportunity to refine their skills, increase their English language proficiency, and extend their knowledge of their own culture and customs by taking coursework and assist with teaching their language in US universities. Mongolian teachers of English are encouraged to apply. Application deadline: July 20, 2011. Visit: <http://mongolia.usembassy.gov/flta2012.html>

Scholarship: The 2012-2013 Fulbright competition is open for students interested in obtaining Masters level scholarships in the fields of education, engineering, health, information technology, and science and technology. The deadline to apply is July 25, 2011. Visit: [http://mongolia.usembassy.gov/pr\\_062311.html](http://mongolia.usembassy.gov/pr_062311.html)

Grant: The University of Padova, with funding from the Fondazione Cassa di Risparmio di Padova e Rovigo, offers research fellowships for foreign students to attend doctoral schools/international courses. During the 3-year doctoral program successful candidates will be offered full board and lodging. The programs range from astronomy, biology, medicine, biomedicine, international law, private law/labor law, philosophy, physics, information engineering, industrial engineering, oncology and surgical oncology, earth sciences, pharmacology and social sciences. Application deadline: September 5, 2011.

Visit: [http://www.unipd.it/unipdWAR/page/unipd\\_en/research\\_en1/en\\_6\\_3\\_P2](http://www.unipd.it/unipdWAR/page/unipd_en/research_en1/en_6_3_P2)

Travel grant: August 18-26, 2011, Beijing, China. International Training Course: New Trends and Methodology in Animal Ecology and Conservation Biology. The training course organizers are interested in receiving applications from qualified Mongolian candidates and travel support is still available. The language of the training course will be English. Contact: [afine@wcs.org](mailto:afine@wcs.org) Visit: <http://tinyurl.com/5rcdzt9>

Project funding: Canada Fund for Local Initiatives-2011/2012. The is a small grants program that the Government of Canada operates in over one hundred developing countries around the world. The general objective of the Canada Fund is to enhance economic, cultural, and social life of the people of eligible countries by financing small projects involving technical, economic, educational, cultural, and/or social development assistance to the local population through the Canadian Embassy/Mission. The project should target reducing poverty, supporting vocational training to support improved employment opportunities, improving access to basic education in rural areas and improving the quality and delivery of primary healthcare services.

Visit: [www.canadafundmongolia.mn](http://www.canadafundmongolia.mn)

Scholarship: ADB-Government of Japan Scholarship. The program aims to provide an opportunity for qualified citizens of ADB's developing member countries to pursue postgraduate studies in economics, management, science and technology, and other fields at participating academic institutions in the Asian and Pacific Region. Upon completion of their study programs, scholars are expected to contribute to the economic and social development of their home countries. Deadline: Varies according to institution.

Visit: <http://www.adb.org/JSP/default.asp>

Scholarship: ADB-Government of Japan Scholarship for MA/PhD study in the U.S. The Asian Development Bank - Government of Japan Scholarship Program graduate degree fellowship provides support for graduate (post-baccalaureate) studies in approved fields of study at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa (UHM), and for participation in educational activities at the East-West Center (EWC). The program funds following program of studies: architecture, business administration, economics, geography, international business management, natural resources and environmental management, ocean and resource engineering, law, public administration, sociology, urban and regional planning. The applicant should be citizen of the borrowing country from ADB.

Mongolians are encouraged to apply. Application deadline: November 1, 2011.

Visit: <http://www.eastwestcenter.org/?id=867>

Scholarship: Erasmus Mundus Agricultural Transformation. The program is offered by a consortium of internationally recognized European universities: University of Copenhagen, Denmark; Universidad Politecnica de Madrid, Spain; Montpellier Supagro, France; University College of Cork, Ireland; Università Degli Studi di Catania, Italy; Wageningen University, The Netherlands. Citizens of Mongolia are eligible to apply. Application deadline: November 1, 2011.

Call for Proposals: Central Eurasia Project. The Open Society Central Eurasia Project makes grants to international and regional NGOs, academic institutions, think tanks and other structures to support their work, help build local capacity, bring international expertise to the region, and promote cooperation between local activists and international civic movements. The ultimate goal of such activity is to strengthen civic leaders in the region and to construct support networks for them within international structures and movements. Funds are available for human rights, labor migration, transparency and consumer protection and transparency of western military and security cooperation. Deadline: on rolling basis throughout the year of 2011.

Visit: <http://tinyurl.com/3c8lkr6>

Funding Opportunity: "Time and Space" Nomadic Art Residency Program 2011. The goal of the Nomadic Arts Residency is to promote cultural and creative exchange between Korean and Mongolian artists and to increase the use of the arts in facilitating positive social change. Each year artists are selected from a range of disciplines: visual art (fine arts, landscape art, installation and design), literature, video and music, photography and performing arts. The 2011 participants will travel to the south Gobi and work on the creation of their own art pieces and community art work at the center of South Gobi, Dalanzadgad city.

Source: <http://tinyurl.com/3wf49jv>

## Position Openings

### Climate Hazards in the Gobi Desert Researcher

A position is available for candidates with a doctoral degree in Geography or a related subject, who have independent research expertise in environmental studies and with interactions between social and natural systems. The aim of the project is to provide, for the first time, an integrated analysis of the nature and impact of hazards in the Gobi Desert. The main research questions are: What is the post-1950 drought-dzud hazard history in the Gobi? How do hazards, particularly drought and dzud, influence the region's rural livelihoods, including mobile pastoralism, settled livestock-raising and cultivation? How will climate change impact natural hazards in the Gobi region? Source: <http://tinyurl.com/3btxtur> Contact: [recruitment@ouce.ox.ac.uk](mailto:recruitment@ouce.ox.ac.uk)

### Open Society Human Rights Internship 2012: Hungary

The internship is intended to attract recent graduates of Masters and LL.M. programs in the social sciences, law, and humanities to the human rights sector, giving them the opportunity to gain first-hand research experience in the field of human rights, government accountability, or penal reform. Successful candidates receive a locally-determined stipend and the opportunity to work in one of the leading human rights and accountability advocacy organizations in Central and Eastern Europe. Up to 10 internships will be supported. Applicants should be from Eastern Europe, the former Soviet Union or Mongolia. Application deadline: September 16, 2011. Visit: <http://tinyurl.com/3q2vkfx>

## Resources

### Society for Qing Studies Unveils New Website

The Society for Qing Studies has a new website for China scholars and subscribers to its companion journal, *Late Imperial China* (LIC) at: [http://qing\\_studies.press.jhu.edu](http://qing_studies.press.jhu.edu). Visitors to the site can sign up for a new listserv administered by the Society which will keep subscribers apprised of new research, awards, conferences, and other key developments. The site contains information for authors and prospective subscribers as well as a number of research resources collected by the Society. Visit: <http://tinyurl.com/6kabdj2>

Mongolia Human Development Report-2011

The report is available in both Mongolian and English. Mongolian:[http://www.undp.mn/nhdr2011/NHDR\\_report\\_mongolian\\_2011.pdf](http://www.undp.mn/nhdr2011/NHDR_report_mongolian_2011.pdf) English:[http://www.undp.mn/nhdr2011/NHDR\\_report\\_english\\_2011.pdf](http://www.undp.mn/nhdr2011/NHDR_report_english_2011.pdf)

## News and Events

UNESCO Registers Petroglyphs of Altai Mountain Range

The UNESCO World Heritage Committee meeting took place June 19-29, 2011 in Paris, France to nominate world heritage sites from among 40 countries. According to the resolution adopted during a session on June 28, the petroglyphs of the Mongolian Altai Mountain range were declared as a world heritage site.

Source: <http://news.gogo.mn/r/90053>

“Chinggis Khaan: an Exhibition,” July 10-October 10, 2011, Mongolian National Museum

The exhibition has been co-organized by the Ministry of Education Culture and Science, Mr. Don Lessem, the Mongolian National Museum, and the Arts Council of Mongolia. It includes precious objects from the USA and Mongolia which are on display for the first time in Mongolia and highlight Chinggis Khaan and the Great Mongolian Empire. The goal is to familiarize local and international audiences with Mongolian culture and history. Some of the objects have been viewed by 300,000 visitors internationally while traveling in Singapore and the USA since February of 2009 and are now arriving for the first time in the land of their origin. The exhibition consists of more than 100 objects from the Mongolian National Museum, the Mongolian Military Museum, the National Library of Mongolia, the Kharkhorin Museum, and foreign individuals.

Source: <http://artscouncil.mn/new/index.php>

## Recent Publications

“Ойрат-монголы: Обзор истории европейских калмыков (Oirat Mongols: Historical Review of European Kalmyks),” Elena Remileva, 2010, Bertugan-Verlag. The book discusses details of Oirat culture and historical roots of migration as well as gradual oppression during Soviet government.

“Along the Great Wall: Architecture and Identity in China and Mongolia,” edited by Eric Lehner, Alexandra Harrer, Hildegard Sint, 2010. This is a reference book published as part of an international conference that focused on architectural legacy and identity politics formed throughout the years between China and Mongolia.

“Raumkonzepte, soziale Organisation und Übergangsriten in der heutigen Mongolei: Arbeit, Familie und Heirat am Beispiel der westmongolischen Oold (Marriage Customs and Rites of Mongolian Oold), Astrid Elisabeth Zimmermann, 2010, Wiesbaden: Harrassowitz Verlag

“Stalin and Mongolia (Archival Materials),” edited by Ch. Dashdavaa, D. Ulziibaatar, S. 2010, Bembi San. The book contains previously unpublished archival materials covering the period 1921-1988. Most materials were recovered from the Mongolian National Archives and Archives of the Russian Federation.

“Хотогойдын Чингүнжав түүхийн судалгаанд Өгүүллийн эмхтгэл (Compilation of Narratives Regarding Historical Research on Hotgoidiin Chinguunjav),” edited by S. Chuluun, E. Jigmeddorj, 2010, Mongolian National Academy of Sciences. The book is about Chinguunjav, one of the national heroes who led large campaigns against Qing rule. This work contains more than 10 research articles by international scholars from Japan, Korea, China, U.S. and Russia.

“Рунические памятники Уйгурского каганата и история евразийских степей (Runic Monument of the Uighur Khanate and History of Eurasian Steppes),” S. G. Klyashtorny, 2010, Orientalia. The book contains information about the written heritage of the Uyghurs of East Turkestan and Gansu. The book is intended both for professionals Türkologists, and for readers interested in the problems of the Steppe of Eurasia.

“Монгольский поэтический фольклор: проблемы изучения, коллекции, поэтика (Mongolian Folk Poetry: Problems of Study, Collection, Poetics), E. V. Kulganek, 2010, *Orientalia*. This publication includes examples of Mongolian folk poetry using support material such as an index of proper names, a glossary of Mongolian words, and a list of manuscripts and manuscript collections in the block-prints Archive of the IOM containing Mongolian folk poetry.

“История приграничных с Китаем древних и средневековых государств: от гуннов до маньчжуров (History of Ancient and Medieval States Bordering China: from the Xiongnu to Manchurians), Ye, E. Kychanov, 2010, *Nomadica*. The book addresses the legend about the origin of the ruling clans that are characterized by representations of the nature of the Khan's authority as the authority, granted by Heaven, describes the effect on the polity of the peoples of Central Asia, and on the Chinese state.

“Нүүдэлчин монголчууд (Nomadic Mongolia)”, N. L. Zhukovskaya, translated by Ch. Baasanjargal, 2010. Soyombo. Originally published in Russian by Zhukovskaya, an ethnographer and anthropologist of Russian Academy of Sciences, the book is based on more than twenty field research trips that the author carried out in Mongolia between 1969 and 1990. It covers such topics as nomads' perception of time, the Mongolian calendar, diet of nomads.

“Монголын нууц товчооны орон зайн судалгаа (Research on Spatial Element of the Secret History of Mongols)”, O. Bavuu, 2010, Mongolian Academy of Sciences. The book is based on the geographical research that the author carried out in locating the recurring locations in the Secret History of Mongols.

“Ертөнцийн түүх: од буюу нарны дотоод бүтэц, их биетийн дотоод бүтэц, дэлхийн дотоод бүтэц (History of the Universe: Inner Structure of Star and Solar system, Structure of Masses and Earth),” edited by Ts. Nerguibaatar, 2010, Tseel Erdene.

“Дарьгангын тууж (Narratives of the Dariganga)”, Ts. Mukhar, 2010, Tsomorlig Publishing.

“Эрин цаг зохист аялгуу зохиолч уншигч (Literary Reading, Authorship of this Period),” D. Galbaatar, 2010, Bit Press.

“Ухаарал бясалгал, гэгээрэл: их хөлгөний алдарт сургаал Бодичарьяаватарагийн тайлбар (Illuminating Meditation, Enlightenment: Interpretation of Bodicharyavatara), translated from Tibetan by P. Badral, 2010, Nepko.

“The History of the Urbanisation of a Siberian City: Ulan Ude,” Balzhan Zhimbiev, 2011, Brill. Originally a Russian fort, later a trading town, Ulan-Ude subsequently became a typical Soviet provincial city. Zhimbiev explains the differences between Tsarist and Soviet planning practices and how the trading town was transformed into a departmental city as the power of the city authorities was superseded in the 1930s by that of centralized state industrial enterprises.

“Culture and Environment in Inner Asia Volume 1: Pastoral Economy and the Environment,” C. Humphrey and D. Sneath, eds., 2011, Brill. This volume explores the question of pastoral economies that have evolved under Russian, Mongolian and Chinese governance, their current trajectories and differing impact on the steppe environment. Contents include the structure and process of land-use in Inner Asia, socio-economic aspects of the pastoral movement of Mongolian herders, Inner Asia grassland degradation and plant transformation, livestock breeding in Mongolia past and present and the division of labor and working conditions of herdsmen in Mongolia.

“Culture and Environment in Inner Asia Volume 1: Society and Culture”, edited by Caroline Humphrey and David Sneath, 2011, Brill. Complementing *The Pastoral Economy and the Environment*, this volume examines the great social change experienced throughout the region following the demise of the Soviet Union, the advent of democracy in Russia and the economic reforms in China. Its contents include an examination of social attitudes regarding the environment, education, employment and unemployment, the effect of privatization policies, women's work, traditional pastoral practice, and relationship with the environment of the Oirat Mongols.

“Монголын хүн судлалын хөгжлийн он цагийн хэлхээ: Хүн Судлалын Үндэсний Төв байгуулагдсаны 20 жилийн ойд зориулав (Evolution in Mongolian Anthropological Field: dedicated to the National Center for Anthropology),” edited by D. Amgalanbaatar, 2011.

“Нэхээсгүй эдлэлийн технологи (Technology of Stitchless Product),” edited by Ch. Avdai, 2011. This book is about different techniques and technologies of products produced without stitching any of the material.

“Домогт бөхчүүдийн омогт барилдаан: бөхийн авьяас, барилдах урлаг, уран мэхийн увидас сэлтийг өгүүлсэн сэтгэлийн толь зургийн цомог оршивой (Famous Wrestling Moments of Legendary Wrestlers: Wrestling Talent, Art of Wrestling, Artful Tricks and Techniques,” Sh. Goohuu, 2011, Soyombo Printing. The book includes narratives, stories, facts and essays on traditional Mongolian wrestling.

“Алдарт туульч М. Парчины амьдрал ур чадварын судалгаа (Research on Life and Art of Famous Epic Singer M. Parchin),” Т. Balsan, 2011, Sod Press.