

## This Month in Mongolian Studies – August 2010

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 nextmonth's issue please contact the ACMS at [info@mongoliacenter.org](mailto:info@mongoliacenter.org)

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### ACMS Speaker Series

These lectures are free and open to the public. Directly following the lecture the ACMS hosts “Thursday Nights/Naitz at the ACMS.” This is a time and a place where lecture attendees and other scholars in Ulaanbaatar gather to continue discussing the research presentation and to meet other scholars conducting research in Mongolia.

Date: 5:30 PM, Thursday -August 5th, 2010, NUM, BUILDING #5, LECTURE HALL 305  
Speaker: Juha Janhunen, Ph.D., Professor, East Asian Studies, University of Helsinki, Finland  
Title: On Romanizing Mongolian

Professor Janhunen will present his linguistic research on the BJR (Balk-Janhunen Romanization System) for written Mongolian. He will begin by briefly describing the principles of romanizing cyrillic Khalkha, then discuss the prospects of creating a Roman-based practical orthography for Mongolian. He has previously published papers on these topics and will partly be referring to them, adding some new ideas.

He has authored more than 265 academic publications including Manchuria: An Ethnic History; Siberian Shamanistic Terminology; From Manchuria to Amdo Qinghai: On the Ethnic Implications of the Tuyuhun Migration; Typological Interaction in the Qinghai Linguistic Complex; Mongolic as an Expansive Language Family ; On the Romanization of Phags.pa Mongol ; Reconstructing the Language Map of Prehistorical Northeast Asia; On the position of Khamnigan Mongol The languages of his publications include: English, French, German, Swedish, Russian, Finnish, Hungarian, Saami, Kirghiz, Khakas, Chinese, Korean, and Japanese.

Link: [Full Publication List](#)

Professor Janhunen, a distinguished linguist, has served as Chair of Finno-Ugrian Studies, University of Oslo; Senior Research Fellow, Academy of Finland, Helsinki; Visiting Fellow in various institutions in Osaka, Sapporo and Tokyo; Honorary Professor,

Inner Mongolia University; and as a Member of Academia Europaea, London, Societas Scientiarum Fennica, Helsinki, Finnish Association of East Asian Studies, Royal Asiatic Society, London, Finnish Oriental Society, Helsinki, and the Finno-Ugrian Society, Helsinki. He has conducted extensive field research in Gansu, Qinghai, Manchuria, and Hokkaido and has been conducting research in Mongolia since 1976.

Link: [Full CV](#)

## ACMS Online Mongolian Language Course Fall 2010

The American Center for Mongolian Studies will offer an online Mongolian course through Maine at Augusta (UMA) from August 30 to December 18, 2010. 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 Beginning Mongolian. For details visit: [http://www.mongoliacenter.org/index.php?option=com\\_frontpage&Itemid=1](http://www.mongoliacenter.org/index.php?option=com_frontpage&Itemid=1)

## 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 August 2010 can be viewed on the ACMS library website at [http://www.mongoliacenter.org/library/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=656&Itemid=1](http://www.mongoliacenter.org/library/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=656&Itemid=1)*

Here are a few highlights:

“Mongol Ganjuur Danjuur-un garcag” (Topics of Mongol Ganjuur and Danjuur), Urinkira-a (2002), Alus-un Bar-a Keblel-un Qoriy-a, Kokeqota

“Chingis Khaany Toriin Belgedel” (State Symbolism of Chinggis Khaan), S. Dulam, (2006), Ongot khevlel, Ulaanbaatar

“Mongol Khelnii Khel Zuin Tol Bichig” (Cyrillic to Mongolian Script Grammatical Dictionary: word roots, grammatical categories, and tables of endings; includes Cyrillic to Mongolian script tables of personal and place names.), Sh. Choimaa, (2006), Obor Monggol-un Mongke Gal Kompani, khokh Khot

“Mongolchuudyn Tuukhend Uldeesen 33 Tsuut Tulaldan” (33 Famous Battles of the Mongols and Mongolia, from 209 B.C. to the 2004 Gulf War), Shiirevdorzhiin Nasanbat, (2009), Soembo Printing

“The Hazara Tribe in Balochistan - An Analysis of Socio-Cultural Change,” Mohammad Owtadolajam, (2006), Tanzeem Nasle Nau Hazara Mughal

## Call for Papers and Proposals

### **Research Training Fellowship for Developing Country Scientists (RTFDCS)**

The Centre for Cooperation in Science & Technology among Developing Societies (CCSTDS) promotes research among young researchers and students from developing countries (other than India) who plan to undertake a scientific research career. This program is intended for developing country scientists (other than Indians) who have aptitude for research, who would be willing to work in an Indian research laboratory, and who wish to equip themselves with research and complementary skills to improve their pursuit of PhD study or diversify their research capabilities. This is facilitated through training for a period of 3 – 12 months at Indian research/academic institutions.

The main objectives of the fellowship are to: 1. Promote mobility of researchers between India and other developing countries; 2. Develop research competencies of the developing country scientists through structured training modules; and 3. Utilize the fellowship to seed long-term research collaboration. Twenty Fellowships per year will be supported and each Fellowship is between 3 to 12 months in duration. Deadlines: March 31 and September 30, each year. Contact: Honorary Director, Centre for Co-operation in Science & Technology Among Developing Societies (CCSTDS), 2 Gandhi Mandapam Road, Chennai 600 025, India (Fax: [+91 44 24914543](tel:+914424914543); email: [ccstds@vsnl.net](mailto:ccstds@vsnl.net)) or visit: '[www.ccstds.tn.nic.in](http://www.ccstds.tn.nic.in)

### **Japan Scholarship Program of the Asian Development Bank - 2011**

This scholarship program provides an opportunity for mid-career professionals to pursue master's and doctoral studies in Australia, China, India, Japan, New Zealand, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and U.S.A. The funding is limited to applicants from developing member countries who wish to pursue graduate studies in economics, management, science, technology, urban planning, urban design, anthropology and sociology. For applicants who are applying to study at the University of Hawaii East-West Center, the application process begins in August. Visit: <http://www.adb.org/jsp/default.asp>  
Call for Applications-IFS Science Research Grant

The International Foundation for Science is accepting applications for project proposals from developing countries. The proposals should be focused on the sustainable utilization, conservation and management of biological or water resources. Research areas include: natural and social sciences; research on agriculture and soils; animal production; food science; forestry and agroforestry; and water resources. The grant is for up to USD 12, 000 equipment purchases, expendable supplies and possible field research. It is expected that IFS grantees already receive a salary and are employed by or otherwise attached to a developing country research institution. The research projects are approximately for 1-3 years. The eligible candidate should be: a citizen of a developing country; a scientist with at least a Master's or equivalent degree/research experience; under 40 years of age and at the beginning of research career; attached to a university, national research institution or a research-oriented NGO in a developing country. Deadlines: June 30th and December 30th. Visit: [http://www.ifs.se/Programme/granting\\_programme.asp](http://www.ifs.se/Programme/granting_programme.asp)

## Meetings, Conferences and Workshops

### **“Buddhism and the Contemporary World” Fourth International Conference**

August 4-10, Russian Federation

The conference on “Buddhism and the Contemporary World-Reading Dorzhiev’s Manuscripts” will be held in Olhan and Alhanai National Park, Aga Buryat. Co-organizers of the conference are the Buddhist Traditional Sangha of Russia, St. Petersburg Charitable Foundation “The Society of Buryat Culture Aya-Ganga”, Institute of Oriental Manuscripts-Russian Academy of Sciences, and the Administration of Aga Buryat Autonomous Region. The fourth in its series, the conference will explore topics such as the revival of Buddhism in the Buryat region, Mongolian literature and the influence of Buddhist narrative style in Mongolian and Buryat texts, identifying influences of Buddhist spiritual texts in Buryatian literature, and how traditional culture and spiritual practices ultimately become ethnic markers in an urban environment. Registration for the conference will take place on August 3rd followed on the same day by a brief tour of the datsan in Irkutsk. Working languages of the conference are Russian and English.

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### **Young Leaders Training and Research Program in Regional Cooperation and Development - 2010**

August 13-29, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

This year, the Northeast Asia Economic Forum (NEAEF), which organizes the associated Young Leaders Training and Research Program in Regional Cooperation and Development Fellowship, will hold its annual meeting in Mongolia. The Training and Research Program provides Fellows with in-depth seminars by leading academics and policy-makers, and a series of collaborative group work devoted to regional cooperation. Fellowship participants are also participants in the two-day conference of the NEAEF (August 26-27, 2010). The NEAEF, dedicated to promoting activities in the area of policy, economics and culture, will provide Fellowship participants with exposure to cutting-edge regional cooperation issues by being given the opportunity to meet with prominent Forum guests from the countries of Northeast Asia.

Visit: <http://www.neaef.org/fellowships.html>

### **"Discover Mongolia 2010"- The Eighth International Mining Investors Forum**

September 8-10, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

The Mongolian National Mining Association, with collaboration from Mine Info LLC and Monrud LLC, are organizing this forum to foster knowledge and increase business networking opportunities in the mining sector in Mongolia. The Forum is expected to attract representatives from mining and exploration companies, equipment and supply producers, investment and

banking institutions, geology and mining ,academia, professional media organizations, and portfolio agencies and departments. Participants may also attend the Investors' Exchange Exhibition and participate in a series of meetings with government officials. To register contact : [info@discovermongoliaforum.com](mailto:info@discovermongoliaforum.com) or visit:[http://www.discovermongoliaforum.com/index\\_of.php?view=wn](http://www.discovermongoliaforum.com/index_of.php?view=wn)

### **13th Annual Investors Conference of the North America-Mongolia Business Council (NAMBC) Annual Meeting, Ulaanbaatar**

September 28-30

The North America-Mongolia Business Council is organizing its 13th annual conference in Ulaanbaatar at the Kempinsky Hotel. US Ambassador Jonathan Addleton will be the Keynote Speaker. The ACMS and the Educational Working Group of the Business Council of Mongolia are co-organizing a panel to update attendees on the status of initiatives in the education and training environment in Mongolia. Deadline for registration: September 13th. Contact: [steve@nambc.org](mailto:steve@nambc.org)

### **Recent Publications**

“Harnessing Fortune: Personhood, Memory and Place in NortheastMongolia”, Rebecca M. Empson, (Estimated October, 2010), Oxford

This forthcoming publication focuses on detailed ethnography of rural Mongolian nomadic life since the collapse of the Soviet Union. Based on long-term field work with migrant nomadic families, this volume explores issues of identity in the changing political and economic environment. By focusing on material belongings of the nomadic household, the author establishes relationships between materiality, memory and identity.

“The Uyghurs: Strangers in Their Own Land”, Gardner Bovingdon, (2010), Columbia  
Beginning with the history of Xinjiang and its unique population of Chinese Muslims, Professor Bovingdon follows fifty years of Uyghur discontent, particularly the development of individual and collective acts of resistance since 1949, and the role of various transnational organizations in cultivating dissent. Professor Bovingdon's work provides insight into practices of nation-building and nation-challenging, not only in relation to Xinjiang but also in reference to other regions of conflict, highlighting the influence of international institutions on growing regional autonomy.

“Studies on Xinjiang Historical Sources in 17-20 Century”, James A.Millward, Shinmen Yasushi, and Sugawara Jun, eds., (2010), The Toyo Bunko

“Buddhist Warfare”, Michael K. Jerryson, Mark Juergensmeyer, (2010), Oxford

Buddhist Warfare demonstrates that the discourse on religion and violence, usually applied to Judaism, Islam, and Christianity, can no longer exclude Buddhist traditions. The book examines Buddhist military action in Tibet, China, Korea, Japan, Mongolia, Sri Lanka, and Thailand, and shows that even the most unlikely and allegedly pacifist religious traditions are susceptible to the violent tendencies of man.

“An Overview of the History and Culture of the Xianbei ('Monguor'/'Tu'),” Asian Ethnicity vol. 11, Alex J. Hu, (2010), Routledge

## News and Events

### **Research Initiative for the Nearly Extinct Gobi Bear Mazaalai**

The Research and Conservation Center for the Mazaalai bear opened last year but due to the lack of proper equipment and supplies, the opening was postponed until this year. The Center is located in Bayantoroi bag, Tsogt suman, Gobi Altai region and is scheduled to finally begin its activities next month. The initiative aims to systematically study the Gobi bear's life cycle, behavior, reproductive and nutritional intake. Today the total estimated number of the Mazaalai bear is less than 25. Visit: <http://www.mongolnews.mn/i/8075>

### **The National Museum of Mongolia joins the Virtual Collection of Masterpieces**

The Virtual Collection of Masterpieces, a project of the Asia Europe Museum Network, serves as a platform for Asian and European art pieces to be displayed on Internet. The project regularly organizes exhibitions between Asia and Europe to reinforce mutual understanding and appreciation of eastern and western art. The National Museum of Mongolia signed an MOU with the project in order to display 10 pieces as part of the initial phase.

Visit: [http://www.nationalmuseum.mn/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=frontpage&Itemid=17](http://www.nationalmuseum.mn/index.php?option=com_content&view=frontpage&Itemid=17)

### **“Some Latest Art Pieces-2010 Exhibition” Gallery Khaan Bank - August 3-20, 2010**

An exhibition featuring both traditional and contemporary works will open in August. Prominent art works of Mongolian and German artists such as by S. Dolgor and Mark Schmitts will be displayed in the gallery. The former is known for his traditional techniques and depiction of everyday life in ger districts, whereas Mr. Schmitts' works often experiment with representation of time and space by vibrant colors.

### **“Flute Night”-Ulaanbaatar - September 19th, 2010**

The Mongolian State Philharmonic Orchestra is hosting a solo flute performance by A. Munkhtsatsal, Department of Wind Instruments, Music and Dance College of Mongolia. The performance will focus on European pieces. It will be accompanied by guest performers Bibiana Sale, a German flute performer and small ensemble from the State Philharmonic Orchestra. To reserve a ticket telephone: 999252258, [99000159](tel:99000159)

### **U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton Invited to Visit Mongolia in 2011**

The Foreign Minister of Mongolia Zandanshatar met with U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton during the ASEAN Forum held July 22-23, in Hanoi, Vietnam to invite her to Mongolia on the occasion the 100th anniversary of its national freedom movement and the 90th anniversary of the

People's Revolution. Clinton congratulated Mongolia on its 20th year of democracy and on leading the League of Democratic Nations in

2011.[http://www.montsame.mn/index.php?option=com\\_news&mt=normal\\_news&tab=201007&task=news\\_detail&ne=895](http://www.montsame.mn/index.php?option=com_news&mt=normal_news&tab=201007&task=news_detail&ne=895)