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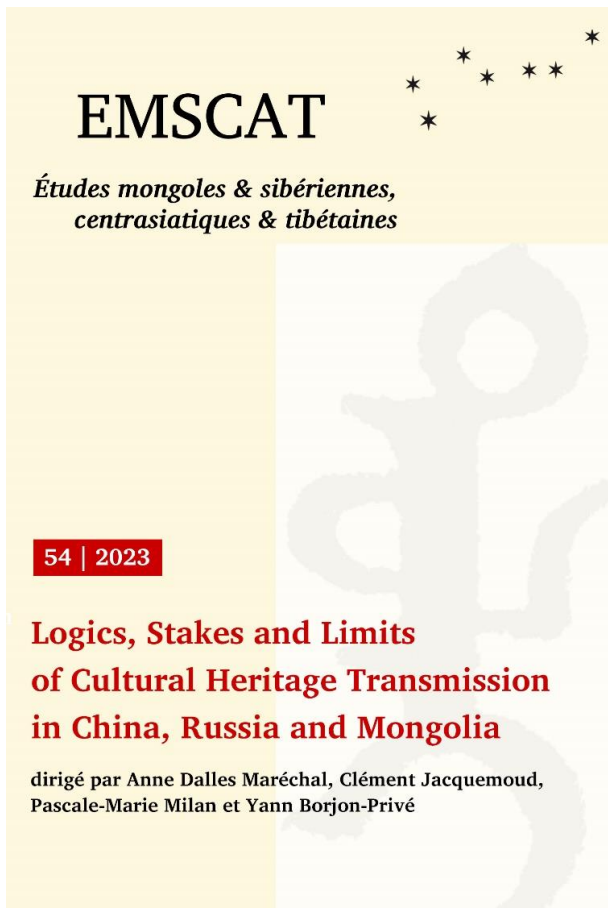
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## Nouvelle parution : *EMSCAT* 54 (2023)



Nous sommes heureux de vous annoncer la parution du dernier numéro de la revue *Études mongoles et sibériennes, centrasiatiques et tibétaines* (n°54, 2023), en ligne en accès libre à l'adresse suivante :

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- numéro spécial dirigé par Anne Dalles Maréchal, Clément Jacquemoud, Pascale-Marie Milan et Yann Borjon-Privé : "**Logics, Stakes and Limits of Cultural Heritage Transmission in China, Russia and Mongolia**".

- Un article Varia d'Alevtina Solovyeva et Karénina Kollmar-Paulenz : « From the Tibetan burial ground to the Mongolian steppe. A new life for Buddhist ritual practice in post-socialist Mongolia »

**EN :** We are pleased to announce the publication of the journal *Études mongoles et sibériennes, centrasiatiques et tibétaines* (n°54, 2023), online and free of charge at the following address

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- special issue edited by Anne Dalles Maréchal, Clément Jacquemoud, Pascale-Marie Milan and Yann Borjon-Privé, entitled "**Logics, Stakes and Limits of Cultural Heritage Transmission in China, Russia and Mongolia**".
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### *Tibetan and Himalayan Studies Lectures series, Universität Humboldt*



**HUMBOLDT-UNIVERSITÄT ZU BERLIN**



**Tibetan & Himalayan Studies Lecture Series**

**Institute for Asian and African Studies  
Central Asian Seminar**

**26 April 23, 6 pm CEST**  
**Ute Wallenböck, Masaryk University Brno**  
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**5 July 23, 6 pm CEST**  
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## *Séminaire de Clément Jacquemoud à l'EPHE*

Le séminaire de Clément Jacquemoud sur « Dynamiques culturelles, identitaires et religieuses en Asie du nord. Perspectives comparatives » continue :

### **Dates :**

- lundi 19 juin de 14h30 à 16h30 (salle 21 de la MSH),
  - lundi 26 juin de 14h30 à 16h30 (salle 21 de la MSH. A l'occasion de ce dernier séminaire, nous écouterons Olessia Koudriavtseva-Velmans nous présenter ses travaux de recherches autour du fonds Joseph de Baye de l'Institut d'études slaves).
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## *Séminaire du Mongolia and Inner Asia Studies Unit - EASTER TERM 2023*

RESEARCH SEMINAR PROGRAMME Tuesdays 4.30-6pm (UK time), Seminar Room, Mond Building All seminars will be in person and streamed live (unless stated otherwise).

**Tuesday 13 June : Nikolay Tsyrempilov** (Nazarbayev University) : "From Lamaism to Buddhism The Rise of Modernity in the Mongolian Sangha of Russia, late 19th – early 20th c."

### **Abstract**

It is generally accepted that the early history of Buddhist modernism is largely connected with the regions of Asia that experienced prolonged European colonization (Ceylon) or earlier than others embarked on the path of reforms along the European model (Japan). Although recent decades witnessed significant expansion of the empirical base for studying the modernist trends in Buddhism, the Tibeto-Mongolian Buddhist communities are still poorly covered in those studies. In this paper, I seek to demonstrate how the late 19th-century Mongolian-speaking Buddhists of the Russian Empire began to develop modernist ideas in response to vigorous attacks from Orthodox Christian missionaries. In order to do this, I analyze the history of the concepts "Lamaism" and "Buddhism", which entered the vocabulary of European academic scholars and missionaries. If the first term was traditionally used to stigmatize Tibeto-Mongolian Buddhism, the second referred to the pan-Asian translocal phenomenon. From the mid-19th c. the Orthodox polemicists began to increasingly use the term Buddhism in the sense of a religion of reason and rigorous asceticism, demanding the normalization of the Mongolian sangha of Russia. This criticism had a profound effect on the Buryat lamas, who began to call for intra-communal reforms in the spirit of Buddhist modernism. They attempted to establish ties with fellow believers in South Asia and exported the reconsidered vision of their religion to the neighboring Mongolia.

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## Colloques

### *9-14 août 2023: XII International Congress of Mongolists, Ulaanbaatar*

The XII International Congress of Mongolists is organized from August 9–14, 2023 in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, held this year under the auspices of Khurelsukh Ukhnaa, President of Mongolia.

The Congresses of Mongolists have been organized in Mongolia since 1959. The twelfth forum will occur from 9–14 August 2023 in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, with the accentuated theme of **“Pax Mongolica and Historical Experience”**.

The substantive work of the congress will be carried out in the following five sections:

- Section 1. Prehistory and History of Mongolia and the Mongols
- Section 2. Historical Development of Mongolian Language and Literature
- Section 3. Mongolian Society, Economy, Politics, and Legislation
- Section 4. The “Outside World” of the Mongols, Foreign Relations
- Section 5. Mongolian Culture: Tradition and Innovation

The accentuated theme “Pax Mongolica and Historical Experience” requires a vivid discussion from different aspects, including Mongolian history, tradition and customs, language, literature, social economy, politics, and the inside and outside world, special features of Mongolian nomadic culture and nomadic civilizations.

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***16-17 octobre 2023 : IV International Conference “Mongolia and the Mongols: Past and Present”***

**The Faculty of Oriental Studies of the University of Warsaw is hosting the 4<sup>th</sup> International Conference “Mongolia and the Mongols: Past and Present” on October, 16th-17th 2023 at the University of Warsaw, Poland. The conference is organized under the patronage of HE. Ambassador of Mongolia to Poland.**

The conference will focus on the history, culture, religion, language, and art of the Mongols, as well as Mongolia's historical and current political, economic, and global relations, and explore the prospects for the future. The conference will be a platform for discussion on the role and present state of Mongolian studies and their further development.

We would be much honoured if you could attend the conference and deliver a paper on a topic of your choice, related to your field of research. Papers can be presented in Mongolian or in English and should not exceed 20 minutes.

The conference fee of 450 zlotys (ca 100 EUR) covers conference materials, lunches, and refreshments during the conference. It does not cover accommodation and travel expenses.

The organizers will provide the participants with a list of recommended hotels.

The venue of the conference will be the Faculty of Oriental Studies, University of Warsaw, Tyniecka 15/17, Warsaw, Poland.

Papers read at the conference will be published in the Proceedings of the conference.

Please send your abstract by e-mail to: [mongoliaandthemongols\\_2023@uw.edu.pl](mailto:mongoliaandthemongols_2023@uw.edu.pl)



## Bourses et contrats post-doctoraux

### **ANNOUNCEMENT OF 2023-2024 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME THE INSTITUTE FOR MONGOL STUDIES THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF MONGOLIA**

The three Scholarship Programmes in the honour of Academician Ts.Damdinsuren, Academician Sh.Luvsanvandan and Academician B.Rinchen is now opened for international doctoral and postdoctoral researchers.

The main objective of these scholarships is to support young international scholars who are specialising in the fields of Mongolian Studies for taking advanced training and conducting fieldwork in Mongolia.

#### **The Scholarship Programmes:**

Academician Ts.Damdinsuren Scholarship is granted to scholars whose research focuses on Mongolian literature and history.

Academician Sh.Luvsanvandan Scholarship is granted to scholars whose research focuses on the Mongolian language, the Mongolian script and Altaic studies.

Academician B.Rinchen Scholarship is granted to scholars whose research focuses on Mongolian culture and tradition, anthropology and ethnology.

#### **Application Requirements:**

- Scholarship will be granted to three selected international researchers who are under the age of 40 and pursuing their doctoral and post-doctoral research which is related to Mongolian Studies.
- A scholarship recipient should be able to start their research for 2023-2024 academic year and conduct their research in Mongolia for the period of three months. A scholarship recipient can choose their research period in Mongolia.

#### **Scholarship Selection Process:**

- Send your completed application documents to [infomonstudies@gmail.com](mailto:infomonstudies@gmail.com) by July 11, 2023.
- Selected scholarship recipient will be notified by July 25, 2023.



**Application Documents:**

- Curriculum Vitae.
- The list of publications including research projects undertaken.
- Letter of Intent should state objective and scope of your studies, the name and department of the supervisor at the National University of Mongolia and specify which scholarship an applicant is applying for.
- HIV test which is required for Mongolian visa (only scholarship recipient shall submit).

**Scholarship Terms and Conditions:**

- A scholarship recipient shall work under supervision of a professor at the National University of Mongolia who is agreed to supervise the proposed research.
- A scholarship recipient shall be provided with an international student dormitory free of charge. If a scholarship recipient chooses not to live in the dormitory, researcher shall arrange their accommodation.
- The monthly scholarship will be 800,000 mnt.

**The Responsibilities of the Scholarship recipient:**

- A scholarship recipient shall give lecture and/or seminar on their research area at the Institute for Mongolian Studies, National University of Mongolia or at the affiliated department.
- A scholarship recipient shall produce and publish a research paper in an academic journal of their choosing as an outcome of scholarship.
- A scholarship recipient shall submit a written report to the Institute for Mongolian Studies on accomplishment of their research works completed during the scholarship period.
- The recipient shall abide by the rules and regulations of the National University of Mongolia during the scholarship period.

## Doctorat et post-doctorat financés – ERC « Complexity »

1 PhD-position and 2-postdoc positions available in Tromsø:

Research Professor **Marius Warg Næss** (High North Department, Norwegian Institute for Cultural Heritage Research) has been awarded an **ERC consolidator grant called COMPLEXITY: From small-scale cooperative herding groups to nomadic empires – a cross-cultural approach** (Grant agreement ID: 101043382, <https://cordis.europa.eu/project/id/101043382>). This project will add to other successful past and current research projects carried out in the High North Department of NIKU.

### Project Abstract:

The main question of this research project is: can political complexity evolve from small-scale cooperative groups? The predominant view of nomadic empires – that they are caused by contact with agricultural neighbours – cannot explain how pastoralists transitioned from small, kin-based cooperative herding groups to complex hierarchical groups with the power to conquer their sedentary neighbours. By perceiving cooperative herding groups as the building blocks of nomadic societies, this project aims to develop a theoretical explanation of pastoral political organisation ranging from acephalous societies in Africa to imperial confederations in Inner Asia. While cooperative herding has been documented, previous studies have been based on single case studies. Thus, a cross-cultural investigation of pastoral cooperation is lacking. There is also a view that livestock, as the primary source of wealth, limits the development of inequalities, making pastoralism unable to support complex or hierarchical organisations. However, evidence indicates that environmentally induced livestock losses exacerbate rather than limit the development of wealth inequalities. COMPLEXITY rectifies this situation through three steps. First, by combining a systematic literature review of the ethnographic material with information in the eHRAF World Cultures database, COMPLEXITY will cross-culturally document the prevalence of cooperative herding groups. Second, by using a pluralistic methodology, e.g., experimental economic games, observations and interviews, COMPLEXITY will comparatively investigate to what degree pastoral cooperation is structured by evolutionary factors – such as kinship, reciprocity, social network structure, and norms – and investigate how cooperation affect pastoral performance and inequality. Third, by combining empirical data with modelling techniques, COMPLEXITY investigates whether cooperative herding groups can be considered prototypes for more complex organisations.

More about the project can be found at <https://pastoralism-climate-change-policy.com/2022/03/17/can-political-complexity-evolve-from-small-scale-cooperative-herding-groups/>

PhD: <https://niku.easycruit.com/vacancy/3160281/205543?iso=no>

Postdoc: <https://niku.easycruit.com/vacancy/3160373/205543?iso=no>

## Autre publications

Aurore Dumont, 2023, « Sacred Land Cairns and Shamanic Burial Sites on the Sino-Russo-Mongolian Borderlands », *Asian Ethnicity*.

Aurore Dumont. 2023, « A Mongolian Muzzle in the Chinese Grasslands: The Shifting Uses of the Camel in Nomadic Pastoralism and Festivities », in Teo, Victor (dir.), *Human-Animal Interactions in Anthropocene Asia*, Londres, New York, Routledge, pp. 71-92.

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