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Site de la Société des études mongoles et sibériennes : Mongolian studies in France

EN: New pages have been created on the Mongolian and Siberian Studies website, covering the history and current situation of Mongolian studies in France. This will be followed by a presentation of the collections of books, manuscripts and artifacts held in museums and libraries in France:

<https://etudesmongolesetsiberiennes.fr/mongol-studies-and-collections-in-france/>

FR : De nouvelles pages ont été créées sur le site des Études mongoles et sibériennes, concernant l'histoire et la situation actuelle des études mongoles en France. Viendront par la suite une présentation des collections de livres, manuscrits et artefacts conservés dans les musées et les bibliothèques de France (en anglais) :

<https://etudesmongolesetsiberiennes.fr/mongol-studies-and-collections-in-france/>

Séminaires et conférences

6 septembre 2024 : 100th anniversary of Nyam-Osoryn Tsultem

International Conference dedicated to the 100th anniversary of Nyam-Osoryn Tsultem (1924-2001)

Art and Art History in/of Mongolia: Past and present

Nyam-Osoryn Tsultem, Mongolia's Labor Hero, People's Artist, State Prize recipient, and Honored Art Worker of Mongolia, was not only a prolific artist who produced many treasures of Mongolian art. He was also the first art historian who received his doctoral degree in art history in 1971. His activities that spanned over sixty years of his life were dedicated to the development of fine art institution in Mongolia, founding a Museum of Fine Arts, establishing the Fine Art School as an independent college, and leading the Union of Mongolian Artists into a prosperous institution. This conference is to discuss Tsultem's contribution to Mongolian art and art history through historical and theoretical lens as well as to discuss the past and current state of art-historical research of Mongolian arts by identifying research areas, themes and new topics, methodologies, and future prospects.

Participation and the Conference Scope:

Researchers, scholars, educators, students, artists and art professionals affiliated with universities and colleges, research institutions, related governmental and non-profit organizations in Mongolia and overseas can participate in the conference. The conference is aiming to cover the following areas of research:

1. Tsultem's art and art-historical publications;
2. The current state of Mongolian art historical studies, topics and methodologies;
3. New research of Mongolian art on any topic;

4. intersectionality of Mongolian art with traditional culture, philosophy and Religious studies
5. Art-historical research of Mongolian contemporary art

Main Organizers:

- International Association of Mongolian Studies - Research Institute for Arts and Culture at the Mongolian University of Arts and Culture
- Indiana University
- Date of the conference: September 6, 2024
- Place: Main Auditorium at the National University of Mongolia, Bldg. 2
- Language of the presentations: Mongolian, English, Russian

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4 octobre 2024: The 2024 Mongolia Society Annual Meeting

The 2024 Annual Meeting of The Mongolia Society will be held on October 4-5, 2024, in Washington, DC. There will be a tour of the Library of Congress on Friday October 4th and the Mongolia Society Annual Meeting and Panels will be held on Saturday October 5th at the US Asia Institute.

Friday, October 4, 2024

Library of Congress
101 Independence Ave SE
Washington, DC 20540

2:00 pm: General tour of the Library of Congress, ending in the Asian Reading Room, which will have a selection of special items from the Asian Division's Mongolian collection.

Saturday, October 5, 2024

US-Asia Institute
232 East Capitol Street NE
Washington, DC 20003

E-Mail: monsoc@indiana.edu; Web: www.mongoliasociety.org

12-13 novembre 2024 : Colloque « Human-Environment Relations in Central Asia »

The Leibniz-Zentrum Moderner Orient (ZMO) and the Central Asian Studies Network in Germany (CASNiG) cordially invite you to submit an abstract for the 5th annual CASNiG conference on "**Human-Environment Relations in Central Asia: Flows, Frictions and Frontiers**". The conference will take place at the ZMO in Berlin on 12-13 November 2024.

The conference will focus on the relations that populations across Central Asia develop with their environs and the variegated transformations these relations have undergone in recent years as a result of multiscalar and overlapping social, economic, political, natural, and cultural processes.

In order to reflect and grasp the interconnectedness of various factors shaping our lived experiences and the world around us, we invite contributions to address one or more of the following sets of registers (but without being necessarily limited to them). We believe that these registers will facilitate our discussions about human-environment relations across Central Asia by prompting us to think creatively about what constitutes environment and approach environmental relations, conceptualisations, methodologies, and pedagogies from a comparative perspective:

- Flows (migration, mobilities, translocalities, funds, resources, information, knowledge, discourses, narratives)
- Frictions (democratic participation and deliberation, resistance, collective action, activism, repression)
- Frontiers (large-scale infrastructures, extractivism, other forms of re/built environment, governance)

Please find the full call for papers here: <https://www.zmo.de/en/career/call-for-papers>

We are looking forward to your submissions!

On behalf of the organising team,
Nikolaos Olma & Beril Ocaklı

15-16 novembre 2024 : Colloque « Mongolian Language in Contact »

The 2nd International Conference on « **Mongolian Language in Contact** » organized by the Institute of Asian Studies, Faculty of Arts, Charles University, Prague will be held in **Prague** from 15 to 16 November, 2024.

Mongolian is one of the core members of the Altaic typological sphere, “a well-defined field for the analysis of areal typology, language contacts, lexical borrowing, and structural interaction.” (Janhunen 2023). In the course of history, a remarkable diversity of language contact phenomena has been engendered by contacts between Mongolian and other Mongolic and non-Mongolic languages, as well as languages located within and outside the broader cultural area. In addition, a variety of contact-induced processes of recent date can be observed.

Bearing this in mind, we invite you to deliver a paper on any topic pertaining to language contact involving Mongolian and other Mongolic languages. The topics may include, but are not limited to:

- sociolinguistic features of modern or historic language contact,
- contact-induced language change,
- aspects of multilingualism,
- pidgins, creoles and mixed language,
- linguistic areas or Sprachbunds, reconstructing the past through linguistic data,

There is no conference fee. Participants are responsible for covering their travel expenses, accommodation and meals.

The languages of the conference are English and Mongolian.

Registration for the conference: We kindly ask you to fill the form below and send it to the organizers (uvs@seznam.cz or avanek2000@yahoo.com) together with the short abstract (250 words maximum).

Invitation and visa: Please let us know if you require a personal invitation. For visa information, please check the section VISA (<https://mongoliaincontactconference.ff.cuni.cz/>) or contact the organizers.

Mgr. Veronika Kapišovská, Ph.D., Department of Mongolian Studies, Institute of Asian studies, Faculty of Art, Charles University

25-26 novembre 2024 : Colloque « Current Research and Practices in Anthropology, Art & Archaeology »

THE SECOND INTERNATIONAL VIENNA MONGOLIAN STUDIES SYMPOSIUM 2024

Current Research and Practices in Anthropology, Art & Archaeology

25-26 November, 2024

Austrian Academy of Sciences

Postsparkasse (PSK), Georg-Coch-Platz, 1010 Vienna

The second INTERNATIONAL VIENNA MONGOLIAN STUDIES SYMPOSIUM will take place at the Postsparkasse Building – a historic landmark designed by architect Otto Wagner – in the heart of Vienna from 25 to 26 November, 2024. The symposium will focus on current research in social and cultural anthropology and interdisciplinary approaches including Mongolia-related research and practice in the fields of archaeology, geography, history, arts and natural sciences.

Contributions will be on topics such as: environment, mobile pastoralism and extractivism; human and non-human relations; archaeology and anthropology; materialities, art and artefacts. Some of the questions related to (but not limited to) these themes are: What are the environmental and social impacts of global politics, related infrastructure projects and resource extraction? How are or have infrastructures and resource extraction been linked to the movement of materialities, commodities and artefacts? And how do humans, animals and spirits interact with these multifaceted influences. Further subjects relevant to the symposium can be proposed until 30 August, 2024.

The symposium aims to be a forum for international Mongolian Studies or Mongolia related scholars and artists to present and discuss theoretical and empirical research approaches and practices. We intend to bring researchers, scholars and artists together to exchange knowledge, discuss current and recent investigations, ongoing research projects, practices and experiences and enhance networking.

We ask those interested in participating to submit a title by 15 July, 2024 and a 250-word abstract proposal for a 15-20 minutes presentation in English by 07 September, 2024.

Participation at the symposium is free.

Please note that travel and accommodation expenses will be the responsibility of the participants.

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In cooperation with the National University of Mongolia (NUM) and supported by the Institute for Mongol Studies/National University of Mongolia; the National Council for Mongol Studies/Government of Mongolia; the Ministry of Education, Culture, Science and Sports of Mongolia and the Mongolian Embassy in Vienna.

27-28 novembre 2024 : European Conference of Mongolian Studies, Venezia



Dear colleagues,

We are pleased to announce that the next European Conference of Mongolian Studies will be held at Ca' Foscari University of Venice, on November 27-28, 2024, on the occasion of Marco Polo's 700th anniversary.

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 honored by your presence at the conference and invite you to deliver a paper on a topic of your choice within your area of research. Presentations can be conducted in either Mongolian or English and should not exceed 20 minutes, followed by a 10-minute discussion session.

The organizers will provide participants with a list of recommended hotels. The conference will take place at Ca' Dolfin Palace, located at Dorsoduro 3825/e – 30123, Ca' Foscari University of Venice, Italy.

Please note that **travel and accommodation expenses** will be the responsibility of the participants.

Important dates:

- Title submission: **July 15, 2024**
- Abstract submission: **September 30, 2024**
- The European Conference on Mongolian Studies: November 27th and 28th, 2024 (Arrival on November 25th and Departure on November 29th, 2024)

Conference contacts:

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We look forward to your participation and contribution to this enriching scholarly event.

Warm regards,

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8-10 janvier 2025 : International Conference: « Geopolitics, Migrations and Identities in Central Eurasia »

(Joint Meeting CESS-ESCAS)

Lisbon, January 8/10, 2025

Conference: Tuesday evening, January 7 (Day 0) - to Saturday morning, January 11 (Day +).

In-person only

In January 2025, Lisbon will host the Joint Meeting of the CESS (Central Eurasian Studies Society) and the ESCAS (European Society for Central Asian Studies) - an International Conference on «Geopolitics, Migrations and Identities in Central Eurasia». We hope that this initiative will help bringing Central Eurasian studies to the forefront of global academic discourse. We invite submissions relating to all aspects of humanities and social science scholarship across Central Eurasia - a diverse region that encompasses Central Asia, the Caucasus, Iran, Afghanistan, Xinjiang, Tibet, Mongolia, Siberia, the Black Sea region, and the Volga region.

Draft Program

On Tuesday afternoon (January 7), the Joint Meeting will be preceded by a symbolic event: join us in an interconfessional and ecumenical Ceremony for Light and Peace, hosted by Lisbon Patriarchy; to participate in this propitiatory event of Forgiveness, Tolerance and Good Will have been invited representatives of all major religious communities of Eurasia - Christians, Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists, Jews ... After this spiritual moment, the Welcome Dinner (offered by the organization) will celebrate the Cuisines of Portuguese-speaking countries and territories: a buffet of food from Portugal, Angola, Brazil, Mozambique, ...

The first day of this Conference - Wednesday, January 8 - will take place at the Gulbenkian Foundation; after the Opening Session, it will be entirely dedicated to discuss the EU relations with the Caucasus and Central Asia countries: Bilateral and Multilateral Partnerships, Cooperation Agreements, Geopolitical Issues... We are preparing an event bringing together scholars and academic experts from different geographies, and senior staff and politicians from the EU, the Caucasus and Central Asia countries.

The second and third days of the Conference - Thursday and Friday - will be hosted by the ISCSP - Institute of Social and Political Sciences of the University of Lisbon (Campus da Ajuda). The University is one of the oldest European higher-learning institutions (created in the 13th century), and several Faculties and Institutes are in the World's top-100 in their fields. On January 9, the day will end with a Wine Reception.

On Saturday morning - January 11 - the Universidade Autónoma will host the Conference Meetings, the Closing Session - and the Farewell Party, with amphora wine and a performance by a group of cante alentejano (Unesco Intangible Cultural Heritage).

Registration

Membership of ESCAS or CESS required. Please check the websites: www.escas.org and <https://centraleurasia.org/>

Publications

EMSCAT 55 : Nous avons le plaisir de vous annoncer la parution du volume 55 d'*Études mongoles & sibériennes, centrasiatiques & tibétaines*, **Mapping Amdo III. Dynamics of Relations and Interaction**, numéro spécial dirigé par Katia Buffetrille, suivi de Varia, de comptes rendus et de résumés de thèses, accessible ici : <http://journals.openedition.org/emscat/>

We are pleased to announce the release of volume 55 of *Études mongoles & sibériennes, centrasiatiques & tibétaines*, **Mapping Amdo III. Dynamics of Relations and Interaction**, a special issue edited by Katia Buffetrille, followed by Varia, book reviews and thesis abstracts, available at: <http://journals.openedition.org/emscat/>

MAPPING AMDO III. DYNAMICS OF RELATIONS AND INTERACTION

KATIA BUFFETRILLE

Introduction

ANDREW M. FISCHER

The changing ethnic demography of Amdo Tibet. Insights from the 2020 Population Census of China

JARMILA PTÁČKOVÁ

Lost on the path towards modernity. Urbanisation and livelihood prospects of the transitional generation in Tibetan rural areas in Qinghai, People's Republic of China

TSEHUA GYAL

Unsettled landscapes. The (un)making and remaking of a Tibetan farming community in northwestern China

XÉNIA DE HEERING

Glimpses of reading practices in Tibetan pastoral areas. A case study in Golok Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture

PALDEN GYAL

The Meu Kingdom. Unravelling the history of a Tibetan polity in the Sino-Tibetan borderlands, 1700-1930

HUGH BATTYE

Language endangerment in Amdo. The case of the Gansu Bonan

GIULIA ORLANDO

The sociophonetics of uvular and prosodic variation in Dongxiang

HIROYUKI SUZUKI ET YUXIA ZOU (GYU 'BRUG MTSO)

Writing oral varieties with the Tibetan script. A case study on Cone Tibetan

VARIA

ANNE-SOPHIE PRATTE

The river that made the map. The Kerülen Basin in Qing Mongolia

BATSAIKHAN OOKHNOI

The Time of the Eighth Bogd Jebtsundamba as the climax of the Jebtsundamba institutions in (Halh) Mongolia

KUNSANG NAMGYAL-LAMA

Laksacaitya paubhās. Pictorial representations of a Newar Buddhist ritual performance

Thomas White, *China's Camel Country: Livestock and Nation-Building at a Pastoral Frontier*, University of Washington Press, 2024.

The book examines how state environmentalism in a pastoral region of Inner Mongolia has been contested and negotiated by local Mongols, who have championed the conservation of the Alasha Bactrian Camel and the extensive form of husbandry that it requires.

There will be a book launch on Wednesday October 16th at 6pm in King's College London

China's Camel Country

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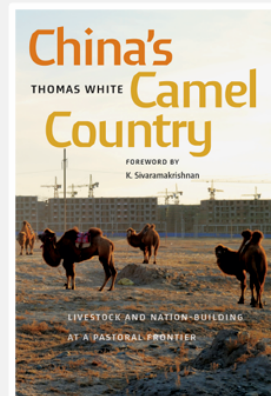
"A fantastically rich account of pastoralism in a frontier region that opens out powerful new ways of looking at heritage, the complexities of 'camel culture', nation-making, and state-minority relations in China. Through this deeply rooted research we come to better understand not just ecological degradation and visions for development and conservation, but also how to write robust environmental anthropologies of the contemporary."

- Nayanika Mathur, author of *Crooked Cats: Beastly Encounters in the Anthropocene*

China today positions itself as a model of state-led environmentalism. On the country's arid rangelands, grassland conservation policies have targeted pastoralists and their animals, blamed for causing desertification. State environmentalism—in the form of grazing bans, enclosure, and resettlement—has transformed the lives of many ethnic minority herders in China's western borderlands.

However, this book shows how such policies have been contested and negotiated on the ground, in the context of the state's intensifying nation-building project. Drawing on ethnographic fieldwork in Alasha, in the far west of China's Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, Thomas White describes how ethnic Mongols have foregrounded the local breed of Bactrian camel, mobilizing ideas of heritage and resource conservation to defend pastoralism.

In exploring how the greening of the Chinese state affects the entangled lives of humans and animals at the margins of the nation-state, this study is both a political biography of the Bactrian camel and an innovative work of political ecology addressing critical questions of rural livelihoods, conservation, and state power.



Thomas White is lecturer in China and sustainable development at King's College London.

Kalyanakrishnan "Shivi" Sivaramakrishnan is Dinakar Singh Professor of India and South Asia Studies, professor of anthropology, professor of forestry and environmental studies, and codirector of the Program in Agrarian Studies, Yale University.

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Podcast

Podcast: Tibet, Mongolia and the Dalai Lama: A Special and Centuries-Old Relationship

Dr. Uradyn E Bulag

Dr. Lkhagyademchig Jadamba

Telo Rinpoche

The cultural, historical and religious ties binding Tibet, Mongolia and the Dalai Lama dates back to the time of Genghis Khan in the 13th century. Tibetan and the descendants of Genghis Khan developed a unique relationship of “Cho-yon”, priest-patron, where the Mongol’s military power protected Tibet from internal and external attacks and the Tibetan Lamas gave the Mongol chiefs moral and spiritual legitimacy to rule. The Mongol ruler Altan Khan gave the title Dalai (meaning "ocean of wisdom") to Sonam Gyatso, the third Dalai Lama, in 1577.

. Asia Freedom Institute’s Freedom Hour session will highlight the special and centuries-old relationship between Tibet, Mongolia and the Dalai Lama which continues to this day.

Live Video Podcast Links:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/AsiaFreedomInstitute/>

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/@AsiaFreedomInstitute/streams>

Here is the Streamyard link to the event: <https://streamyard.com/39ivtadpcn>

Positions

A position that fits well MIASU interests:

<https://www.jobs.ac.uk/job/DIX930/postdoctoral-research-fellow-in-environmental-anthropology>

L’Unité CNRS « Études aréales » (UAR2999) qui porte les trois Groupements d’Intérêt Scientifique (GIS) Asie, Études africaines, et Moyen-Orient et mondes musulmans (MOMM), ainsi que le consortium HumNum DISTAM (DIgital Studies Africa, Asia and Middle East) annonce le recrutement d’un.e responsable pour l’enquête “Terrains empêchés”.

La/Le Responsable Enquête et Prospective travaillera en étroite collaboration la porteuse principale du projet (INALCO) et le comité de pilotage constitué des représentants des directions des 7 réseaux auxquels CNRS-Sciences humaines & sociales a confié cette enquête, à savoir : les GIS Asie, GIS Études africaines, GIS MOMM, GIS Institut des Amériques, GIS Eurolab, GDR CEM, GDR Est. Elle/Il sera placé sous la responsabilité hiérarchique de la directrice de l’UAR Études aréales. Un maximum de deux jours de télétravail par semaine peut être mis en place.

Pour de plus amples informations, voir la page de l'annonce : <https://www.gis-reseau-asie.org/evenement/responsable-denquete-terrains-empeches-hf-gis-asie-gis-etudes-africaines-gis-momm>

La date limite pour envoyer sa candidature est le **13 septembre 2024**.
