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# Lettre d'information des études mongoles et sibériennes n°96

20 février 2026

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## Appel à cotisations à la SEMS

Chères adhérentes, chers adhérents,

Nous souhaitons tout d'abord vous exprimer nos remerciements pour votre fidélité à la SEMS au cours de l'année écoulée, et nous vous souhaitons une excellente année 2026, année du Cheval de Feu.

La Société des Études mongoles et sibériennes est une association régie par la loi du 1<sup>er</sup> juillet 1901 et le décret du 16 août 1901, fondée par Roberte Hamayon en 2013. Depuis le 27 septembre 2019, elle est présidée par Anne Dalles-Maréchal et Clément Jacquemoud, avec comme secrétaire, Isaline Saunier, et trésorier, Robin Toublan.

La SEMS a pour but de promouvoir la connaissance de la Mongolie et de la Sibérie, rassembler les chercheurs et des passionnés de ces régions, contribuer à la diffusion et à la valorisation de leurs travaux par des publications scientifiques et d'ouverture au grand public et par des manifestations (conférences, événements culturels). Elle contribue au financement de la collection papier *Nord-Asie*, supplément à la revue *Études mongoles & sibériennes, centrasiatiques & tibétaines*. Elle finance par ailleurs l'hébergement du site des Études mongoles et sibériennes.

L'adhésion à la SEMS permet également d'être tenu informé des événements importants relatifs aux études du monde mongol et sibérien via **cette lettre d'information sur les actualités de la recherche** (événements, publications, nouveaux membres, soutenances de thèse et d'HDR...).

À la fin de cette lettre, vous trouverez un formulaire d'adhésion ou de renouvellement d'adhésion. Pour (re)devenir membre de la SEMS (**cotisation annuelle 20 €, étudiants 15 €**), merci de régler de préférence par virement bancaire, sinon par chèque à

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Merci de ne pas en tenir compte si vous avez déjà réglé votre cotisation.

Bien cordialement,

Le Bureau de la SEMS

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### **Call for contributions to the SEMS**

Dear members,

First of all, we would like to express our gratitude for your continued support of the SEMS over the past year, and we wish you a wonderful 2026, the Year of the Fire Horse.

The Society for Mongol and Siberian Studies is an association governed by the law of July 1, 1901, and the decree of August 16, 1901. It has been founded by Roberte Hamayon in 2013. Since September 27, 2019, it is chaired by Anne Dalles-Maréchal and Clément Jacquemoud, with Isaline Saunier as secretary and Robin Toublan as treasurer.

The SEMS aims to promote knowledge of Mongolia and Siberia, bring together researchers specializing in these regions and passionate people, and contribute to the dissemination and promotion of research through scholarly publications and public events (conferences, cultural events). It contributes to the printing of the *Nord-Asie* (North Asia) book series, a supplement to the journal *Études mongoles & sibériennes, centrasiatiques & tibétaines* (Mongol & Siberian, Central Asian & Tibetan Studies). It also funds the hosting of the *Études mongoles et sibériennes* website.

Membership in the SEMS also allows you to stay informed about important events related to Mongol and Siberian studies through **this newsletter** (events, publications, new members, PhD and Habilitation defenses, etc.).

At the end of this letter, you will find a membership form. To (re)join SEMS (**annual membership €20, students €15**), please pay preferably by bank transfer, otherwise by check to:

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Sincerely,

The Board of the SEMS

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## Séminaires et colloques

### *Séminaire des études mongoles 2026*

Organisé par Isabelle Charleux, Anna Dupuy & Isaline Saunier

Jour et horaire : Un mardi sur deux **de 15h-17h**

Lieu : Campus Condorcet, **salle 3.086** du Bâtiment de recherche Nord (14 cours des Humanités, 93322 Aubervilliers, Métro Front Populaire (Ligne 12) ; RER B La Plaine – Stade de France). Il est également possible d'assister au séminaire **en ligne**.

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#### **Programme :**

Mardi 10 mars 2026 : **Anne-Caroline Allard** : « Les pierres à cerfs et les tertres funéraires de l'âge du Bronze tardif en Mongolie. Du tangible à l'imaginaire, de l'espace au discours »

Mardi 24 mars 2026 : **Francesca Fiaschetti** (Université de Vienne) : « Elite Multilingualism and Cultural Translation: examples from Chinese, Persian and Middle-Mongolian sources ».

Mardi 7 avril 2026 : **Jeanne Riaudel** (Université Panthéon-Sorbonne), « Organiser la steppe ; enquête géographique sur les mobilités pastorales dans le désert de Gobi »

Mardi 5 mai 2026 : **Aurore Dumont** (Université Paris-Cité) : « La ville, une alternative à l'instabilité de la vie pastorale ? Mobilités contemporaines et logiques urbaines à Hulun Buir (Mongolie-Intérieure) ».

Mardi 19 mai 2026 : **Ma Xin** (EPHE) : « Réflexion sur la notion de “communauté” de la steppe : à travers les pratiques chamaniques du Hulunbuir (Mongolie-Intérieure) ».

Mardi 2 juin 2026 : **Mina Yalçıntaş** (EPHE): « Dynamiques spirituelles et quête de sens chez les Kazakhs de Mongolie : entre islam, croyances locales et traditions spirituelles mongoles ».

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## **16 février 2026: Lecture by Nicola Di Cosmo**

**Prof. Nicola Di Cosmo** (Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton), who is visiting our center under the Foreign Visitors Fellowship Program (FVFP), will deliver a lecture at the Institute for Advanced Studies on Asia, The University of Tokyo.

In this talk, he will present his latest research in environmental history, with particular attention to the role of climate in the Mongol conquests of the thirteenth century.

### **Event Details**

- Date & Time: Monday, February 16, 2026, 16:00–18:00
- Venue: Main Conference Room (3rd Floor), Institute for Advanced Studies on Asia, The University of Tokyo
- Format: On-site participation only
- Title: The Role of Climate in the History of the Mongol Conquest
- Moderator: **Khohchahar E. Chuluu** (Institute for Advanced Studies on Asia, The University of Tokyo)

**Registration** : Registration is required for on-site participation. Please register via the following link:

<https://forms.gle/WgEgFQ4HJuxeuzbj9>

**Organization**: • Organized by: Asian Law and History Research Team, Institute for Advanced Studies on Asia, The University of Tokyo

- Co-organized by: JSPS Grant-in-Aid for Scientific Research (A)

“Climate Changes, Plagues and Wars: The ‘Crisis of the Fourteenth Century’ in the Afro-Eurasian Context”

In cooperation with the Slavic-Eurasian Research Center, Hokkaido University

**Contact** : Khohchahar E. Chuluu: echuluu@ioc.u-tokyo.ac.jp

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# Scriptures and Liturgy in Inner Asia

## A Symposium on Religious Books & Manuscripts

In person and [online](#)

February 27, 2026

10:30 am – 5:30 pm

Swartz Hall, Braun Room  
45 Francis Ave Cambridge, MA

The traditions of book production in Inner Asia are inextricably linked to texts used for devotional purposes, although much emphasis must be reserved for those meant for political governance and record-keeping usage. This symposium brings together scholars working on Inner Asian religions and textual technologies in different contexts – time, location, and languages – so that a productive conversation can be fostered on the written word as a material object. That is, we will seek to learn from each other how our works intersect with the field of critical bibliography in Inner Asian Studies.

“Critical bibliography is an emerging field,” and it:

*seeks to bring the most salient elements of the bibliographical tradition—a close attention to the book as a material-cultural artifact; hands-on engagement with technologies and processes of textual production; and an awareness of circuits of textual transmission—into much-needed dialogue with the critical and theoretical insights of twenty-first century humanities scholarship. Critical bibliography is broadly interdisciplinary, drawing on scholarship from art history, anthropology,*

*archaeology, classics, digital humanities, literary studies, library science, history of the book, history of science, and museum studies to find points of intellectual intersection among diverse investigations into material culture. Critical bibliography seeks to intervene in two directions: challenging scholars in humanities fields toward a more serious, sustained consideration of media and materiality, while challenging scholars of bibliography to engage with the critical concerns most vital to the humanities in the twenty-first century. Critical bibliography seeks to expand and transform the purview of bibliography to promote public-minded, civically-engaged scholarship.<sup>1</sup>*

The speakers are invited to share their past or ongoing research with colleagues regarding the history of texts, manuscripts or print, preserved in any form, in terms related to their materiality and circulation, and the implications for their own research and their field within Inner Asian studies in general.

This event is open to the public and will be recorded and later placed on the Rare Book School’s public YouTube channel.

<sup>1</sup> Website of the SoFCB, Rare Book School:

Organizer: Dotno D. Pount

Research Associate and Visiting Lecturer at the Women’s Studies in Religion Program (WSRP),  
Harvard Divinity School, Harvard University, 2025-26

Junior Fellow of the Andrew B. Mellon Society of Fellow on Critical Bibliography (SoFCB), 2025-27



# Scripture in Inner Asia

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10:30 am – 5:30 pm

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10:30-11:00 – Coffee and Greetings

11:00-12:00 – **Mongol Empire in Religious Life – Across Time and Space**

“The merit of trans-Eurasian textual comparison: Buddhist rulership, Mongol political practice, and syncretism in Mongol-era Goryeo”

**Aaron Molnar**, Environmental Fellow, Harvard Center for the Environment

“Material texts of the Cult of Chinggis Khan: the inscribed musical instrument at Harvard Peabody Museum”

**Dotno Pount**, Research Associate and Visiting Lecturer, Women's Studies in Religion Program, Harvard Divinity School

12:00-12:10 – Coffee Break

12:10-13:10 – **Islamic Books in Central Asia: the Chaghatay Script and Turki**

“Reading and digitizing Chaghatay manuscripts: Uyghur language, scripts, and textual heritage”

**Gulnar Eziz Yulghun**, Director of the Uyghur/Chaghatay Language Program, East Asian Languages and Civilizations, Harvard University

“Patronage regimes and the afterlives of Turki manuscripts in the Tarim oases”

**Isa Youshe**, PhD Student, Program on Inner Asian and Altaic Studies, Harvard University

13:10-13:50 – Lunch Break

13:50-15:20 – **The Christian Bible in Manchu and Mongolian**

“The Manchu New Testament of 1835, a hybrid book”

**Mårten Söderblom Saarela**, Special Collections Librarian, Ricci Institute, Boston College

“Moral authority within and without the court: The Manchu *Taishang ganying pian* in print”

**Sarah Bramao-Ramos**, Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of History, Bates University

“Mongolian Bible publishing and its surrounding networks: past and present”

**Katsuhiko Takizawa**, Professor, Department of International Co-Creativity and Innovation, Osaka University of Economics

15:20-15:30 – Coffee Break

15:30-17:00 – **Buddhist Scripture**

“From transmission to transformation: a reassessment of early Tibetan Madhyamaka”

**Tulku Ngawang Sonam**, Khyentse Postdoctoral Associate in Tibetan Buddhist Studies; Lecturer in Religious Studies, MacMillan Center for International & Area Studies, Yale University

“Nārokhecharī in the nineteenth-century Mongolian woodblock prints: materiality, iconography, and lineage”

**Irina Zhambaldorzhieva**, PhD Student, Department of Art and Architecture, Harvard University

“Canonizing the empire: Tibetan Buddhism and colonial knowledge production in Modern Japan”

**Daigengna Duoer**, Assistant Professor, Buddhism and East Asian Religions, Department of Religion, Boston University

17:00-17:30 – Discussion

*Open to the public*



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## ***24 février 2026 : MIASU Research Seminar of the term with Grégory Delaplace***

Please join us for the next MIASU Research Seminar of the term with **Grégory Delaplace**:

Tuesday February 24, 16.30-18.00, Mond building seminar room and streamed via zoom (details below)

**« Weddings, funerals, and social critique in contemporary Northwestern Mongolia »**

Topic: MIASU Research Seminar with Gregory Delaplace

Time: Feb 24, 2026 04:30 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://cam-ac-uk.zoom.us/j/84593416236?pwd=cva5r6JPXbgWS1YW OmaJMCBmvDdTl0.1>

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## ***14 avril 2026 : Lecture by Christopher Atwood***

**Christopher Atwood** (University of Philadelphia) will give a lecture on **April 14 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** as part of the EHESS seminar "History of Ancient and Medieval Steppe Societies," coordinated by Simon Berger and Étienne de la Vaissière, the day before of the conference "New Research Perspectives on Powers and Societies of the Steppes in a West Eurasian Context (Afghanistan, Central Asia, Iran).

The lecture will focus on his translation of his forthcoming book: the *Shengwu qinzheng lu* ("The Campaigns of Chinggis Khan").

## ***15-16 avril 2026 : Colloque « Nouvelles perspectives de recherche sur les pouvoirs et sociétés des steppes »***

Colloque international – *English below*

### **Nouvelles perspectives de recherche sur les pouvoirs et sociétés des steppes en contexte ouest-eurasiatique (Afghanistan, Asie centrale, Iran)**

#### **New Research Perspectives on Steppe Powers and Societies in a West-Eurasian Context (Afghanistan, Central Asia, Iran)**

Ce colloque propose de réévaluer le rôle historique et culturel des sociétés nomades d'origine steppique dans l'espace ouest-eurasiatique (Afghanistan, Asie centrale, Iran, nord-ouest du sous continent indien). Alors que ces sociétés et les pouvoirs qui en émanaient ont jusqu'à présent été majoritairement perçus comme des facteurs de déstabilisation et de marginalisation de la région, les récents développements historiographiques et anthropologiques remettant en cause le paradigme tribal les éclairent sous un jour nouveau. S'inscrivant dans ce renouvellement, le colloque vise à définir les contours d'une culture des steppes sophistiquée et à mettre en avant et son caractère central et structurant en Eurasie de l'Ouest, dans une perspective diachronique. Il favorisera un dialogue interdisciplinaire en réunissant des chercheuses et chercheurs issus des domaines de l'histoire, de l'archéologie, l'anthropologie, de la philologie et de l'histoire de l'art, autour de thématiques telles que les migrations, les structures sociales, les interactions culturelles et les dynamiques de pouvoir exercées par les élites d'origine nomade.

Le colloque se déroulera à Paris les 15 et 16 avril 2026. Langues de communication : anglais et français. Durée des communications : 20 minutes. Les communications feront l'objet d'une publication après le colloque.

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This conference seeks to reassess the historical and cultural role of steppe-origin nomadic societies in the West-Eurasian space (Afghanistan, Central Asia, Iran, and the northwestern Indian subcontinent). While such societies—and the political powers they generated—have long been viewed primarily as agents of destabilization and marginalization in the region, recent historiographical and anthropological developments challenge the tribal paradigm and offer new perspectives. In line with this scholarly renewal, the conference aims to delineate the contours of a sophisticated steppe culture and to highlight its central and structuring role in Western Eurasia from a diachronic perspective. It will foster interdisciplinary dialogue by bringing together scholars from history, archaeology, anthropology, philology, and art history to explore themes such as migration, social structures, cultural interactions, and the dynamics of power exercised by nomadic elites.

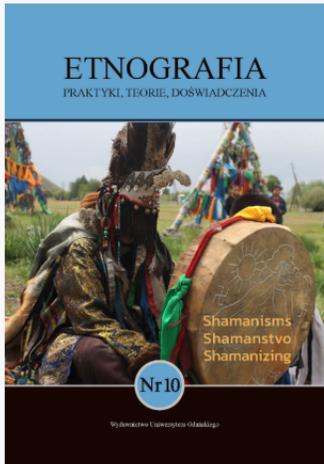
The conference will take place in Paris on 15 and 16 April 2026. Languages of communication: English and French. Length of papers: 20 minutes. The papers will be published after the conference.

## Publications

*Etnografia. Praktyki, Teorie, Doświadczenia*, Vol. 10 No. 10 (2024): Shamanisms, Shamanstvo, Shamanizing

<https://czasopisma.bg.ug.edu.pl/index.php/etnografia/issue/view/911>

### Vol. 10 No. 10 (2024): Shamanisms, Shamanstvo, Shamanizing



Issue 10 of the journal (*Shamanisms, shamanstvo, shamanizing*) presents a broad spectrum of phenomena that contemporary anthropology describes as “shamanisms,” “shamanstvo,” and “shamanizing.” We intentionally move away from using the term *shamanism*, which has proven to be an imprecise category, burdened with a multitude of meanings, interpretations, and historical–cultural contexts.

The articles collected in this volume illustrate this diversity on many levels. Most draw on research conducted in “classic” ethnographic fieldsites such as Mongolia, Siberia, Central Asia, Korea, and the Americas. Others focus on geographically closer contexts, analysing contemporary neo-shamanic practices in Poland. The issue includes analyses of the phenomenon both at the level of local social practices and studies of individual experiences that can be described as “shamanizing.”

Given the considerable complexity and fluidity of the subject matter, the volume opens with an editors’ essay that offers – by way of introducing the topic – a kind of “cognitive map of shamanisms.” It is an attempt to organize the existing literature from a paradigmatic and historical perspective, while also serving as a tool to aid orientation in the rapidly evolving discussion on the nature and boundaries of the category of “shamanism.”

ISSN: 2392-0971, e-ISSN: 2543-9537

See especially the following articles:

Tarzycjusz Buliński, Oyungerel Tangad, [Toward an anthropology of shamanisms: Introduction to selected topics](#)

Galaarid Badam-Ochir, [The revitalisation of Mongolian shamanism: Tradition, restitution, new approaches](#)

Oyungerel Tangad, [Shamans study shamanism: The world in the podcasts of Mongolian shamans](#)

Wojciech Połeć, [The role of non-human punishment in Buryat shamanism](#)

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