

VIENNA MONGOLIAN STUDIES CONFERENCE 2019

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The project aims to organize the first VIENNA MONGOLIAN STUDIES CONFERENCE on current research projects in Mongolia in 2019. The Vienna Mongolian Studies Conference intends to assemble cultural and social anthropologists, archaeologists, artists and scholars in the field of Mongolian Studies in the centre of Europe, in Vienna, with the aim to exchange on their current or recent research works and experiences. The focus is on social and cultural anthropology, ethnographies with inclusion of other current Mongolia related research on history, arts, archaeology and natural sciences. In this sense, the conference will be one of the very few events in Europe for international Mongolists and Mongolian Studies scholars to convene and to exchange interdisciplinary theoretical and empirical knowledge and hold discourses on specific relevant research issues.

The plan is to organize a two-day conference involving up to twenty-four international researchers from Mongolia, UK, USA, France, Austria, Denmark, Germany, Denmark, Hungary, Czech Republic, Poland, Lithuania and Russia presenting and discussing their work. The venue of the conference will be at the Austrian Academy of Sciences and possibly at the Weltmuseum Wien.

Based on the existing cooperation built through previous EPU projects and research projects directed by Dr. Lang, scientists from the National University of Mongolia (NUM) and from the Mongolian University of Science and Technology (MUST) will be invited to deliver findings of their recent research work. The VIENNA MONGOLIAN STUDIES CONFERENCE can be seen as a further milestone within the ongoing project series "Independence and Research Networks: Building Institutional Collaborations between Austrian and Mongolian Academic Institutions" which aims to upgrade, expand and deepen Austrian and Mongolian academic collaborations and intellectual networking in the field of Humanities and Social Sciences supported by Eurasia-Pacific UNINET.

In preparation for the conference Dr. Lang and Tsetsentsolmon Baatarnaran will travel to Ulaanbaatar to present their research work and meet cooperation partners, possible presenters and funding institutions.

Conference Participants

As participants about ten scholars from Mongolia such as Erdenebold Lhagvasuren (MUST), Bum-Ochir Dulam (NUM) Lhagvademchig Jadamba (NUM), Chuluunbat Purev (NUM), Munkherdene Gantulga (MUST), Ulambayar Erdenebat (NUM) and Munkherdene Lkhamsuren (MPG Halle) will be invited.

The other scholars to be invited will include researchers such as Uradyn Bulag (University of Cambridge), David Sneath (University of Cambridge), Rebecca Empson (UCL), Mette High (University of St Andrews) from the UK, Gregory Delaplace (Université Paris Nanterre), Raphael Blanchier (Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes), Isabelle Charleux (Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique) from France, Christina Franken (Deutsche Archäologisches Institut Bonn), Ines Stolpe (Universität Bonn), Saskia Abrahms-Kavunenko (MPG Halle), Björn Reichardt (Humboldt Universität Berlin) from Germany, Morten Pedersen (University of Copenhagen) from Denmark, Krisztina Teleki and Ágnes Birtalan (ELTE) from Hungary, Veronika Kapiskova (Charles University), Lubos Belka (Brno University) from Czech Republic, Agata Bareja-Starzynska and Paweł Szczap (Warsaw University) from Poland, Renatas Berniunas (Vilnius University) from Lithuania, Alexander Andreev (Russian Academy of Sciences), Tatjana Yusupova (Russian Academy of Sciences) and Rustam Sabirov (Moscow State University) from Russia, Karenina Kollmar-Paulenz (Bern University) from Switzerland and Christopher Atwood (University of Pennsylvania), Orna Tsultem (University of Berkeley), Vesna Wallace (University of California, Santa Barbara) and William Honeychurch (Yale University) from the US.

Additionally scientists, scholars and artists working in Austria, who are involved in projects related to Mongolia will be invited to participate (amongst them Stephan Kloos/ÖAW, scientists from the Veterinary University in Vienna, Gabriela Krist/ University of Applied Arts and Claudia Heu/ Music and Art Private University of the City of Vienna(MUK))

Results and Sustainability

Inviting presenters from the National University of Mongolia and from the Mongolian University of Science and Technology to this conference will strengthen the existing collaboration between Austrian and Mongolian academic institutions built through previous EPU projects. Furthermore, it will expand the academic network of the two countries to other countries and enrich it with new interdisciplinary dimensions. It will also provide unique possibilities to share ideas for new research projects and further intensified collaboration. After the conference a publication with contributions of invited scholars is planned to be edited and possibly published at the Austrian Academy of Sciences Press.

This conference should be the first in a series of VIENNA MONGOLIAN STUDIES CONFERENCES to follow. Establishing these conferences would enhance scientific and cultural exchange between Mongolia and Austria. Furthermore Mongolian studies will be more strongly implemented within the Austrian Academy of Sciences and in Austria at large, which is a desired endeavour from the Mongolian partners as well.