Tuesday 20th October

Mark Turin
Museum of Archaeology & Anthropology, University of Cambridge
Mother Tongue or Heritage Object: Ethnicity and Linguistic Competence in Sikkim

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MIASU, Cambridge
Culture as 'Development', Buddhism as 'Science': Discourses of 'Modern Tibetanness' in Contemporary Amdo

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Bernard Charlier
MIASU
Ambiguous dogs, ambiguous hospitality in West Mongolia

Tuesday 19th January

Maria-Luisa Nodari
MIASU
Carrying Chairman Mao to the Summit of Mount Everest: Chinese mountaineering in Tibet and the performance of a national epic

Tuesday 2nd February

Hans Graf
Department of Geography
Tibet: Changes in land use and Climatic Consequences
Tuesday 16th February

Ivan Peshkov
Adam Mickiewicz University

Hostages of Memory. The Traumatic Experience and Compensation
Discourse of Transbaikalian Gurans in Russia and China

Tuesday 2nd March

Vesna Wallace
University of Oxford

Mongolian Emanation of Vajrapani (Ochirvaany) and Their Roles in the Lives of the Mongols

Tuesday 20 April

Professor O. Batsaikhan
Mongolian Academy of Sciences

A history of Mongolia in the 20th century: The last king of Mongolia Bogdo Jebtsundamba Khutukhtu and Mongolia’s national revolution of 1911

Tuesday 4th May

Ross Anthony
MIASU

Ways of speaking your mind in the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region: Sovereignty as an environmental factor

Tuesday 18 May

Dr Manduhai Buyandelger
Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Skimming the cream off the top: why women do not always rule the elections

Tuesday 1 June

Laurent Legrain
Université Libre de Bruxelles

The vocal continuum: methodological tool for the study of the transmission of songs and music in Mongolia

2008–9
Tuesday 21st October
Uradyn Bulag
University of Cambridge

*Good Han, Bad Han: The moral parameters of ethnopolitics in China*

Tuesday 4th November
Laura Newby
Oriental Institute, University of Oxford

*Manchu Sources on Xinjiang c.1760–1912: A preliminary discussion*

Tuesday 18th November
Bruno de Nicola
Faculty of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, University of Cambridge

*Studies of Women in the Mongol Empire: An historical approach*

Tuesday 2nd December
Ulrich Pagel
School of Oriental and African Studies, London

*Trade, Tolls and Tax Evasion: Buddhist attitudes towards revenue collection*

Tuesday 20th January

Astrid Zimmermann
MIASU

*Local leaders between obligation and corruption: State workplaces, the discourse of 'moral decay', and 'eating money' in the Mongolian Province*

Tuesday 3rd February

Isabelle Charleux
Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS, Paris)

*Chinggis Khan: Buddha or Shaman? On the uses and abuses of the portrait of Chinggis Khan*

Tuesday 17th February

Marsha Levine
McDonald Institute, University of Cambridge

*An experimental study of technological change in Inner Asia: The reconstruction of an ancient saddle from Subeixi (Xinjiang)*

Tuesday 3rd March
Adam Yuet Chau
FAMES, University of Cambridge
*Hosting Protocols and the Qing Incorporation of Inner Asian Domains*
Tuesday 21st April

Dibyesh Anand
University of Westminster
*Transforming Tibet into China’s Tibet: Politics of Sovereignty, Nationalism and Orientalism*
Tuesday 5th May

Jonathan Mair
St John's College, Cambridge
*Piety and power: principles of religious explanation in contemporary Tibetan-Mongolian Buddhism in Inner Mongolia*
Tuesday 19th May (changed to 26 May)

Giovanni da Col
MIASU
*Tibetan Gay Sciences and other Technologies of the Sense: Jokes, Proverbs, Artful Bullshitting and the Defeat of Cynical Reason in Yunnan's Shangri-la*
Tuesday 2nd June

Sara Shneiderman
St Catharine's College
*Beyond Tibetanization: Border Ethnicities at the Nepal-China (TAR) Friendship Bridge*
2009-2010
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Tuesday 22nd April

Geoffrey Samuel  
University of Cardiff  
Tibetan longevity practices: The body in Buddhist tantric ritual  
Tuesday 6th May

Frank Bille  
MIASU  
Faced with extinction: Myths and urban legends in contemporary Mongolia  
Tuesday 20th May

Ann Fenger Benwell  
University of Copenhagen  
Secret lovers: Notions of family and kin in contemporary Ulaanbaatar  
Tuesday 3rd June

Hürelbaatar & David Sneath  
MIASU  
Reconstructing the memory of an Inner Mongolian national hero: The case of Injannashi and his family temple  

Tuesday 15th January

Temstel Hao  
BBC  
Class and ethnic tensions in the Chinese on-line world  
Tuesday 29th January
Joe Long
Aberdeen University
* Negotiating belonging: Ritual practice and public culture in Buriat Priibaikal’e*

Tuesday 12th February

Grégory Delaplace
MIASU
* Spirits as ‘invisible things’ in contemporary Mongolia*

Tuesday 26th February

Lars Højer
University of Copenhagen?
* Pawnshops in Ulaanbaatar: Dealing with adversity*

Michaelmas Term 2007

2007–8

Tuesday 9th October

Alan Sanders
former Lecturer in Mongolian Studies (SOAS), Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Linguists, London
*Mongolia: The decay of democracy 2004–2008*

Tuesday 23rd October

Timm Lau
Department of Social Anthropology, Cambridge
*Ngo tsha: Tibetan shame and hierarchical sociality in the Indian diaspora*

Tuesday 6th November

Mette High
MIASU
*Mining on the Steppe: Negotiating wealth and envy in Mongolia*

Tuesday 20th November

Hürelbaatar
MIASU
to be announced

Easter Term 2007

Tuesday 24th April

Signe Gundersen
MIASU
*Visions of ‘the market’: aspirations and concealments in contemporary Ulaanbaatar*

Tuesday 8th May
Caroline Humphrey  
MIASU  
_Sengge Lama: Knowledge and Time for a Lama at Mergen Monastery, Inner Mongolia_

Tuesday 22nd May  
Toni Huber cancelled  
Humboldt University, Berlin  
Tibet in the Origin and Migration Traditions of Far Eastern Himalayan Highlanders

Tuesday 5th June  
Ludek Broz  
MIASU  
_Pastoral Perspectivism and Animal Self-Sacrifice_

Lent Term 2007  
Tuesday 23rd January  
Madeleine Reeves  
Department of Social Anthropology, University of Cambridge  
_Corpses and the work of separation in the Ferghana valley_

Tuesday 6th February  
Special Seminar  
Ambassador Dalrain Davaasambuu  
Mongolian Embassy, London  
_Mongolia’s development: challenges and opportunities_

Tuesday 20 February  
Richard Whitecross  
Edinburgh University  
_Severing the silken knot? Separating Church and State in contemporary Bhutan_

Tuesday 6th March  
Hildegard Diemberger, Stephen Hugh-Jones & Karma Phuntscho  
MIASU  
_Tibetan-Mongolian Research: New life from old books_

Tuesday 13th March
Christopher Kaplonski
William Paterson University

Revolutions, lamas and soup: the oral history of Twentieth Century Mongolia

2006–7

Michaelmas Term 2006

Tuesday 17th October
Katie Swancutt
Institute of Social and Cultural Anthropology, University of Oxford

Games of Fortune and Hierarchy in Mongolian Contests of Power

Tuesday 31st October
Eleanor Peers
Faculty of Social & Political Science, University of Cambridge

Newspaper Representations of Buryat Culture in State and Personal Identification: the Uses and Abuses of Chinggis Khan

Tuesday 14th November
David Sneath
MIASU
The Headless State in Inner Asia:
Reconsidering kinship society and the discourse of tribalism

Tuesday 28th November
Jo Cook
Department of Social Anthropology, University of Cambridge

In What Ways do Hagiographic Narratives Create Possibilities for Buddhist Nuns?

Easter Term 2006

Tuesday 25th April
Hürelbaatar
MIASU

Patterns of Chinese migration and changing Mongol-Chinese relationships in the Josotu League of Inner Mongolia (mid-17th - early 20th century)

Tuesday 9th May
Martin Jones
Department of Archaeology, University of Cambridge

Contacts across Asia? millet farming 8000 years ago

Tuesday 23rd May
Edward Henning
Freelance writer

The Tibetan Calendar -
a journey from empiricism and reform to pure superstition

Tuesday 6th June
Bolormaa Shagdar
University of Plymouth
Institutional reforms in Mongolia since 1990: restructuring government

Lent Term 2006

Tuesday 24th January
Caroline Humphrey
MIASU
Landscapes of Mergen Monastery, Inner Mongolia

Tuesday 7th February
Laetitia Merli
EPHE, Paris
Tourist Realism and Post-Exoticism: How the Shaman became Entrepreneur
(A Case Study on the Influences of Tourism in North Mongolia)

Tuesday 21st February
S. Erhimbayar
Inner Mongolia University
Mongolian Buddhist monasteries in present-day northern China:
a comparative study of Liaoning and Inner Mongolia

Tuesday 7th March
Ludek Broz
MIASU
Conversion to religion? Becoming a real nation in contemporary Altai

Michaelmas Term 2005

Tuesday 18th October
Jonathan Mair
MIASU
Contemporary Inner Mongolian Buddhism

Tuesday 1st November
Ines Stolpe
Humboldt-University Berlin
School versus Nomadism?
The influence of educational aspirations on migration in Mongolia

Tuesday 15th November
Natalia Lissenkova
University of Leeds

The PRC official discourse on Mongolia since 1990

Tuesday 29th November
Hildegard Diemberger
MIASU
Life Lived Over
When A Woman Becomes a Dynasty: The Samding Dorje Phagmo of Tibet

Easter Term 2005

Tuesday 26th April
Robert Barnett
Columbia University, New York
Tibet in 'Tsogt Taij': Each Other's Histories in Inner Asian Film

Tuesday 10th May
Flemming Christiansen
University of Leeds
Reflections on Ethnic Belonging and Development in Inner Mongolia

Tuesday 24th May
Rebecca Empson
MIASU
The Repetition of Mongolian Prophetic Time

Tuesday 7th June
Bum-Ochir Dulam
MIASU
Respect and Power without Resistance: Leadership and Politics in the Deed Mongol Village of Qinghai

Lent Term 2005

Tuesday 25th January
Morten Pedersen
Copenhagen University
I sell, therefore I am.
A phenomenology of trading in postsocialist Mongolia.

Tuesday 8th February
Sue Byrne
Independent Researcher
The revival of Buddhism in Mongolia: the challenges and the realities

Tuesday 22nd February
Carole Pegg
Faculty of Music, University of Cambridge
Musicking the Dead: ancestors, archaeology and place in contemporary Khakassia

Tuesday 8th March
Shen Haimei
Yunnan University, PRC

Imagined Community, Sexual Politics and Power Correspondence: Goddess and Male Religious Practitioners in Mandi Dai Society

Michaelmas Term 2004

Tuesday 19th October
Alan Wheeler
MIASU
Moralities of the Mongolian ‘Market’: A Genealogy of Trade Relations and the ‘Zah Zeel’

Tuesday 2nd November
Hamid Sardar
Axis-Mundi Foundation (Switzerland)
Danzan Ravjaa, the Drunken Madman of the Gobi: The Conflict Between ‘Red’ and ‘Yellow’ Buddhism in Mongolia

Tuesday 16th November
Roger Blench
Mallam Dendo Ltd.
Mice, crickets and pashminas: international economics, environmental cascades and the future of pastoralism in Mongolia

Tuesday 30th November
Balzhan Zhimbiev
MIASU Research Associate
Household Buildings of the Khori-Buryats

Michaelmas Term 2003

Tuesday 14th October
Jane Salvage
International health consultant with experience in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan
Health system reform in Central Asia: notes from the field

Tuesday 28th October
Carlos Mondragon
MIASU
'Temporality, time systems and seasonal change among the nomads of Porong, central Tibet.'

Tuesday 11th November

Alan Wheeler
Department of Social Anthropology, University of Cambridge
Where is 'home' in a nomadic 'homeland'? Accommodations of the state and the place of the 'uls ger'

Tuesday 25th November

Tara Sinclair
Department of Social Anthropology, University of Cambridge
True Buddhism in the republic of Kalmykia

Lent Term 2004

Tuesday 27th January

Fareda Heyat
Anthropology Department, SOAS, London
Re-Islamisation in Kyrgyzstan: the post-Soviet trends

Tuesday 10th February

Edmund Waite
Research Associate, MIASU
The emergence of Muslim reformist influences amongst the Uyghurs of Kashgar

Tuesday 24th February

Geoffrey Samuel
(University of Newcastle, Australia)
Currently visiting Department of the Study of Religions, SOAS, London
Rethinking 'Shamanism'

Tuesday 2nd March

Tatiana Intigrinova
Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow
Herd transhumance: changes, causes and constraints. A case study of ulus Khoito-Gol, republic of Buryatia, Russia

Tuesday 9th March

Alan Sanders
Freelance Mongolist
Former lecturer in Mongolian Studies at SOAS, London
The Mongolian situation ahead of the Great Hural elections

Easter Term 2004
Tuesday 27th April
Kerry Brown
Asia Pacific Directorate of the FCO, London
*Language, Power and Politics in the Cultural Revolution in Inner Mongolia*

Tuesday 11th May
Per K. Sörensen
Institute for Indology and Central Asian Studies, University of Leipzig
*Tibeto-Mongolian Interface in Buddhist Historiography - reconstructing reality or forming history?*

Tuesday 18th May
Lubos Belka1 & Daniel Berounsky2
1 Department for the Study of Religions Masaryk University Brno, Czech Republic
2 Institute of Indian Studies, Faculty of Arts, CharlesUniversity, Prague, Czech Republic
*Tibetan Buddhism in Buryatia: History and Present State*

Tuesday 1st June
Benedikte Lindskog
Department of Social Anthropology, University of Oslo
*Conceptualizing Mongol Halh homeland (nutag): some reflections on balance and relatedness*

Michaelmas Term 2002

Tuesday 22nd October
Hürelbaatar
MIASU, Department of Social Anthropology, University of Cambridge
*Contemporary Mongolian sacrifice and social life in Inner Mongolia.*

Tuesday 5th November
Johan Rasanayagam
MIASU, Department of Social Anthropology, University of Cambridge
*Economic spheres in Uzbekistan: an alternative to dual economy models.*

Tuesday 19th November
Katie Swancutt
MIASU, Department of Social Anthropology, University of Cambridge
*Sighting and Sounding Cosmology: Prediction, Control and Social Change in Mongolia and China*

Tuesday 3rd December
Yangon Dhondup
SOAS, University of London

To Be or not to Be: Constructing Identities in Contemporary Tibetan Literature

LECTURE SERIES

New perspectives on the history of 20th century Mongolia

Professor Sodnomdarjaa Otonjargal
National University of Mongolia
Tuesday 15th October
Was the 1921 revolution an exported or socialist revolution?
Tuesday 29th October
The 1921 revolution in Outer Mongolia is the bourgeois revolution.
Tuesday 12th November
External and internal historical factors of the movement of year of the White Horse in Mongolia
Tuesday 26th November
Democratic reforms or revolution?

LENT TERM 2003

Tuesday 14th January
Adiyabazar Altannavch and William Murray
Murray Harrison Ltd
The New Phenomenon of Informal Gold Mining in Mongolia: Socio-economic, Cultural, and Environmental Aspects.

Tuesday 21st January
Rebecca Empson
MIASU, Department of Social Anthropology, University of Cambridge
Blood, Bone and Reincarnation: Shifting Idioms of Kinship in Mongolia

Tuesday 4th February
Kenneth Bauer
International Centre for Development Studies, University of Oxford
High Frontiers: Dolpo and the Changing World of Himalayan Pastoralists

Tuesday 18th February
Monika Kriechbaum
Centre for Environmental Studies and Nature Conservation (ZUN), University of Agricultural Sciences, Vienna
Integrated ecological studies of pasture problems in Tibet

Tuesday 4th March
Tsering Shakya
Writer, Tibetan Affairs, the author of "The Dragon in the Land of Snow"
"Dhondup Gyal and the Search for Tibetan Modernism"

Easter Term 2003
Tuesday 29th April

**Ludek Broz with Alexei Yurchak**

MIASU, Department of Social Anthropology, University of Cambridge
& Department of Anthropology, University of California, Berkeley

*Why so easy?' or 'Why so late?': Collapse of Late Socialism from Post-Communist Perspectives*

Tuesday 13th May

**Andrew Fischer**

London School of Economics

*The Jetsun Dhampa (Bogdo Gegen), the Mongolian Buddhist renaissance and the current Mongolian-Tibetan exchange in Tibetan refugee communities'*

Tuesday 27th May

**Bumochir Dulam**

Department of Social Anthropology, University of Cambridge

*Introduction to the Deed Mongols: new research site in Central Asia'*

Tuesday 10th June

**Elena Khlinovskaya-Rockhill**

Scott Polar Research Institute, University of Cambridge

*A society of virtual kin: state, family and children's homes in the Russian Far East'*

2001-2002

Michaelmas Term 2001

**Galina Lindquist**

Department of Social Anthropology, University of Stockholm, Sweden

*On the quest for the authentic shaman: multiple meanings of shamanism in Southern Siberia'*

**Torben Vestergaard**

Chief Curator of the Ethnographic Collections, Moesgard Museum, Denmark

*A comparative examination of Mongol and Norse kinship'*

**Stephen Hugh-Jones and Hildergard Diemberger**

Department of Social Anthropology

*Report of an expedition to Tibet, Qinghai and Inner Mongolia'*

**Lars Hojer**

MIASU/Department of Social Anthropology, University of Cambridge

'Dangerous Communications: The Efficacy of Animosity in Northern Mongolia'

Lent Term 2002
Charles Ramble
Oxford University
"Time-reckoning and the creation of sacred and political space in Tibet"

Piers Vitebsky
Scott Polar Research Institute
"Living without the dead: the radical rejection of ancestors in tribal India and Arctic Siberia"

Kathryn Tomlinson
University College London
"Bread is first before everything!: Meskhetian Turkish consumption and moral economy"

Vera Skvirskaya
MIASU/Department of Social Anthropology
"The fall and rise of "nomadism" in Arctic Siberia"

Easter Term 2002

Alan Wheeler
MIASU/Department of Social Anthropology
"Trajectories of Legs: Sacred objects and reinventing reindeer herding in Northern Mongolia"

Michael Oppitz
Head of Ethnographic, Volkerkunde Museum, Zurich
"Recent Ethnography on Qiang: Shamanism and divination on the Sino-Tibetan border"

Ann Fielding
Department of History of Art, University of Cambridge
"Manipulation and Innocence in the Medieval Correspondence between Mongol Khans and European Powers"

Anne de Sales
Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique, Paris
"Maoist songs and iconography in Nepal"

2000-2001
Michaelmas Term 2000

Caroline Humphrey
MIASU/Dept of Social Anthropology, University of Cambridge
"Stalin and the Blue Elephant: allegory and discourses about the purges of the 1930s"
Balzhan Zhimbiev  
MIASU, University of Cambridge  
*The Siberian town at the crossroads of planned and spontaneous development (example: Ulan-Ude, Buryatia)*

Bruce Grant  
Department of Anthropology, Swarthmore College, USA  
*Siberian language politics and the commodities of history*

Hildegard Diemberger  
MIASU/Dept of Social Anthropology, University of Cambridge  
*Development in Tibet: clashing perspectives*

Laetitia Merli  
Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris,  
presented her film:  
*Call for Grace, about the revival of shamanism in urban environments*

Lent Term 2001

Vadim Volkov  
The European University at St Petersburg  
*Criminal groups in Russia: names, norms and practices*

Katherine Swancutt  
MIASU, University of Cambridge  
*Magic works: the place of playing cards and curses in Northeast Mongolia*

Trinley Namgyal  
Director of Tibetan Assistance to Remote Areas  
*Committed to development: views of a Tibetan official in the Chinese administration*

Rebecca Empson  
MIASU, University of Cambridge  
*Premonition and pollution: infants, spirits and omens in Mongolia*

Robert Barnett  
University of Columbia, USA  
*"Winter worms", "lengths of string", and other views of leaders in Tibet*
Robert Barnett
University of Columbia, USA
Global and other influences on news and drama broadcasts in Tibet

Easter Term 2001

Catherine Alexander
St. John’s College, Cambridge
Almaty, a city turned inside out

Nick Megoran
Department of Geography, University of Cambridge
Living on the edge: multiple experiences of the 1999 Kyrgyzstan-Uzbekistan border crisis

Hanna Havnevik
Department of Culture Studies, University of Oslo, Norway
A comparative study of female religious traditions in Tibet and Mongolia

Gaelle Lacaze
University of Paris X, Nanterre, France
Techniques and symbolic representations of the body among the Mongols

Johan Rasanayagam
MIASU/Dept of Social Anthropology, University of Cambridge
Suspended punishment: illegality, the individual and the state in Uzbekistan