

**III International Multidisciplinary Conference**

**THE MONGOLS: TRADITION AND MODERNITY**

**Mongolian communities and their neighbours facing global and local challenges:**

**Strategies, Responses, Perspectives**

**24-26 March, 2023**

**University of Tartu, Ülikooli 18**

Welcome to our Conference!

All event times listed here follow the time in Tartu, Estonia (GMT+2). Please note that Estonia will transition to daylight saving time on 26 March at 3 am.

Please note that the first two days of the conference (24-25 March) will take place both on-site and online, and the third day (26 March) only online.

Online listening of the keynote lectures and conference presentations is free but requires **registration by 23 March 20.00 via a form**[**here**](https://forms.gle/k3cqTqP1ZmhV4LAt8)**.**

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Organising Committee:

**Alevtina Solovyeva**, Head of the Centre for Oriental Studies and Mongolian Research Lab, University of Tartu

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**DAY 1**

24 March 2023

**Assembly Hall, University of Tartu, Ülikooli 18 & online**

9:00 - 9:30

**Registration**

9:30 - 10:45

**OPENING OF THE CONFERENCE**

Moderator: Alevtina Solovyeva (Tartu)

**Welcoming words of organisers and guests**

**Toomas Asser,** Rector of the University of Tartu

**Janabazar Tuvdendorj**, Ambassador of Mongolia

**Zayabaatar Dalai**, Chairman of the National Council for Mongolian Studies, Government of Mongolia; Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences, National University of Mongolia; Director of the Institute for Mongolian Studies, National University of Mongolia

**Liisi Karindi**,Honourable Consul of Mongolia in Estonia

**Ágnes Birtalan,** President of the International Association for Mongol Studies; Head of the Department of Mongolian and Inner Asian Studies and Research Centre for Mongolian Studies, Eötvös Loránd University

**Elo Süld**, Head of the Asia Centre, University of Tartu

**Prof. Dulam Sendenjav (Ulaanbaatar) - online**

*Монгол улс дахь Чингис хааны тайлга тахилгын уламжлал, шинэчлэл /*

*Traditions and Innovations in the worship rituals of Genghis Khan in Mongolia*

10:45 - 11:00 - Coffee break (provided to on-site registered attendees)

11:00 - 11:45

**KEYNOTE**

**Prof. Caroline Humphrey (Cambridge) - online**

*Mergen Güng Gombojab: A Trans-political Odyssey*

12:00 - 13:30 - Lunch (self-funded)

**PANELS**

13:30 - 15:00

**PANEL 1. Traditions and beyond ‘tradition’**

Chair: Ágnes Birtalan (Budapest)

**Tsetsentsolmon Baatarnaran, Irmuun (Ulaanbaatar)**

*Mounted or dismounted a horse? Traditional artistic style and cultural representation in Mongolia and Inner Mongolia*

**Jenny W. Tang (Cambridge) - online**

*Redefining the self and others: Thinking beyond tradition and moderning with contemporary artists in Mongolia*

**Jargalsaihan Buyndelger (Ulaanbaatar)**

*Зүйр үг, мэдлэг боловсрол, монгол ахуй, ёс заншил*

**Javzandulam Batsaikhan (Ulaanbaatar) - online**

*The Hair Cutting Ceremony: The Traditions and Events of Personhood in Mongolia*

**Mari Valdur (Tartu)**

*Life in the Bone Marrow: Physiological Ontologies, Regeneration, and Mongolian Traditional Medicine*

15:00 - 15:15 - Coffee break (provided to on-site registered attendees)

15:15 - 16:45

**PANEL 2. Cross-border relations and the urban**

Chair: Mari Valdur (Tartu)

**Narantsatsral Delgerkhuu, Delgermaa Ser-Od (Ulaanbaatar) - online**

*Immovable Historical and Cultural Memorials Becoming Component of Urban Culture*

**Amgalan Sukhbaatar (Paris) - online**

*Tracing Mongolian urban lexicon: the genesis of modern urban society in Mongolia*

**Mina Yalçıntaş (Paris)**

*Mongolian Spiritual Practices in Istanbul: A case study on the application of Mongolian spiritual practices in the context of immigration*

**Maria-Katharina (Nina) Lang (Vienna)**

*Dust & Silk. Reflections on Objects and Relations*

**Ute Wallenböck (Brno)**

*A Tibetan-Mongol Interface: Diets and Foodways in the Area of Kokonor*

16:45 - 17:00 - Coffee break (provided to on-site registered attendees)

17:00 - 18:30

**PANEL 3. Ontopolitics and political ontologies**

Chair: Veronika Kapišovska (Prague)

**Otgonsuren Jargaliin (Ulaanbaatar)**

*The novel “Shugden” (by Gun Ayurzana): Buddhist Thinking and Ecocriticism*

**Ivan Peshkov (Poznan)**

*Between the “Cossack Freedom” and the Mongolian order. Influence of Buddhist Idea of Power on Ataman G.M. Semenov’s state-building practices*

**Yulia Savostina (Bern)**

*Body of a Ruler, Body of a Politician. Emanations and Incarnations in Mongolian Politics*

**Tobias Jones (Leiden)**

*Understanding Mongol Political Rituals*

**Michal Schwarz (Brno)**

*Sources of Resilience in the Mongolian Society*

**19:00 - 22:00 - RECEPTION**

**Tartu University Cafe (Ülikooli 20, Tartu)**

**DAY 2**

25 March 2023

**Senate Hall, University of Tartu, Ülikooli 18 & online**

9:00 - 9:45

**KEYNOTE**

**Prof. Ágnes Birtalan (Budapest)**

*Spirits' Lessons for the Human Neighbourhood: Traditional and Contemporary Symbiosis between Nature and Culture*

9:45 - 9:55 - Coffee break (provided to on-site registered attendees)

9:55 - 11:20

**PANEL 4. Research tools, epistemologies and linguistics**

Chair: Ilya Gruntov (Haifa)

**Zayabaatar Dalai (Ulaanbaatar)**

Overview on Mongolian Literacy: Mongolian script

**Joanna Dolińska (Warsaw) - online**

*Mongolic Languages and Natural Language Processing Tools*

**Benjamin Brosig (Bern)**

*The Written Tradition as a Potential Source on Language Contact - On Linguistic Resources or the Lack thereof in Mongolian Studies*

**Vlada Baranova (Helsinki)**

*‘New Speakers’ of Kalmyk/Oirat: the Online Projects and Language Attitudes*

**Veronika Kapišovska (Prague)**

*Semantic and Usage Changes of Ideophones and Onomatopoeia in Khalkha Mongolian*

11:20 - 11:30 - Coffee break (provided to on-site registered attendees)

11:30 - 13:15

**PANEL 5. Archaeological, archival and historical studies**

Chair: Ivan Peshkov (Poznan)

**Tsagaan Turbat (Ulaanbaatar) - online**

*Монголын хүннү судлал: судалгааны үр дүн ба олон нийтийн нөлөөлөл / Mongolian Xiongnu Studies: Research Results and Public Impacts*

**Janna Fabry (Bonn)**

*The Influence of Neighbouring Cultures on Ceramic Production in the Ancient Mongolian Capital of Karakorum*

**Christina Franken, Hendrik Rohland (Bonn)**

*Archaeological Evidence for Long-distance Cultural Relations in the Medieval Centres of the Eastern Eurasian Nomadic Empires – The Cases of Karabalgasun and Karakorum*

**Ákos Bertalan Apatóczky (Budapest) - online**

*The Story of Late Hua-Yi Yiyu Copies – an Application of Textual Criticism for two Sino-Mongol Documents*

**Ondřej Srba (Brno) - online**

*Zakhchin and Altai Uriankhai Pilgrimages in the 19th century: Connecting the Periphery and Centre*

**Tatiana Bogrdanova (Helsinki)**

*The Finn among Kalmyks and Mongolians: G. J. Ramstedt’s Field Research in the Kalmyk Steppes and Mongolia*

13:15 - 14:00 - Lunch (self-funded)

14:00 - 15:15

**ROUNDTABLE**

***Mongolian Studies in the Time of the Global Pandemic, Decolonisation Debates and Neoliberal Academia***

Chair: Mari Valdur (Tartu)

**Javzandulam Batsaikhan**, Chair of Teaching Methodology Department at the School of Preschool Education, Mongolian National University of Education

**Kip Hutchins**, Visiting Assistant Professor, Oberlin College

**Tuya Shagdar**, Doctoral Candidate, University of Cambridge

**Alevtina Solovyeva**, Head of Centre of Oriental Studies and Mongolian Research Lab, University of Tartu

**Pau Szczap**, University of Warsaw

15:15 - 15:30 - Coffee break (provided to on-site registered attendees)

15:30 - 17:00

**PANEL 6. Gender, practices and performativity**

Chair: Mari Valdur (Tartu)

**Uyangaa Gantsog (Ulaanbaatar) - online**

*Social Representation of the Mother’s Glory Medal: A Psychosocial Study of Institutionalized Narratives and Medal Mothers’ Representation in Mongolia.*

**Michaela Wisler (Bern)**

*Religion, Art and Gender in Contemporary Mongolia*

**Natalia Greniewska (Warsaw) - online**

*Social Roles in Male-Female Relationships Seen from the Perspective of Contemporary Mongolian Writers*

**Stefan Krist (Vienna), Baigal Khuasai (Ulaanbaatar)**

*The Buryat ‘Three Manly Games’ in Three Non-Buryat Nation States: Traditional Sports’ Role in Shaping Trans-Border Minority Group Identities and Practices*

**Eelis Mikkola (Helsinki)**

*With Buddha and Chinggis Khaan on my Side: Key Religious Elements to Becoming a Successful Mongolian Wrestler*

17:00 - 17:15 - Coffee break (provided to on-site registered attendees)

17:15 - 18:30

**PANEL 7. Urgent politics and politicised minorities**

Chair: Alevtina Solovyeva(Budapest)

**Sayana Namsaraeva (Cambridge) – online**

*Buryat, Kalmyk and Tuvan Participation in the Russian War against Ukraine: Does it Matter for Mongolia?*

**Kristina Jonutytė (Vilnius) - online**

*Sticky Relationships at Wartime: Ethnographic Notes on Buryats in Mongolia During Post-Mobilisation*

**Aimar Ventsel (Tartu)**

*Bigger than History: How and Why Sakha People Became Chingisidz.*

**Olga Mazo, Ilya Gruntov (Haifa)**

*Khamnigan Minority: Identity and Assimilation Issues*

**Song Beyonggu, Lkhagvadorj Dolgormaa (Dankook)**

*Recent Developments and Prospects in South Korea-Mongolia Relations*

**DAY 3 - fully online**

26 March 2023

9:00 - 9:45

**KEYNOTE**

**Prof. Ludmila S. Dampilova (Ulan-Ude)**

*Функции шаманки в бурятских эпических традициях /*

*Functions of shamaness in Buryat epic tradition*s

9:45 - 10:00 - Coffee break (provided to on-site registered attendees)

**PANELS**

10:00 - 11:30

**PANEL 8. Texts, beliefs and practices** *- Part I*

Chair: Alevtina Solovyeva (Tartu)

**Agata Bareja-Starzyńska (Warsaw)**

*Mongolian Buddhist Networking: Past and Present*

**Tamara G. Basangova (Elista)**

*Тибетские имена и фамилии в современной калмыцкой антропонимии /*

*Tibetan Names and Surnames in the Modern Kalmyk Anthroponymy*

**Baazr A. Bicheev (Elista)**

*Произведения народного буддизма в «Калмыцкой хрестоматии» Ш. Болдырева /*

Folk Buddhist Literature in the “Kalmyk Anthology” by Sh. Boldyrev

**Byambasuren Khishigsukh (Ulaanbaatar)**

*The Recent Research and Trend of Mongolian Classical Literature*

**Maria P. Petrova (St. Petersburg)**

*Path as an Ethnocultural Concept in G.Ayurzana's Novel " Formula of the Soul"*

**Tatiana D. Skrynnikova (St. Petersburg)**

*The Sacral Functions of the Ruler (Based on the Anonymous Altan Tobči)*

11:30 - 11:45 - Coffee break (provided to on-site registered attendees)

11:45 - 13:00

**PANEL 8. Texts, beliefs and practices** *- Part II*

Chair: Ellara U. Omakaeva (Elista)

**Dashdejid Sukhbaataryn (Ulaanbaatar)**

*"Бух ноён шүтээн"-ний дуудлага, шүтлэг/*

*Invocation and worship of Bukh Noyon*

**Munkh-Erdene Javkhlan (Ulaanbaatar)**

*Бүрэнбаяр хуурчийн хуурдан хэлсэн “Гурван улсын үлгэр”-ийн эхийн харьцуулсан судалгаа / A comparative study of the written text of the "Romance of the Three Kingdoms" told and performed by the bard Bürenbayar*

**Danara V. Ubushieva (Elista)**

*«Память» архаических сказаний в прологе Багацохуровского цикла (1853–1862 гг.) калмыцкого эпоса «Джангар»/*

*The "memory" of archaic legends in the Bagatsokhurovsky cycle (1853–1862) of the Kalmyk epic "Dzhangar"*

**Mijiddorj Enkhbaatar (Ulaanbaatar), Vasileva Dugvema (Moscow)**

*The Legend of One Hunting Knot (Based On The Material Of The Research Expeditions To Khentii Aimag)*

**Nikolaeva Natalia (Ulan-Ude)**

*Свинья, кабан в фольклоре бурят* /

 Wild Boar in the Buryat Folklore

13:00 - 14:00 - Lunch (self-funded)

14:00 - 15:15

**PANEL 8. Texts, beliefs and practices** *- Part III*

Chair: Maria P. Petrova (St. Petersburg)

**Ghilyana Dordzhieva (New Jersey)**

*К вопросам музыкально-стилевой стратификации калмыцких протяжных песен/*

*‘Early’ musical features of Kalmyk long-songs ut dun*

**Chingis Azydov (Jena)**

*Kalmyk folk songs in America. Publication of audio/video materials within the Oirat/Kalmyk Collection of the VLACH Internet archive*

**Bair Kovaeva (Elista)**

*О калмыцких народных песнях, опубликованных в журнале "Хонхо" (1925-1926 гг.)/*

*About Kalmyk folk songs published in the "Honho" (1925-1926)*

**Ellara U. Omakaeva (Elista)**

*On the variability of Kalmyk proverbs in the context of the implementation of basic linguistic and cultural codes with the identification of keywords: comparative analysis of texts from the collection of Vl. L. Kotvich (1905) and Koldonga Sodnom (2018)*

15:15 - 15:30 - Virtual coffee break

15:30 - 17:00

**PANEL 9. 20th century Mongolia**

Chair: Ondřej Srba (Brno)

**Axel Jagau (Tartu)**

*Observations on the Latinisation Campaign of the 1930s for Mongolian*

**Dmitrij Nosov (St. Petersburg)**

*Banners of sacred mountains: the sacred lands worship tradition and its influence on the first administrative division of the Mongolian People's Republic*

**Rustam Sabirov (Moscow)**

*Buddhism in the Mongolian People's Republic (1944-late 1980s)*

**Kenneth Linden (Indiana/Tartu)**

*Melding Traditional Strategies with Socialist Modernity: Livestock Herding in Socialist Mongolia*

17.00-17.15

**CLOSING OF THE CONFERENCE**

**Sanjaasuren Bayaraa**, journalist, diplomat, former Ambassador of Mongolia to India. One of co-editors of the book "A.D. Simukov, Works about Mongolia and for Mongolia"

**Alevtina Solovyeva**, the main organiser, head of Centre for Oriental Studies and Mongolian Research Lab, University of Tartu