

Workshop Programme

Khoshuuds and Their Journey Through History

This workshop will focus on the Khoshuud Mongols, who played a pivotal role in the political history of Inner and Central Asia during the 16th and 18th centuries. While their political prominence later declined, several enclaves throughout Eurasia continue to closely identify with the Khoshuud's legacy today. However, despite their historical significance and in comparison to other Mongol groups, the transborder history of the Khoshuuds is still underexplored. This is likely due to the vast geography, dispersal of the populations, and identity projects leading to different ethnonyms. Meanwhile, Khoshuuds provide valuable comparative material capable of challenging conventional categories in Mongol nation-building, which are also entrenched in academic studies, like the divisions between Western and Eastern Mongols, along with broader notions of identity, borders, and ethnicity. Therefore, this workshop, supported by MIASU, presents contributions examining Khoshuud's presence across regions and historical periods.

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Workshop Speakers

9:30 - 10:00

Uradyn E. Bulag

Introductory remarks

10:00 - 10:30

Max Oidtmann

The Heavenly Deities Supervise All 天神共鑒: The Qing Adjudication of the Feud between the Rma Lho Khoshud Mongols and the Mdo ba Tibetans, 1862-1882

10:30 - 11:00

Nikolay Tsyrempilov (online)

Ablaykit: Who and Why Built the Fortified Monastery on Irtysh?

11:00 - 11:15 Coffee Break

11:15 - 11:45

Caroline Humphrey

Daughters of the Khoshuud: Case Studies from Alasha, Inner Mongolia

11:45 - 12:15

Ayur Zhanaev

Revealing a Khoshuud Polity: The 1937 Naadam (üres) in the Alasha Capital, Dingyuanqing

12:15 - 12:45

Hildegard Diemberger

Hoshuud Mongols in rural Tibetan areas: Reflexions on forgotten and invented tradition

12:45 - 13:45 Lunch Break

13:45 - 14:15

Huabuzang

Rethinking the Biography of Chagan bstan 'dzin: A Khoshut Mongolian Prince of Qinghai



Gushi Khan

14:15 - 14:45

Darig Thokmay

An Overview of the Khoshut Mongols in Tibetan Regions

14:45 - 15:00 Coffee Break

15:00 - 15:30

Elvira Churyumova

Brief Overview of the Khoshud in Kalmykia

15:30 - 16:00

Dorjraa Purvei

Politics of Ethnic Remembrance: Khoshut Invisibility in a Torghut-Dominated Narrative in Xinjiang

16:00 - 16:30

David Sneath

Concluding remarks

Venue of Workshop

The Mond Building, Free School Ln,
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