

# Workshop

## SOCIAL AND CULTURAL ASPECTS OF TIBETAN BUDDHISM IN THE MONGOLIAN SPACE OF INNER ASIA



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The issues of a proper (according to *Dharma*) socio-cultural and political model have always been present in the teachings of the Buddha and his disciples. This normative political science, firmly rooted in Indian culture, has played and continues to play a special role in the Tibetan-Mongolian world, offering axiological ideas of just or unjust power and proper relations between Dharma teachers and political rulers. In the first half of the twentieth century, we deal with the creation of independent state entities based on Buddhist principles in the vast region of traditional Tibetan Buddhist influences - from Tibet to Trans/Cis-Baikalia. Regardless of the fact that most of these attempts were doomed to failure, the memory of them still set the pattern for the role model in the projects of political and cultural independence.

The aim of the workshop is interdisciplinary reflection on the socio-cultural and political dimension of Tibetan Buddhism in the cross-border Mongolian space. It covers a very interesting area of the cultural borderland stretching between Russian Eastern Siberia (Tuva, ethnic Buryatia), northeastern China (Inner Mongolia, Manchuria) and the Republic of Mongolia. Such territorial demarcation of space does not cover other cultural areas of interest to us. Certainly, one should also take into consideration the „East-European” Kalmyk region, the only traditionally Buddhist area on the European continent, and Chinese Xinjiang, which as a rule is associated with the Turkish Islamic influence but at different periods was under the strong influence of Buddhist culture distinguishable up to these days. In other words, the research space of the workshops is the Buddhist zone of Inner Asia.

Dealing with such a complex and broad cultural context resulting from the intersection of East European, Chinese, Indian, Tibetan and Mongolian cultural centers is as fascinating as it is risky. There is a risk of blurring the problem in a too abstract a synthetic perspective or vice versa getting stuck in endless isolated cases of specific local communities, cultural invariants or configurations, etc. The idea of analysing this area from the point of view of Buddhism, understood more in a cultural context than strictly religious, would help us to circumnavigate these problems. This perspective would permit us to grasp various regional, local, universal aspects interconnecting this area.

The workshop will be held from 18 to 19 June 2018. (Languages: English and Russian).

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# WORKSHOP PROGRAMM

**Sunday, June 17**

Arrival of guest panelists and accommodation

**Monday, June 18**, Kolegium Artes Liberales, ul. Dobra 72, room 9

10.00 - 10.15

Welcoming participants and workshop opening.

10.15 - 11.15

Opening lecture.

Agata Bareja-Starzyńska (University of Warsaw):

Mongolian Studies in Poland

11.15 - 11.30 break

**Session I: Buddhism in Regional and Local Dimensions.** Moderator: Albert Jawłowski.

11.30 - 11.55

Wojciech Poleć (Warsaw University of Life Sciences, Warsaw):

Convergence of Buddhism and Shamanism in the Buryat Culture

12.00 - 12.25

Ayur Zhanaev (University of Warsaw):

Religious Order in Everyday Life Practices. Fieldwork in Buryatia

12.30 - 12.55

Pavel Dudin (East Siberian State University of Technology and Management, Ulan - Ude): Buddhism in Local and Regional State-building Projects in Inner Mongolia and Hulunbuir.

13.00 - 13.25

Adam Dohnal. (Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznań): Pillars of a Baygone Era. The role of Mongolian Buddhism in the Writing of Bazaryn Shirendev.

13.30 - 14.00

Discussion

14.30 - 15.30

Lunch

**Session II: Buddhism and the State.** Moderator: Agata Bareja-Starzyńska.

16.00 - 16.25

Nikolay Tsyrempilov (Nazarbayev State University, Astana):

The Faith of Lamas. Buddhism in the eyes of Russians and Buryats in the 18- early 20th.c.

16.30 - 16.55

Ivan Sablin (Ruhr Univeristaat Bohum):

Buddhism and Socialism in Buryatia and Mongolia, 1917 -1928.

17.00 - 17.25

Ivan Peshkov (Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznań):

Buddhism in Political Projects of Ataman G. Semyonov

17.30 - 17.55

Discussion

18.30 - Dinner (Kolegium Artes Liberales - garden)

**Tuesday, June 19**, Kolegium Artes Liberales, Dobra 72, room 9

**Session III: Trans-border Dimensions of Buddhism.** Moderator: Ivan Peshkov.

10.00 - 10.25

Agata Bareja-Starzyńska (University of Warsaw): Jetsundamba Khutugtus and Tibeto - Mongolian Relationship. Past and Present

10.30 - 10.55

Albert Jawłowski (University of Warsaw):

Religion, ideology, identity. What does the XII Pandito Chambo Lama Keeps Silence about?

11.00 - 11.25

Zbigniew Szmyt (Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznań):

Patron - Teacher Relations. Cross-border History of Political Institution.

11.30 - 12.00

Tatiana Bernyukevich (Moscow State University of Civil Engineering):

Buddhism in Russian Literature and Philosophy.

12.00 - 12.30. Discussion

12.30 - 13.00 coffee break

**Session IV: Buddhism and Globalization.** Moderator: Ayur Zhanaev

13.00 - 13.25

Oyuna Dorzhigushaeva (East Siberian State University of Technology and Management):

Buddhist Education in Religious Associations and Secular Schools in Buryatia (the study was funded by RFBR according to the research project №17-03-00808-ОГН)

13.30 - 13.55

Bato Dondukov (University of Warsaw):

Buddhist Groups in the Internet. Consolidation or Separation? (the study was funded by RFBR according to the research project №17-03-00808-ОГН)

14.00 - 14.25

Elvira Djaltchinova-Malets (Warsaw Institute for Modern and Contemporary Asian Art):

Buddhist Art 3.0.

14.30 - 15.00 Discussion.

15.00 -15.15. Break

15.15 - 16.00 Summary and final discussion: Buddhism in the China-Mongolia-Russia Border System.

16.00 Closing of the workshop.