

Mongolei-Colloquium

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„Buddhism in Mongolia Today“

For centuries (13-14th cent., 16-20th cent.) Buddhism in Mongolia played an important role shaping Mongolian worldview and culture. The revolution of 1921 disrupted this development and caused nearly complete destruction of Buddhism. The talk will focus on the aftermath: it will describe Buddhist revitalization since 1990. There are some features of Buddhist practices in Mongolia, which stem from the past, such as the division into „yellow“ and „red“ traditions. However, certain aspects of the revitalized Buddhism in Mongolia are new phenomena, such as foundation of nunneries, establishment of the Western style Dharma centers, new ways of Buddhist social engagement and the impact of market economy. Moreover, the role of Buddhist leaders, Tibetan aid, Mongolian national identity, a plurality of religions and several other factors, which influence Buddhism in Mongolia today, will be discussed.

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Her last publications on the topic of the presentation include the following: Buddhist Responses to the Challenges of Transition in Mongolia: Old and New Methods, in: *Horizons of Futures in Post-Utopian Mongolia*, Series: Bonner Asienstudien, 2021, vol. 19, pp. 429-456 (with Byambaa Ragchaagiin); Siregetü Gūsi čorji's Treatise that Contains the Complete Meanings of the Most Important [Buddhist Concepts] To Be Used, in: *Sources of Mongolian Buddhism*, 2020, pp. 6-38; The Role of Lamyn Gegeen Blo Bzang Bstan 'Dzin Rgyal Mtshan in the Dissemination of Tibetan Astrology, Divination and Prognostication in Mongolia", in: *Glimpses of Tibetan Divination. Past and Present*, Series: Prognostication in History, 2019, pp. 198-212.

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