

## Mongolia-Colloquium

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### *“Three major rituals in Mongolian nomads’ life“*

This lecture presents research on ethnographic studies from Inner Mongolia and Mongolia. It analyses the rituals performed by nomads as their livelihood activities in order to understand their world view. The three major rituals are Castration at the beginning of spring, Milking at the beginning of summer, and Slaughter at the beginning of winter. This classic subject is critically important as basic knowledge for deepening the Mongolian Study. The spring birth period will be focused on as well and shows how Mongolians interact with their livestock. At the same time, it helps to imagine the origin of human milking.

Yuki Konagaya is an anthropologist and geographer and has been working as the president of the Japanese Association for Mongolian studies since 2020. She finished her studies at Kyoto University. In 1979, she studied in the Mongolian People’s Republic and went in 1987 for the first time to Inner Mongolia, China and conducted her first long fieldwork on pastoralism. For many years she led the *Senri Ethnological Reports*, Mongolian studies publishing series of oral materials at the National Museum of Ethnology in Osaka (<https://minpaku.repo.nii.ac.jp>). As the president of Japanese Association for Mongolian Studies, she now devotes herself to the internationalization of Japanese results (<https://www.db-jams.org>).

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**Guests are welcome!**