

Mongolei-Colloquium

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„Ethnic and linguistic playground: modern Hulun Buir“

Modern Hulun Buir is one of the distinctly multi-ethnic areas in China. It is home to over 10 ethnic groups, and the number of languages spoken is still higher. In the same time, most of these languages are severely endangered. The documented history of this area, while relatively short, is of utmost interest for historians and anthropologists. Located in the Sino-Russian borderland, Hulun Buir has been the meeting point of two imperial powers with local ethnic groups – Mongolic and Tungusic, some nomadic pastoralists while others hunters or reindeer herders. Buddhism and Russian Orthodoxy have been co-existing with several types of shamanistic traditions. In the 20th century, Hulun Buir became the place of several important events of the Sino-Russo-Japanese politics. During the 20th century, Hulun Buir was subsequently part of several states and administrative units. For linguists, Hulun Buir is a laboratory of language contact and various sociolinguistic processes.

In this presentation, speakers will focus on the current sociolinguistic situation in historical context. They will describe how the current ethnic and linguistic situation developed to its present state, how the different political regimes have been influencing the use of languages and how the different Mongolic (Buryat, Bargu, Daur and Khamnigan Mongol) and Tungusic (Solon, Khamnigan Ewenki) language communities have been affected by majority Chinese language. Based on fieldwork between 2010 and 2017 the researchers will show examples from everyday language use in this multilingual society to illustrate the main tendencies and dynamics in the co-existence, contacts, and hierarchy of these languages.

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