

Mongolei-Colloquium

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„Mongolian revolution of 1921 through the prism of 1989: the politics of "historical and cultural heritage" in socialist and post-socialist Mongolia“

Post-colonial discourse impacted Western-dominated approaches to socialist revolutions in Asia. Renaissance of vernacular responses to Western modernist ideas of progress marked the millennium turn in historiographies. In post-Cold War realities scholars referred to the revolutionary transformations in Mongolian steppes and mountains in the 1910-1920s, questing to rediscover independent *Mongol state* and “historical roots” of constitutional democracy. With this idea at the background, Mongolian historians accessed Soviet archives to rehabilitate Mongolian revolutionary heroes. Their *Mongolian story* of revolution started to have more political impact, also on Russian and Western historians. Based on Mongolian and Soviet archival sources, private collections, as well as oral testimonies, this research reveals the fascinating history of political activism at the end 1980s-beginning 1990s in the Mongolian Republic. The author focuses on competing concepts of development and social transformation set up by Mongolian politicians and intellectuals in their quest to reinterpret historical past and recreate *Mongolian culture*.

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