Multicolored faith of post-communist Mongolia: beliefs in practice and social stereotypes

In my talk, I shall present some results of recent fieldwork research (2017-2019) which looks at the religious situation in contemporary Mongolia. Religious revival in post-communist Mongolia led to a pluralistic situation with high religious diversity and competition between different confessions, schools and practices. Such pressing questions of choice now form one of the hottest topics of public debate, deeply influencing individual understandings, dividing families into opposing religious camps, and impacting dramatically upon particular social, gender and ethnic groups.

In public discourse, the question of religious choice is closely linked with concepts of “identity”, “nationhood”, and even the “future of the entire Mongolian state”. I shall discuss such popular notions as ‘fake’/ ‘true’, ‘right’/‘wrong’, ‘the most Mongolian’/‘anti-Mongolian’, ‘for the rich’/ ‘for the poor’, etc., as applied towards religion in contemporary Mongolian communities. I shall also present some folk beliefs and topics from narrative tradition which participate in the current construction of popular stereotypes and conspiracies.

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