## **Einladung zum**

## Mongolei-Colloquium

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## Mongolian and Tibetan Studies Today – Problems and Solutions

This talk would like to show the current state of Mongolian and Tibetan Studies, highlight the opportunities and the difficulties these studies face in the international university landscape as well as in their research subjects and inspire a vivid discussion among the participants.

Starting with a presentation of the Mongolian-Tibetan program of studies at the University of Warsaw, an overview of the research centers of Mongolian and Tibetan Studies in Europe and worldwide will be attempted and several questions will be addressed, such as: Are there many places where both studies are taught as joint programs? What are the similarities and differences between the two study subjects, including methodologies employed and their placement in broader university structures? Furthermore, are there many common subjects of Tibetan and Mongolian Studies?

For example, although the Tibetan form of Buddhism constitutes the major worldview of Tibetans and Mongols, it occupies a different position in academic studies of both regions. While it is one of the main topics for Tibetologists, for Mongolists it is an additional subject, quite often regarded as foreign or neglected. On the other hand, the main point of reference in Mongolian Studies is still Chinggis Khan, his historical reception and cultural influence. Finally, attempts could be made to evaluate whether the Tibetological conference held in Ulan Bator and organized by the IATS in 2013 yielded any new developments in common undertakings of Tibetologists and Mongolists.

This talk aims at opening the floor for broad discussion, including – but not limited to – the above mentioned subjects. Perhaps it will point at common problems and conclude with some suggestions for the further development of Tibetan and Mongolian Studies.

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