

Mongolei-Colloquium

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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**.

Ort: Hauptgebäude, Hörsaal XI (1. OG)

Im Mongolei-Colloquium, seit 2013 organisiert von der Mongolistik am IOA, werden aktuelle Forschungs- und Praxisprojekte vorgestellt.
 In diesem Austauschforum kommen Wissenschaftler, Studierende und die interessierte Öffentlichkeit miteinander ins Gespräch.

Alle Interessierten sind willkommen!