

Einladung zum

Mongolei-Colloquium

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Female power and gendered meanings in Mongolian tea practices

In this presentation, I will primarily describe tea practices in Mongolia, a country that does not grow tea (*camellia sinensis*) and yet where tea has become a cultural icon (the letter 'a' of the Mongolian culture alphabet). The description discloses **tea practices as an ensemble of social actions that have tea as a dominant symbol** and are principally ascribed to women.

Secondly, the analysis of women's experience of tea practices provides **insights about female power** and gendered meanings as distinctive features of female identity that women deploy as quality in social relations. Female power appears as women's experience of impacting on social actions from a female social position. Moreover, meanings women invoke in tea practices are gendered because of the (female) position of their construction.

In conclusion, I will **discuss the concept of culture** as I wonder if one could indeed speak of a Mongolian tea culture.

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