

Einladung zum

# Mongolei-Colloquium

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## Two Scripts for one Language: Will Mongolia reach Digraphia by 2025?



After the end of socialism, people in the former Mongolian Peoples' Republic decided to **revive the vertical script** (*Mongyol bičig*) which has been abandoned in favour of Cyrillic in the 1940s. During the economic crisis in the 1990s, the plan to revive the so-called "old" script was not very successful, and several following attempts did not lead to an adoption of the script on an everyday basis either. However, since 2011 certificates have been issued in *Mongyol bičig*. Recently, the **National Curriculum on Mongolian Script** was approved by the Government of Mongolia. According to this new regulation, all official letters to foreign countries, as well as passports, certificates and school diplomas have to be written in Mongolian script and Cyrillic. From 2025 all government organizations are supposed to use both scripts for official communication, despite some officials are not literate in *Mongyol bičig*. Therefore, the question is: **Are we really ready for this transformation?**

*Photo: Water distributor in a Ger-District in Ulaanbaatar who teaches children Mongyol bičig using the wall of his well house as a whiteboard.*

**Neuer Ort: Hauptgebäude, Hörsaal VII (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!**