

# MIASU RESEARCH SEMINARS 2020-2021

## MICHAELMAS TERM 2020

Tuesday 20 October

**Benno Weiner**

Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh

*Unforgivable Crimes and Open Wounds: Rebellion, Repression and Remembrance  
on a Tibetan Borderland of Early-Maoist China*

Tuesday 3 November

**Ayur Zhanaev**

University of Warsaw

*Born in the Body of Beasts: Animals and the Social Order in the Didactic  
Buddhist Literature of Buryat-Mongols (19th - beg. 20th century)*

Tuesday 17 November

**Elizabeth Fox**

University College London, Visiting Researcher, University of Cambridge

*Flesh and Blood: Rotting and Relating in the Age of the Market*

Tuesday 1 December

**Mari Valdur**

University of Helsinki

*Dying of Informality, Dying without Sociality? Abortion Biznes in Ulaanbaatar*

**LENT TERM 2021**

**Tuesday 26 January**

Nicola Di Cosmo

*Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton, New Jersey*

***Towards a Climate History of the Mongol Empire: Assumptions, Methods and Perspectives***

**Tuesday 9 February**

Christopher Atwood

University of Pennsylvania

***Why the Mongol Conquests? Sources and Explanations of the 1211 Campaigns against North China***

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**Tuesday 23 February**

Kenneth Linden

Indiana University

***Veterinary Science, Zud, and Wolves: Environmental and Animal History of Collectivization in Mongolia***

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**Tuesday 9 March**

Yana Bezirganova

Birmingham City University & University of Kent

***Writing Buryatia: the Future of Mongolian Script***

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**EASTER TERM 2021**

**Tuesday 4 May**

Piers Vitebsky & Roza Laptander

*University of Cambridge & University of Hamburg*

***Trust Versus Paranoia: Can the Siberian fire spirit explain the spectacular failure of the UK Covid track and trace app?***

**Tuesday 18 May**

James Meador

University of Michigan

**Orthodox Christianity in Chinese-Russian Contact**

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**Tuesday 1 June**

Emily Yeh

University of Colorado Boulder

***New Tibetan Entrepreneurship in the contemporary PRC: Valorization and the question of neoliberalism***

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**Tuesday 15 June**

Hosung Shim

Visiting Scholar, MIASU, University of Cambridge

***The Dörböd Aristocracy, Four Oirad Confederation, and Zunghar Empire in the Early Modern Central Asian Steppe***

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