

Re "Workshop "Water management in Inner Asia: human and non-human actors in placed-based approaches"

We, Organizers of the Workshop "Water management in Inner Asia: human and non-human actors in placed-based approaches", which took place on 15–16 March 2024, would like to thank the MIASU Board and MIASU Administration for co-hosting the event and for the support we received from the MIASU Administrators - Chloe Gayer-Anderson and Anna Clayton - at all stages of preparing the event, conducting it, and finalizing the Workshop spending and expenses calculations.

We are happy to share with you some preliminary results and statistics. The event was well attended: on the 1st day in addition to 19 Presenters and three Chairs, there were about 15 attendees in the Nihon Room (in person) and about 30 persons attending it by Zoom, including 4 presenters giving their presentations from various remote locations (Thailand, the US and France). Among the IN PERSON attendees we could see our colleagues and students from MIASU, Soc Anth Department, Pembroke College, FAMES, McDonald Institute for Archaeological Research, and Divinity Department. Combining the Workshop with the Cambridge Festival was beneficiary for the both sides, and as the result, we had diverse publics attending both events. There was a rapid increase in a number of people attending Charles Kennel's talk ONLINE, his talk was well advertised through Cambridge Festival and Cambridge Zero. The 2nd day of Workshop had a focus on local Cambridgeshire issues and artistic interpretations through film. This had fewer online participants.

Using AllEvents platform for registering potential attendees allowed us to see a diverse geography of the online participants, which included Belgium, UK, US, France, Bangladesh, Estonia, Mongolia, Russia and other countries, along with their institutional affiliation: Cambridge University, University of Oxford (Department of Geography and Centre for Buddhist Studies), University of York (UK), University of Alaska Fairbanks, etc. AllEvents statistic also shows that about half of participants received information about the Workshop from the MIASU' and the Department' mailing lists, and Newsletter circulated by Isabelle Charleux (Lettre d'information de la SEMS), while another half-received information by 'word of mouth'.

Our special words of appreciation go to all MIASU affiliates and PhD students, who supported the event either by contributing the Workshop by presenting a paper and being a Chair (8+1), or by being a part of the audience. In a way, the Workshop was a nice occasion to reconnect MIASU people and to reveal some crosscutting ties in their research and personal interests.

In addition, it is worth mentioning, that a morning ritual of worshipping the Cam River water-beings performed by *ven. Iharamba Dobdon Maksarov* on Saturday became a special and a very remarkable event itself. Local public at Coe Fen and members of the Cambridge Mongolian Speaking Society enthusiastically participated the ritual with their families and children. Please find photos attached on the next pages.

Sincerely yours,

Sayana and Hildegard

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P.S. Attachment includes six pictures