

Aspects of Manchu Studies International Conference

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Aspects of Manchu Studies conference is dedicated to the 100th anniversary of Professor Katalin Kóhalmi's birth (1926-2012). ELTE Eötvös Loránd University (and its predecessors, known by various names) has offered courses related to the Manchu language and culture since the late 19th century. The early popularity of Written Manchu courses among students highlights the significance of this discipline. Key figures in the field, such as József Budenz, Gábor Bálint of Szentkatolna, and Katalin Kóhalmi (also known as Katalin Uray Kóhalmi), have dedicated substantial studies to various aspects of Manchu and Tungus philology. The last decades of the 20th century and the early years of the 21st century were marked by a close association between Manchu studies at ELTE Eötvös Loránd University and the contributions of Professor Katalin Kóhalmi. The team at the Department of Mongolian and Inner Asian Studies (ELTE), along with its partner institutions, the Department of Mongolian Language and Linguistics, Department of Literature and Arts (National University of Mongolia), and the Mongolian Association for Manchu Studies, plans to organise an international conference on Manchu philology, historical and cultural sources, and their contextual significance, to celebrate the legacy of one of the field's foremost scholars, Katalin Kóhalmi.



Katalin Kóhalmi
1926-2012

We are looking for your contribution to the conference. Please, register by 31 January 2026 by sending your name, affiliation, presentation title, and abstract of 200-500 words to mongol@btk.elte.hu. The working languages are English and Mongolian, and the presentations should not exceed 20 minutes. We will notify the applicants about the acceptance of their presentation. Travelling and accommodation should be covered and organized by the participants themselves.

The workshop is part of a series of memorial conferences organised by the Department of Mongolian and Inner Asian Studies, including *Philologie Asiae Interioris* (2022) dedicated to the 120th anniversary of Lajos Ligeti's birth and 90 years of Mongolian studies at ELTE, and the 5th conference on Mongolian Buddhism (2025) dedicated to the 90th anniversary of György Kara's birth.

- For references on Professor Kóhalmi's life and works, please visit kohalmi.innerasia.hu
- To explore the 19th-century emergence of Manchu studies at ELTE, resources are available at academia.edu/127804423
- Information on previous memorial conferences is available at innerasia.hu/event/mongolian-buddhism-conference-2025 and innerasia.hu/download/Ligeti-120-Philologia-Asiae-Interioris-abstracts.pdf

