



# Genghis Khan and Kublai Khan: Barbarian Conquerors or Agents of Global Interactions with Dr. Morris Rossabi (Columbia University and Queens College) *Friday, February 16, 2018, 12pm, PL-4005*

Portrayals of the thirteenth-century Mongol invasions rightly emphasize murders and considerable destruction. This lecture describes some of these disasters, but also depicts their more positive economic and cultural influences in Eurasian history. The presentation will also offer visual images from the Mongol era.



Professor Rossabi is a historian of China and Central and Inner Asia. He teaches courses on Inner Asian, East Asian, and Chinese history at Columbia. During the 2008–2009 academic year, he received an honorary doctorate from the National University of Mongolia (pictured at left). He and Mary Rossabi are involved in an oral history of 20th and 21st century Mongolia, which has led to the publication of *Socialist Devotees and Dissenters*; *A Herder, a Trader, and a Lawyer*; and *The Practice of Buddhism in Kharkhorin and its Revival* (National Museum of Ethnology, Osaka, 2010, 2012, and 2013). He has helped organize exhibitions at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Cleveland Museum of Art, and the Asian Art Museum of San Francisco. He was on the advisory board of the Project on Central Eurasia of the Soros Foundation. The author of numerous articles and speeches, he travels repeatedly to Central Asia and Mongolia, where he teaches courses on Mongolian and East Asian history. He is also author of *The Mongols and Global History* (W.W. Norton, 2010); *Modern Mongolia: From Khans to Commissars to Capitalists* (University of California, 2005); and *Khubilai Khan: His Life and Times* (University of California, 1988).

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