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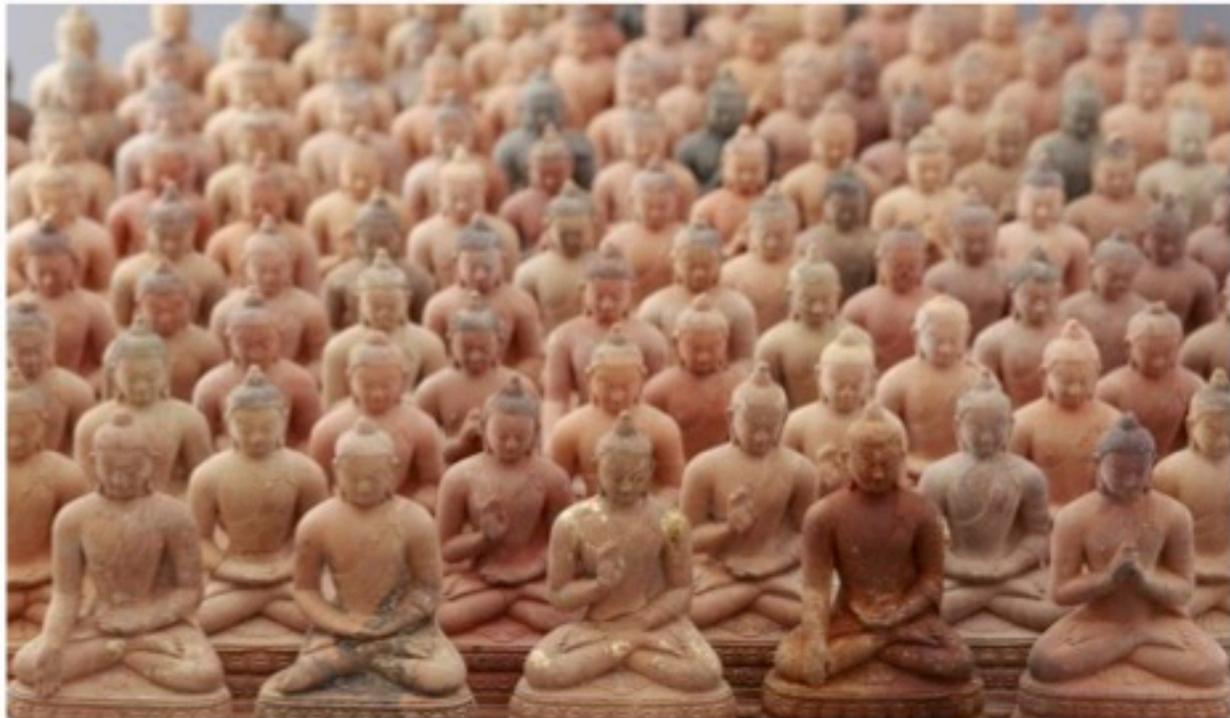


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CSACTI LECTURES (Spring Semester 2026)

Zanabazar: The Hidden Deities in the Taiga.
The archeological research at the Saridag Monastery in Mongolia
S. Chuluun (Chinggis Khan Museum, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia)

27 febbraio 2026, venerdì, ore 11-12.30, Pal. Corigliano, Antisala degli Specchi



In the 17th century, during the period of widespread spread of Buddhism among the Mongolian nomads, one of the first incarnate lamas (Khutagt) was Zanabazar, who is known as the First Bogd Javzundamba Khutagt of Mongolia. He was a direct descendant of Chinggis Khan and the son of the most powerful noble of his time. Between 1654 and 1686, Zanabazar founded Saridag Monastery, also called *Nomiin Ikh Khuree*. After two years later it was built, the monastery was destroyed by fire and for more than 300 years, its location was forgotten. Later, its ruins were found in the taiga forest. Archaeological research showed that this was the monastery where Zanabazar worked, and created many of his great works of art. The rediscovery of the site were initiated and led by the Mongolian historian Prof. Dr. S. Chuluun, who published many researches on the subject. The lecture presents the results of many years of archaeological research, the history of the monastery's rediscovery.

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