

The History of Mongolian Writing

a talk by Visiting Professor Bayartuul Batjav

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Miller Hall 123

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Refreshments will be provided



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The Mongols have devised and used about ten scripts (writing systems) in their history. These include: Khitan, Mongolian script, Galik, Todo, Dorbeljin bichig, Soyombo, Horizontal square, and Vagindra. All these scripts were created in an effort to make the writing closer to colloquial language and were consistent with Mongolia’s national interest, freedom and independence. The most successful writing was the Traditional Mongolian script written vertically from left to right. But it was replaced by the Cyrillic script due to political circumstances in 1940’s.

