

Electronic cultural atlas “Buddhism in Buryatia” (ECABB)

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In the process of working on for the publication of “The Land of Vajrapani” (Moscow, 2008, 600 p.) that can be estimated as a Buryat Buddhism Encyclopedia a significant amount of texts, photo documents of different époques, maps and a huge variety of art illustrations have been collected.

In a new project of ECABB the active work on which will start next year with the help of the Russian Humanitarian Scientific foundation, we would like to present online version of these informational resources. It will be based on Google maps GIS-technology; maps service with the use of Time Map extension will offer a wide access to the information differentiated by geographical and temporal data. As a result the historical development of Buryat Buddhism from the end of XVII century up to present day will be fixed.

At the same time temporal and spacious GIS-presentation of the phenomenon will allow to reveal the changes in the Buddhist church and Buryat social life in future, thus illustrating the Buddhist tradition among Buryat population as an endless continuum.