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**b) Main publications:**

The Volga Stavropol Kalmyks: from the mid-1730s through the first half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Documents and materials, in 4 vols., Rostov-on-Don – Elista, 2011-2012, (collection of documents, Editor-in-Chief);

“Command Staff of Stavropol Kalmyk Troop in Military and Religious Policies of the State: from the Seven years’ war to the Epoch of 1812” In: Vestnik Kalmytskogo Instituta gumanitarnykh issledovahij RAN [The Bulletin of the Kalmyk Institute for Humanitarian Studies of the RAS (Russian Academy of Science)], No. 2, 2012, p.27-32 (article);

“The Stavropol Kalmyk Troop, 1737-1843: experiences of the study of new sources” In: Vestnik Kalmytskogo Instituta gumanitarnykh issledovahij RAN [The Bulletin of the Kalmyk Institute for Humanitarian Studies of the RAS (Russian Academy of Science)], No. 3, 2012, p.13-18 (article); all works on Russian, abstracts on English.

**c) Field of Research:**

Russian and Central Asian Modern History (especially the 18<sup>th</sup> century); History of Religion (Christianity, Buddhism) in Modern Time; Buddhists, Oirats, Kalmyks at the borders of Russia and China at the early Modern Times.

**d) Knowledge of languages:**

Russian: mother tongue; English, fluent; German and French, good; Kalmyk, intermediate colloquial; Tibetan, Mongolian, reading.