CEASG Conference: Contemporary Mongolia: International Relations, Mining and Society

Groningen, 28-29 November 2019

Venue: Old Court Room, Oude Boteringestraat 38, Groningen, The Netherlands
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Day 1: Thursday 28 November
12:30 Coffee and tea served
13:00-13:20 Welcome: Tjalling Halbertsma (CEASG)
13:20-13:40 Herman Hoen, University of Groningen: Keynote 1: Reflections on transition and institutional reform after the collapse of communism
13:40-14:00 Mandar Jayawant, Mongolia Opportunities Fund, Ulaanbaatar: Keynote 2: TBC

Panel 1: Mongolia: Foreign Direct Investment (Chair: Saliha Metinsoy, RUG)
14:00-14:20 Tuvshintugs Batdelger, Economic Research Institute, Mongolia: Foreign Direct Investment Inflow into Mongolia
14:20-14:40 Delgerjargal Uvsh, University of Wisconsin-Madison: Dynamics of Foreign Direct Investment in Mongolia: a time-series and sectoral perspective
14:40-15:00 Lukas Linsi, University of Groningen: The evolution of Mongolia’s inward FDI policy: a political economy analysis
15:00-15:20 Panel discussion
coffee and tea 20 minutes
Panel 2: Mongolia: Foreign Policy and Belt & Road Initiative (Chair: Jan van der Harst, RUG)

15:40-16:00 Vladimir Rodionov, Buryat State University: *The Third Neighbour Policy of Mongolia and the President Kh. Battulga*

16:00-16:20 John Irgengioro, Brock University, *Mongolia-Central Asia cooperation and the prospects of multilateral coordination in Mongolia’s participation of China’s Belt and Road Initiative*

16:20-16:40 Victoria Namzhilova, Buryat Scientific Centre / Russian Academy of Sciences: *The role of the energy sector in the development of the China-Mongolia-Russia Economic corridor*

16:40-17:00 Connor Judge & Sanchir Jargalsaikhan, SOAS/University College London: *Mongolia and the Global Belt and Road Initiative in Context: Receptivity and Vulnerability*

17:00-17:20 Panel discussion

18:00 Buffet dinner for participants at Van Swinderenhuys (Oude Boteringestraat 19, 9712 GC Groningen)

20:00 *Eastern Memories: Mongolia* Film Screening (Niklas Kullström & Martti Kaartinen, 2016)

NB: *Marie Loke Zaal, Harmonie Building* (Oude Kijk in Het Jatstraat 26, 9712 EK Groningen)

Day 2: Friday 29 November

09:00 Coffee and tea served

09:30-09:50 Lorenzo Pellegrini, Erasmus University Rotterdam: *Keynote 3: The extractive imperative, a global phenomenon?*

Panel 3: Mongolia: Mining (Chair: Steven Van Bockstael, RUG)

09:50-10:10 Byambaatar Inchinkhorloo & Ariell Ahearn Ligham, University of Oxford: *New forms of patron-client relations from mining conflicts in rural Mongolia*

10:10-10:30 Dulam Bumochir, National University of Mongolia: *Navigating nationalist and statist policies*

10:30-10:50 Oyuntuya Shagdarsuren, University of Bonn: *The Role of Sub-National Government in Negotiating Local Cooperation Agreements with Mining Companies: Recent trends in Dornod province of Mongolia*

coffee and tea 20 min

11:10-11:40 Panel discussion
Break
12:00 13:00 Lunch at Corps de Garde, Oude Boteringestraat 74, 9712 GN Groningen

Panel 4: Mongolia: Tax and tax-treaties (Chair: Paul Meerts, Clingendael)

13:30-13:50 Sharleena Goerlitz, University of Bonn: (Neo-)Extractivism and Sustainable Development in Mongolia

13:50-14:10 Martin Hearson, Institute of Development Studies: The politics of tax treaties: the Netherlands-Mongolia tax treaty in context

14:10-14:30 Vincent Kiezebrink, The Centre for Research on Multinational Corporations (SOMO): Claiming Oyu Tolgoi: Donor states’ exploitation of Mongolia’s financial instability and its Third Neighbour desire

14:30-14:50 Raymond Adema, University of Groningen: Int’l tax toolbox in the year 2019 – What’s in it for Mongolia?

14:50-15:10 Hans Mooij, International Tax Centre (ITC) Leiden: Netherlands tax treaty relations with Mongolia and developing countries more generally - scope for improvement, on both sides?

coffee and tea 20 min

15:10-15:40 Panel discussion

15:40–16:00 Conference publication ICSS Brill: Tjalling Halbertsma

16:00-16:10 Conference closing: Lukas Linsi