

Einladung zum  
**Mongolei-Colloquium**

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**Digging Deeper:**  
**Beyond the Resource Nationalism Label**

Mongolia has recently drawn international attention for its resource-led economic growth amid striking poverty and financial insecurity. The resource politics have been dictated and shaped by global capitalism in general and neoliberal regimes as the country has had to rely on foreign aid and assistance and thus has been subject to conditions that came with the donor aid. Among the conditions attached to the donor aid, privatization of state properties has been one of the signature policies in restructuring the country's economy.

The paper explores two key concepts, *accumulation by dispossession* and *resource nationalism*, and brings the literature on these concepts in dialogue with the scholarship on the politics of global capitalism. The paper is informed by David Harvey's influential work on "new" imperialism and the role of accumulation by dispossession as a direct product of the contemporary global neoliberal economic regime. The main premise of the theory suggests that neoliberal economic policies introduced in various countries around the world have led to the concentration of wealth among the powerful few while the masses are dispossessed of their wealth, land, or natural resources. This theoretical framing is a key to understanding the **resource politics in Mongolia** as the country has relied on international aid conditional to restructuring its economy based on neoliberal principles.

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