

Einladung zum

Mongolei-Colloquium

Donnerstag, 15. December 2016: 18–20 Uhr

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Mongolian Traditional Thinking and Education for Sustainable Development

This presentation's aim is to analyze the main reasons for the lack of sustainability within our current societies and economies and to describe basic principles of sustainable living and development based on Mongolian traditional thinking. In this regard the statement "Favored by Mighty Heaven and Sustained by Mother Earth" of the 13th century "The Secret History of Mongols" for example shows a striking commonality with the "Declaration on Sustainability" (Brundtland 1987, Rio De Janeiro 1992 and Nagoya 2014).

The lecturer illustrates three basic human rights which he considers to be the most important factors for sustainability and sustainable living: 1) Right to life or *altan am'* 2) Right to housing 3) Right to own property.

Based on these basic rights and Mongolian traditional thinking he will describe the five main shifts that have to be realized in the current mindset for sustainable development to be successful: 1) Shift from a contradiction-oriented philosophical system to an inter-supportive system 2) Shift from inflexible cultural structures to an agile mindset 3) Shift from wasteful processing to an economical use of resources 4) Shift from inefficient technologies to low-waste production technologies 5) Shift from ready-made designs to promoting compact, custom made designs.

Finally the lecturer explains how to apply these ideas and principles to school and university curriculum changes as well as to teacher training programs at the Mongolian National University of Education.

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Regina-Pacis-Weg 7 (Gebäude des Ägyptischen Museums)

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