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Generous Thrift: Post-pastoral Cooperation and Fortune-Making among the Torghut of Mongolia

In this talk we describe some new forms of cooperation that emerged among the Torghut of contemporary Mongolia. We focus on how the Torghut, once children of shepherds, managed to create family- and schoolmate-based collectives orientated towards cross-border trade and then city business-making. We call their skills 'social thriftiness' as they present a virtue of being thrifty and, paradoxically, giving away at the same time. We also show how their way of acting and self-organising is related to their former, pastoral forms of cooperation, and to their material and spiritual investing in the *nutag*, local homeland, and local sacred mountains. Thus, we will try to present a recent part of Mongolian history, a process of dynamic and vernacular creation of the 'good' (Robbins 2014) when expanding local capitalisms. However, in this way, we reconstruct also a form of affective state-production that occurred over the last decade in Mongolia; we examine various forms of spontaneous cooperation emerging within these new Torghut communities that draw on family-based political desires, collective ambitions, and post-pastoral endeavors.



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