

# Mongolei-Colloquium Online

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## The future of Ulaanbaatar:

### Key Urban Actors, Invisible Power and Visible Urbanism

During last two decades, Ulaanbaatar is experiencing rapid urbanization. Influenced by nomadic pastoralist and socialist history, as well as liberal ideology and free market economy, the capital's urban society is continuously seeking the concepts between development and disruption, progress and chaos. The talk attempts to address the following questions:

- Are the current urban problems of Ulaanbaatar really caused by the development strategies and urban planning?
- What are the views of urban actors on the urban present and the future?
- What is the difference between 'urban development' and 'urban planning'?
- Who are the key urban actors and how do they act?
- How they act and adapt in the current urbanisation context?
- What could be invisible power or power relations in Ulaanbaatar's visible urbanism?

The presentation focuses on diverse levels, including urban planning, implementation and actual changes at the example of the residential micro-district No. 13 during last three decades. Research findings indicate that the complexity in present urbanism is caused by new paradigms of property, ownership and individual freedom, lack of information transparency and incomplete urban legislation, but also the invisible power of corruption and poorly regulated competition. While planning strategies and legislation documents were being left on the table, the visible urban projects of the last decade contributed to a physical reinforcement of more problems in everyday urbanism.



Aerial view of the residential micro-district No.13, Ulaanbaatar. S. Amgalan, 2018

**Das Colloquium findet live via ZOOM statt.**

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Im Mongolei-Colloquium, seit 2013 organisiert von der Mongolistik am IOA, werden aktuelle Forschungsprojekte und Praxisfelder vorgestellt. In diesem Austauschforum kommen Wissenschaftler\*innen, Studierende und die interessierte Öffentlichkeit miteinander ins Gespräch.

**Alle Interessierten sind herzlich willkommen!**