Poverty and Coping in Mongolia:
Current Trends and Future Research Needs
Organized by Zorig Foundation and DIW Berlin

Location: Bayangol Hotel, Ulaanbaatar
Date: March 12-13, 2009

Program – Day 1 (March 12)

8:30-9:00 Check-in and Registration

9:00-10:00 Opening Session
Introduces the aims of the workshop and outlines a planned research cooperation.
- Welcome, aim of workshop, logistics – B. Oyundari, Zorig Foundation
- Introducing the field: households coping with shocks – T. Brück, DIW Berlin
- An area studies perspective on discourses on zud – I. Stolpe, Humboldt University of Berlin

10:00-10:20 Tea Break

10:20-12:00 Second session: Regional studies perspectives on zud and herders
Reflects on herders’ vulnerability to zud from historical and veterinary perspective. Chair: Erdenekhuu
- Historical perspective on nomads and zud – M. Tumurjav, International Institute for the Study of Nomadic Civilisations
- Technologies of nomads since 1990 – Ch. Songino, Mongolian State University of Agriculture
- Lessons of countryside development programs – A. Enkh-Amgalan, Centre for Policy Research

12:00-12:15 Group Photograph
12:15-1:30 Lunch
1:30-3:00  **Third session: Coping with zud in Mongolia**

Presents current social science research on herders’ coping strategies with zud.
Chair: K. Schindler
- Problems in Disaster Management – B. Bayarjargal, National Emergency Management Agency
- Socio-Ecological Vulnerability of Pastoral Communities and Strategy for Building Resilient Communities – T. Chuluun, National University of Mongolia and Global Citizen NGO
- D. Murphy, University of Kentucky

3:00-3:30  **Tea Break**

3:30-5:00  **Fourth session: Zud and poverty**

Discusses the link between exposure to zud and poverty. Chair: Togtokh
- Dynamics of Risk, Vulnerability and Health among Herders in Post-Transition Mongolia – Craig R. Janes, Simon Fraser University
- Using Mongolian household survey data to analyze herders’ shock coping strategies – A. Solongo, National University of Mongolia
- Soyolmaa, Swiss Agency for Cooperation and Development
- Ericksen, University of Arizona

from 7:00  **Workshop dinner at Puma Imperial Hotel**, address by Pius Fischer, German Ambassador to Mongolia

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**Program – Day 2 (March 13)**

8:30-10:30  **Fifth session: Data issues**

Reviews experience with collecting surveys among herders, explores opportunities of linking various data sources, discusses interrelations of data collection and research and identifies opportunities for future cooperation.
Chair: Khandsuren
- LSMS household surveys – Ts. Amartuvshin, National Statistical Office of Mongolia
- Data Issues and Methods – M. Oyunjargal, National Statistical Office of Mongolia
- Mongolia census-based poverty map – J. Doljinsuren and H. Coulombe, United Nations Development Programme
- Results of Climate Disasters – D. Jugder, Institute of Meteorology and Hydrology
10:30-10:45  **Tea Break**

10:45-12:45  **Sixth session: Lessons learnt from policy responses to zud**
Discusses past experience with policies and programs targeting herders and the future role of the state in providing safety nets for herders. Chair: Oyundari

- Pastoral Risk Management – Enkhbat, Sustainable Livelihoods Project, World Bank Mongolia
- Index-based livestock insurance scheme – O.Erdenedalai, World Bank Mongolia
- Government Policy for protecting herders from risk – L. Choi-Ish, Ministry of Agriculture
- Demand for state programs – N. Amarjargal, Mongolian State University of Agriculture

12:45-1:30  **Closing session: Future needs of research**
Summarizes key findings of the workshop, discusses future research needs, points out data requirements and identifies challenges. Chair: T. Brück

- Solongo, National University of Mongolia
- Bolormaa, National Statistical Office of Mongolia
- Stolpe, Humboldt University of Berlin
- L. Choi-Ish, Ministry of Agriculture
- Janes, Simon Fraser University

1:30-3:00  **Lunch**