Mongolians After Socialism

Mongolia has made great strides in economic growth, democratic development, and cultural and national resurgence since the early 1990s. But are these trends sustainable? What opportunities, challenges, and risks now confront Mongolia and Mongolians – and what is the legacy of Mongolia's history from its Socialist era, and from long before it? What role do Mongolia's distinctive cultural, spiritual, and religious orientations play in relation to the country's economic trajectory and future political development? The present work addresses these questions. While most studies separate economy, politics, and collective identity or religious orientation from each other, this volume connects these dimensions of Mongolian social development in practical and applied as well as conceptual terms. Reflecting the interests of engaged anthropology, contributors address connections across a broad range of policy, activist, and scholarly vantage points, including chapters by the Head of the Mongolian National Planning Commission, the National Security Advisor, the US Ambassador, senior Mongolian Buddhist lamas, a Royal Shaman, a Christian leader, eminent international scholars of Mongolia, and a range of Mongolian scholars and experts within the country.

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