A Conference of the States at Regional Risk Project (SARR)

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Schedule
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Session 1: "New Money," Elected Governments, and Wealth Disparity

Session 2: Contemporary Cultural and Spiritual Identities
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Session 3: Mining, Political Economy, and Environmental Sustainability

Session 4: Sociopolitical and Cultural Change in Mongolian Lifestyles
June 29

Session 5: Arts, Culture, and Ideology: Mongolia as an Asian Crossroads

Session 6: Why the Past Matters: Mongolian and Buddhist Histories

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