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**Organizer:** The State Great Hural (Parliament) of Mongolia  
Ban Ki-moon Foundation for a Better Future  
Stanford University’s Walter H. Shorenstein Asia-Pacific Research Center

**Venue:** State Palace of Mongolia

**When:** 25-26, April 2024

**Official language:** Mongolian & English (with simultaneous translation)
**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24**  
Best Western Premier Tuushin Hotel  
Premier Lounge Hall

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| 18:00–18:05 | Welcoming speech  
Zandanshatar Gombojav  
Chairman of the State Great Hural of Mongolia |
| 18:05–18:10 |  
Bulgantuya Khurelbaatar  
Member of the State Great Hural of Mongolia, Minister for Labor and Social Protection, and Chair of the Parliamentary Sub-Committee on Sustainable Development Goals |
| 18:10–18:15 |  
Stefanie Burri  
Head of the Swiss Cooperation Office and Consular Agency in Mongolia and Consul General |
| 18:15–20:00 | Reception                                                                   |

**THURSDAY, APRIL 25**  
Ikh Mongol Hall, State Palace

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Zandanshatar Gombojav  
Chairman of the State Great Hural of Mongolia |
| 09:05–09:10 |  
Nurlanbek Shakiev  
Speaker of the Jogorku Kenesh of Kyrgyz Republic |
| 09:10–09:15 |  
Odbayar Erdenetsogt  
Foreign Policy Advisor to the President of Mongolia will deliver remarks on behalf of H.E. Khurelsukh Ukhnaa, President of Mongolia |
| 09:15–09:20 |  
Ban Ki-moon  
The 8th Secretary-General of the United Nations and Chairman of the Ban Ki-moon Foundation for a Better Future |

**Moderator:** Tsogzolmaa Tsendenbal  
Director of the Parliamentary Research and Training Center, Secretariat of the State Great Hural of Mongolia
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<td><strong>Gi-Wook Shin</strong>&lt;br&gt;Director of the Walter H. Shorenstein Asia-Pacific Research Center and Korea Program, Professor of Sociology, William J. Perry Professor of Contemporary Korea, and Senior Fellow at the Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies, Stanford University</td>
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<td><strong>Lezsák Sándor</strong>&lt;br&gt;Deputy Speaker of National Assembly of Hungary</td>
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<td><strong>Rakhmetova Assem Kalashbaeva</strong>&lt;br&gt;Member of the Senate of the Parliament of the Republic of Kazakhstan and Member of the Kazakhstan-Mongolia Parliamentary Friendship Group</td>
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**SESSION 1: Addressing Structural Injustices and Inequalities Towards Inclusive Societies**

**Moderator:** **Cheryll Alipio**<br>Associate Director for Program and Policy, Walter H. Shorenstein Asia-Pacific Research Center, Stanford University

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                     Assistant Professor in the International Doctoral Program in Asia-Pacific Studies at National Chengchi University |
| 10:30-10:40  | Panelists                | Stefanie Burri  
                     Head of the Swiss Cooperation Office and Consular Agency in Mongolia and Consul General |
| 10:40-10:50  | Panelists                | HwaJung Kim  
                     Research Professor at the Institute for International Area Studies in the Graduate School of International Studies, Ewha Womans University |
| 10:50-11:00  | Panelists                | Junki Nakahara  
                     Postdoctoral Fellow of the Stanford Next Asia Policy Lab at the Walter H. Shorenstein Asia-Pacific Research Center, Stanford University |
| 11:00-11:10  | Panelists                | Brendan M. Howe  
                     Dean and Professor of The Graduate School of International Studies, Ewha Womans University |
| 11:10-11:40  | Q&A                      |                                                                                             |

**SESSION 2: Building Strong Governance and Effective Institutions**

**Moderator:** Badarch Dendev  
President of Mongolian National University

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                     Deputy Chairwoman of the State Great Hural of Mongolia |
| 11:50-12:00  | Panelists                | Kim Sook  
                     Executive Director of the Ban Ki-moon Foundation for a Better Future and former Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Republic of Korea to the United Nations |
| 12:00-12:10  | Panelists                | Isabelle Deschamps  
                     Chief Legal, Compliance and CA, Rio Tinto |
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<td>İdil Tunçer Kılavuz&lt;br&gt;Associate Professor of Comparative Politics in the Department of Political Science and Public Administration, Istanbul Medeniyet University</td>
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**CLOSING SESSION**

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<td>Kim Bong-hyun</td>
<td>Former Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to Australia, former President of Jeju Peace Institute, and Advisor to Mr. Ban Ki-moon, the 8th Secretary General of the United Nations at the Ban Ki-moon Foundation for a Better Future</td>
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<td>İlhan Sahin</td>
<td>President of the International Society for Altai Studies and Professor in the Department of History in the Faculty of Letters, Istanbul 29 Mayis University</td>
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## PARALLEL SESSION I
### Constitution Hall, State Palace

### SESSION 5: Global Studies of the Altaic Language

**Moderator:** Bat-Ireedui Jantsan  
Director of the Institute of Language and Literature, Mongolian Academy of Sciences

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Academician at the Institute of Language and Literature, Mongolian Academy of Sciences |
| 10:20-10:30| Panelists                 | **Attila Mátéffy**  
Ph.D. Candidate in the Department of Mongolian and Tibetan Studies, University of Bonn |
| 10:30-10:40| Panelists                 | **Şaban Doğan**  
Dean of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Izmir Katip Celebi University |
| 10:40-10:50| Panelists                 | **Sultanbek Kutlugzhon**  
Senior Lecturer in the Department of Turkic Studies and Linguistic Theory of the Faculty of Philology, Al-Farabi Kazakh National University |
| 10:50-11:00|                          | **Yuki Konagaya**  
President of the International Association for Mongolian Studies |
| 11:00-11:30|                          | Q&A                                                                   |

### SESSION 6: Contemporary Trends in Altaic Culture and Archaeology

**Moderator:** Tserendorj Tsegmed  
Professor and Vice President of Mongolian Academy of Sciences

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Minister of Environment and Tourism |
| 11:40-11:50| Panelists                 | **Saadettin Yağmur Gömeç**  
Professor in the Department of Historical Science of the Faculty of Language, History, and Geography, Ankara University |
| 11:50-12:00|                          | **Boldbaatar Yundenbat**  
Associate Professor in the School of Business Administration and Humanities, Mongolian University of Science and Technology |
### PARALLEL SESSION II
Ikh Zasag Hall, State Palace

**SESSION 7: Current Perspectives of Central Asia and Mongolia in Democratic Transition**

**Moderator:** Ider Davaatseren  
Lecturer at the Department of History in the School of Social Sciences and Humanities, Mongolian National University of Education

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Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Member of the State Great Hural of Mongolia, and Chair of the Standing Committee on Legal Affairs |
| 10:20-10:30 | Panelists                         | Enkhbat Avirmed  
Associate Professor and Director of the School of Business Administration and Humanities, Mongolian University of Science and Technology |
| 10:30-10:40 |                                   | Bekzod Abdirimov  
Chair of the Khorezm Regional Department of the Spirituality and Enlightenment Center of the Republic of Uzbekistan |
| 10:40-10:50 |                                   | Kairat Belek  
Associate Professor and Vice Dean of the Faculty of Humanities, Kyrgyz-Turkish Manas University |
| 10:50-11:00 |                                   | Samet Kalyoncu  
Visiting Research Assistant at the Institute of Turkology Studies, National University of Mongolia |
| 11:00-11:30 | Q&A                               |                                                                                                   |

12:00-12:10 | Yun Hyeung Won  
Director of Gimhae National Museum of Korea |

12:10-12:20 | İlhan Sahin  
President of the International Society for Altai Studies and Professor in the Department of History in the Faculty of Letters, Istanbul 29 Mayis University |

12:20-12:50 | Q&A |

12:50-14:00 | Lunch |
**SESSION 8: Traditional Culture of Central Asia and Mongolia**

**Moderator:** Shahin Mustafayev  
President and Professor of the Turkic Academy, Republic of Kazakhstan

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| 11:30-11:40 | Keynote speaker | **Turbat Tsagaan**  
Professor in the Department of Anthropology and Archaeology and Director of the Archaeological Research Center, National University of Mongolia |
| 11:40-11:50 | Panelists      | **Varis Cakan**  
Head of the Asian Studies Center, Ankara Hacı Bayram Veli University |
| 11:50-12:00 | Panelists      | **Bekmaganbetov Umirbay Zholdybekovich**  
Dean of the Faculty of History, L. N. Gumilyov Eurasian National University |
| 12:00-12:10 |               | **Mehmet Emin Bakay**  
Assistant Professor and the International Projects and Erasmus Coordinator, Izmir Katip Celebi University |
| 12:10-12:20 |               | **Shinichi Kubota**  
President of the Nippon Mongolia Association and Lecturer at Asia University |
| 12:20-12:50 | Q&A           |                                                                                  |
| 12:50-14:00 | Lunch         |                                                                                  |

**SESSION 9: Modern Research and Trends of Altai History**

**Moderator:** Borbala Obrushchanszky  
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Hungary to Mongolia

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| 14:00-14:10 | Keynote speaker | **Árpád János Potápi**  
State Secretary for National Policy, Member of the National Assembly, and Vice-Chairman of the Hungary-Mongolia Friendship Group |
| 14:10-14:20 |               | **Borbala Obrushchanszky**  
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Hungary to Mongolia |
| 14:20-14:30 | Panelists      | **Yasin Bulduklu**  
Vice Rector of Izmir Katip Celebi University |
| 14:30-14:40 |               | **Sambuudorj Ochirbat**  
Research Fellow at the Institute of Language and Literature, Mongolian Academy of Sciences |
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| 14:40-14:50  | Isa Habibbayli  
President of Azerbaijan National Academy of Science                 |
| 14:50-15:00  | Hidán Csaba László  
Associate Professor at the Institute of History of the Department of Medieval Studies, Karoli Gaspar University of the Reformed Church |
| 15:00-15:15  | Q&A                                                                 |
| 15:15-15:30  | Coffee break                                                        |
|              | **THURSDAY, APRIL 25 DINNER**                                      |
|              | Hosted by the Chairman of the State Great Hural of Mongolia          |
|              | **Ikh Tenger Complex**                                              |
|              | 19:00–20:30 Dinner                                                  |
|              | **FRIDAY, APRIL 26 CULTURAL EVENT**                                 |
|              | **Chinggis Khuree Camp**                                            |
|              | 09:00-17:00 Cultural Performance                                   |
ZANDANSHATAR GOMBOJAV

Chairman of the State Great Hural of Mongolia

Mr. G. Zandanshatar has served as the Chairman of the State Great Hural of Mongolia since February 2019. Under his leadership in 2020, the State Great Hural of Mongolia adopted the National Long-Term Development Policy Vision-2050 which sets out a new direction of development for the ensuing 30 years, in line with the Sustainable Development Goals and its fundamental principles.

His previous roles include the State Minister & Chief of the Cabinet Secretariat, the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade, and the Deputy-Minister of Agriculture in the Government of Mongolia. He has been elected as a member of the parliament for the 4th term in 2020.

Mr. G. Zandanshatar graduated in Economics and Finance at the Institute of National Economy (now Baikal State University) in Irkutsk, the Russian Federation. He was a visiting scholar at Stanford University’s Center on Democracy, Development and the Rule of Law from 2015-2016, where his research focused on the democratic process and political development of Mongolia.
Mr. Ban Ki-moon is the 8th Secretary General of the United Nations. He served two consecutive terms from 2007 to 2016.

Throughout his tenure at the UN, Mr. Ban strove to be a bridge builder, to give voice to the world’s poorest and the most vulnerable people, and to make the Organization more transparent and effective. He successfully pressed for action to combat climate change – an effort that culminated in the adoption and rapid entry into the landmark Paris Agreement in 2016. Mr. Ban worked closely with member states of the UN to shape the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and to establish UN Women, which has been advancing the Organization’s work for gender equality and women’s empowerment. Mr. Ban also launched major efforts to strengthen UN peace operations, to protect human rights, to improve humanitarian response, to prevent violent extremism, and to revitalize the disarmament agenda.

At the time of his appointment at the UN, Mr. Ban was the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade of the Republic of Korea.

He currently serves as the following:

- Chairman of Ban Ki-moon Foundation for a Better Future,
- Chairman of Boao Forum for Asia,
- Co-Chair of the Ban Ki-moon Centre for Global Citizens in Vienna, Austria,
- Chair of the Global Center on Adaptation, in Rotterdam, Netherlands,
- Chairman of IOC Ethics Committee,
- President of the Assembly & Chair of the Council of Global Green Growth Institute in Seoul, Republic of Korea, and
- Distinguished Chair Professor and Honorary Chairman of the Future Strategy Institute at Seoul National University.
Gi-Wook Shin is the William J. Perry Professor of Contemporary Korea in Sociology and a senior fellow of the Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies at Stanford University. At Stanford he has also served as director of the Walter H. Shorenstein Asia-Pacific Research Center since 2005 and as founding director of the Korea Program since 2001. His research concentrates on nationalism, development, and international relations, focusing on Korea/Asia.

Shin is the author/editor of more than 25 books, including South Korea’s Democracy in Crisis: The Threats of Illiberalism, Populism, and Polarization, The North Korean Conundrum: Balancing Human Rights and Nuclear Security, Global Talent: Foreign Labor as Social Capital in Korea, and One Alliance, Two Lenses: U.S.-Korea Relations in a New Era. Shin launched a new initiative, the Stanford Next Asia Policy Lab (SNAPL), that is committed to addressing emergent social, cultural, economic, environmental, and political challenges in Asia through interdisciplinary, problem-oriented, policy-relevant, and comparative studies and publications.

Shin previously taught at the University of Iowa and the University of California, Los Angeles. He holds a BA from Yonsei University and an MA and PhD from the University of Washington.
Nurlanbek Shakiev graduated from the Kyrgyz Agrarian Academy named after K.I. Scriabin, in the Faculty of Economics and Agribusiness but, fascinated by creativity, he worked for a long time in the field of journalism. Being a talented journalist with a sharp pen, he certainly found his reader, he was the founder and also led such newspapers as Obon, Uchkun, Erkin-Too, EITR, and New TV television channels.

In 2010, he was appointed Minister of Culture and Information of the Kyrgyz Republic, and carried out effective reforms in the industry. In 2021, he was elected as a deputy of the Jogorku Kenesh of the Kyrgyz Republic of the VII convocation from the Aksy electoral district No. 17. On October 5, 2022, he was elected as deputies of the Toraga of the Jogorku Kenesh of the Kyrgyz Republic and currently continues to lead the legislative branch of government.

As a people's representative, he raises important initiatives. In particular, he actively implements the policy of developing the state language. He is one of the initiators of the constitutional law, “On the State Language.” In addition, he has spearheaded reforms aimed at improving the education sector and is the initiator of a bill aimed at raising the status of teachers. Also, traditionally, Nurlanbek Shakiyev provides comprehensive support to young specialists and young people seeking to acquire knowledge. For example, on his initiative, prizes were awarded to the winners of international Olympiads and financial support was provided to students wishing to study abroad.

State Councilor of the Civil Service, 1st class, he has been warded a Certificate of Honor from the Executive Committee of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS), an anniversary medal of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO,) and other departmental awards.
Sándor Lezsák is a poet, writer, educator, and politician. He received his diploma in Literature and History. On 17 September 1987, the Magyar Demokrata Fórum or MDF (Hungarian Democratic Forum) was founded in a tent in the front yard of his house in Lakitelek, which became one of the driving forces behind the political changes in 1989-1990. Since then, he played a major role in the leadership of MDF. With his wife, he has been the founder and head of the Lakitelek Foundation and the Lakitelek Folk High School since 1991.

In 1994 he became a member of Parliament, and since 2006 he has been Deputy Speaker of the Hungarian Parliament. As a candidate for the Fidesz-KDNP in the 2014, 2018, and 2022 parliamentary elections, he regained his individual mandate in the 4th constituency of Bács-Kiskun county (Kiskunfélegyháza).

He has been a member of the board of the Neumann John University Foundation since August 2020.

He has been a correspondent member of the Hungarian Academy of Arts since 2021 and is a member of the editorial board of the journal, entitled Hungarian Art. He is the author of numerous literary works in various genres and the recipient of numerous prizes and awards for his literary work and public activities.
KIM YOUNG-JOO

Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly of the Republic of Korea

Academic Background
Honorary doctorate, National University of Mongolia
M.A. in Economics, Sogang University Graduate School of Economics
B.A. in Korean Language & Literature, Korea National Open University

Professional Experience
Deputy Speaker, 21st National Assembly
Deputy Speaker (Yeongdeungpo-gu 1st District, Seoul, serving fourth term)
Chair, National Convention, Democratic Party
Member, Culture and Communication Sector, Korean National Commission for UNESCO
First Minister of Employment and Labor in the Moon Jae-in Administration
Supreme Council Member, Democratic Party (Chairperson, Seoul City Chapter)
Chief Member, DPK Supreme Council
Chairperson, Environment and Labor Committee, National Assembly
Secretary General, United Democratic Party
Standing Vice Chairperson, Korean Financial Industry Union, Federation of Korean Trade Unions
First Minister of Employment and Labor in the Moon Jae-in Administration
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Citations & Awards
Order of the Polar Star, Mongolian Government
Presidential Civil Merit Medal for Promotion of Gender Equality in Employment
Assem Rakhmetova's journey is a tapestry of varied experiences, demonstrating her dedication to public service and media. Born and raised in Kazakhstan, Rakhmetova has fluency in Kazakh and Russian, reflecting her deep roots and connection to her heritage.

Her academic pursuits at M. Kozybayev North Kazakhstan University laid the foundation for her future achievements. She began her professional career as a TV presenter at the North Kazakhstan regional Television and Radio company from 2001 to 2002. This early experience in media honed her skills in communication and public engagement. Rakhmetova's commitment to her country is evident from her military service. Between 2002 and 2005, she served as a private reserve in the military unit 2032 of the Border Service of the National Security Committee of the Republic of Kazakhstan. Her service underscores her sense of duty and patriotism.

Upon her return to civilian life, Rakhmetova continued her journey in media, taking on the role of Editor and Senior Editor at the North Kazakhstan branch of the "Kazakhstan" Republican Television and Radio Corporation from 2005 to 2009. She further expanded her expertise in the media sector by serving as Chief Editor in "Kyzylzhar-information" media holding in January 2009. From October 2009 to 2011, Rakhmetova progressed to the role of Editor and Senior Editor of the regional branch of the Kazakhstan TV channel and Editor of the Municipal TV and Radio Channel. These positions allowed her to deepen her knowledge of regional issues and the importance of accurate, impactful reporting.

Transitioning into public policy, Rakhmetova served as Deputy Head of the Department of Internal Policy of the North Kazakhstan region from 2011 to 2014. This was followed by her tenure as responsible secretary of the "Kyzylzhar Akparat” North Kazakhstan" regional newspaper and advisor to the press secretary of the Akim of the North Kazakhstan region from 2014 to June 2016.

In June 2016, Rakhmetova took on the role of Head of the Department of Internal Policy of the North Kazakhstan Region, a position she held until September 2019. Her leadership in this role showcased her commitment to serving her community and working towards the betterment of the region. Rakhmetova continued her public service as First Deputy of the North Kazakhstan branch of the Nur Otan party and Executive Secretary of the North Kazakhstan region from 2019 to 2022. Her tenure in these roles solidified her reputation as a skilled leader and dedicated public servant.

In December 2022, she became Chairman of the branch of the AMANAT party in the North Kazakhstan region, holding this position until June 2023. Her political career reached new heights when she was elected as Deputy of the Senate of the Parliament of the Republic of Kazakhstan from the North Kazakhstan region on June 6, 2023. Assem Rakhmetova's career path is a testament to her passion for media, public service, and commitment to the development of her region and country. Through her various roles, she has made significant contributions to the political and media landscapes of Kazakhstan. As she continues her journey, Rakhmetova remains a prominent figure in Kazakhstan's political and media spheres.
SESSION 1: Addressing Structural Injustices and Inequalities Towards Inclusive Societies

CHERYLL ALIPIO

Cheryll Alipio is the Associate Director for Program and Policy at Stanford University's Walter H. Shorenstein Asia-Pacific Research Center. Previously, she was the Program Director for Government Services and Engagement at the University of Maryland, College Park's Institute for Governmental Service and Research as well as Assistant Research Professor of Anthropology.

An economic and medical anthropologist, she has held teaching and research positions at York University in Canada, the University of Queensland in Australia, and the Asia Research Institute of the National University of Singapore. She is co-editor of Money and Moralties in Contemporary Asia (Amsterdam University Press, 2019), The ANNALS of the American Academy of Political and Social Science's special issue on “Transitioning to Adulthood in Asia” (2013), Children’s Geographies’ special section on “Asian Children and Transnational Migration” (2015), and the Journal of Modern Slavery’s special edition on “New Approaches to Understand and Address Contemporary Forms of Slavery” (2022). In addition, she has authored articles and book chapters on migration and development, transnationalism and diaspora, labor and governance, care work and health, and children and youth.

Her current research interests include human trafficking, modern-day slavery, and forced migrant labor and its impact on human rights and sustainable development in East and Southeast Asia. Cheryll holds a PhD and MA in Anthropology from the University of Washington and a BA in Anthropology and Psychology from the University of California, Davis.

JACOB REIDHEAD

Jacob Reidhead is a political sociologist specializing in local political networks and organizations. Having lived and conducted fieldwork in North Korea, South Korea, Kazakhstan, and Taiwan, his research compares local politics in diverse political systems spanning East and Central Asia. Prior to entering academia, Jacob worked for a data analytics firm in Hawaii and a consultant for NGOs in Korea and the US. He recently worked as an assistant professor at KIMEP University in Almaty and is currently an assistant professor at National Chengchi University in Taipei. Jacob holds a B.S. in mathematics from Arizona State University, an M.S. in statistics from the Ohio State University, and a Ph.D. in sociology from Stanford University.
BULGANTUYA KHURELBAATAR

Member of the State Great Hural (Parliament) of Mongolia, Minister for Labor and Social Protection, and Chair of the Parliamentary Sub-Committee on Sustainable Development Goals

Bulgantuya Khurelbaatar is a Member of the Parliament of Mongolia and Minister for Labour and Social Protection. She chairs the Sub-Committee on Sustainable Development Goals and has worked as Deputy Chairman of Mongolian People’s Party Caucus of the Parliament. Before being elected as a member of Parliament, she worked as the Vice Minister of Finance of Mongolia from 2016 until 2020, which overseas Mongolia’s macroeconomic and financial policies, budgetary and investment policies. Prior to joining the Ministry of Finance, she served as a Secretary of Mongolian People’s Party in charge of Party Structure, International Relations, and non-government institutions. She has worked in the private sector as Director of Business Development Department of Petrovis LLC, and Project Manager and Commercial Principal Advisor at Oyu Tolgoi LLC. She has worked internationally as a consultant on World Bank projects in East Timor and Palestine on improving public financial management. After having completed her high school in Australia, she obtained a B.A in Economics from Huazhong University of Science and Technology, PRC and an M.A in International and Development Economics from Yale University, USA. She speaks Chinese and English.

STEFANIE BURRI

Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) has appointed Dr Stefanie Burri as its Head of International Cooperation in Mongolia. She was serving as Senior Advisor for International Development based at the SDC head office in Bern, Switzerland before her appointment to the new role.

Dr. Burri has a distinguished career in international development spanning more than 30 years. From 2016 - 2018, she was the Head of International Cooperation in Islamabad, Pakistan. Previously, she has also held several management positions at the SDC head office in Bern and abroad, including Ecuador.

Dr. Burri received a Ph.D. in Social Anthropology and a Master in Sociology and Psychology from the University of Bern, Switzerland. She chose Honduras and Paraguay for her field studies. In addition, she is a certified coach and trainer from the Institute of Applied Psychology in Zürich, Switzerland and specializes in human and organizational development. She is fluent in German, French, Spanish, and English.
HWAJUNG KIM

Dr. HwaJung Kim serves as Research Professor, having been selected by the National Research Foundation of the Ministry of Education, Republic of Korea, in mid-2021, at the Institute for International Area Studies, Graduate School of International Studies, Ewha Womans University, where she had joined as Invited Professor (2020–2021) after completing a post-doctoral fellowship at Seoul National University awarded by the National Research Foundation (2017–2019). Before pursuing an academic career, she had a media career on various channels, including Ko-Am TV in Washington State, the US, affiliated with KBS World, and worked for Public Diplomacy Section at the Australian Embassy in Seoul, with strong interests in world politics and diplomacy.

JUNKI NAKAHARA

Junki Nakahara is a postdoctoral fellow of the Stanford Next Asia Policy Lab (SNAPL) within the Walter H. Shorenstein Asia-Pacific Research Center at Stanford University. Her research interests include nationalism and xenophobia, critical and cultural studies, feminist (digital) media studies, and postcolonial/decolonial international relations. As an inaugural member of SNAPL, she leads the “Nationalism and Racism” research team. The team examines how nationalism and racism intertwine to create various forms of suppression and intolerance across the Asia-Pacific region, where an entanglement among race, ethnicity, nation, and postcoloniality complicates the race/racism debates. She earned her PhD in Communication from American University, Washington D.C., in 2023.

BRENDAN M.HOWE

Brendan M. Howe (Ph.D. TCD) is Dean and Professor of the Graduate School of International Studies, Ewha Womans University, where he has worked since 2001. He currently also serves as the President of the Asian Political and International Studies Association. He has previously held research and teaching positions at the East-West Center, Hawaii; Freie Universität Berlin; De La Salle University, Manila; the University of Sydney; Korea National Defense University; Georgetown University; Trinity College Dublin; Universiti Malaysia Sarawak; and Beijing Foreign Studies University. He researches on traditional and non-traditional security in the Indo-Pacific, human security, democratic governance, governance ethics, and comprehensive peacebuilding. He has published over 100 related books, articles, and book chapters.
SESSION 2: Building Strong Governance and Effective Institutions

BADARCH DENDEV

Badarch Dendev, President of the National University of Mongolia, whose lifelong dedication to the field of education, has left an indelible mark on the sector.

Professor Badarch’s illustrious career spans across international organizations and diverse cultural settings, offering him a unique perspective on higher education leadership and management. His unwavering advocacy for online training, educational resources, and fostering a culture of continuous learning exemplifies his forward-thinking approach.

Notably, Professor Badarch’s contributions to academic discourse in system thinking, higher education theory, and methodology have garnered widespread acclaim from audiences worldwide.

ODONTUYA SALDAN

Deputy Chairwoman of the State Great Hural of Mongolia

Mrs. Odontuya has served as the Deputy Chairwoman of the Great Hural (Parliament) of Mongolia since July 2020. Previous work includes advisor to the Minister of Health S. Lambaa from 2010-2012, Member of the Great Hural of Mongolia from 2012-2016, Deputy Chairman of the DP group in the Parliament, Bayangol District Governor from 2016-2020, Member of the Policy Council of the Democratic Party, and Head of the State Commission to Manage and Organize the Atonement Work from 2020.

Mrs. Odontuya graduated from St. Petersburg University in Russia with a major in international economic relations, and majored in macroeconomics in the United States, the Republic of Korea, Italy, Japan, and Singapore. She attended advanced courses for the Master of Business Administration. As a member of the Parliament from 2012-2015, laws were proposed and approved, such as “Law on Children’s Rights,” “Law on Child Protection,” “Law on Health Insurance,” “Law on Medical Care Services,” “Law on Child Care Services,” and “Law on Combating Domestic Violence.”
KIM SOOK

Kim Sook is a former Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Republic of Korea to the United Nations (July 2011-September 2013).

He served with more than thirty-five years of experience in foreign service and intelligence, with key postings in Washington, D.C., New York, New Delhi, San Francisco, Toronto, and within the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) in Korea. He is well regarded for his expertise in Korea-U.S. relations, Inter-Korean relations, and the North Korean nuclear issue. As President of the United Nations Security Council in February 2013, he led the Council deftly handling responses to North Korea’s ballistic missile launch and third nuclear test.

Previously, he was the First Deputy Director for the National Intelligence Service (NIS) in 2009, and as Special Representative for Korean Peninsula Peace and Security Affairs, leading the Korean delegation in the Six-Party talks on the North Korean nuclear issue in 2008.

He is currently serving as the Executive Director of Ban Ki-moon Foundation for a Better Future.

ISABELLE DESCHAMPS

Isabelle joined Rio Tinto in November 2021. She has extensive international experience and is admitted to the England and Wales Law Society and to the Quebec (Canada) Bar. Most recently, Isabelle was General Counsel of the AkzoNobel Group and a member of its Executive Committee. Prior to this, Isabelle worked at Unilever.

Alongside leading our global Legal, Communication, and External Affairs teams, Isabelle oversees a range of governance functions, including Company Secretariat, Ethics & Compliance, and the Technical Evaluation group. She champions Everyday Respect and drives our integrated social licence agenda. Isabelle is a pragmatic, transparent leader with a passion for equal opportunities, inclusion and diversity, continuous learning, and driving a culture of integrity.
YILMAZ BINGÖL

Yılmaz Bingöl holds a Ph.D. and two Master’s degrees from Indiana University, Bloomington, USA, along with a Bachelor’s degree from Hacettepe University. Currently, he serves as a Professor and Chair of Political Science and Public Administration at Yıldırım Beyazıt University, having previously held positions at Kocaeli and Indiana Universities. He has worked as Bologna Expert at Turkish Council of Higher Education and also member of various academic and administrative boards at Kocaeli and Ankara Yıldırım Beyazıt Universities. With over three decades of teaching, research, and administrative experience, he has contributed significantly to the fields of political institutions, local governance, democracy, and cultural policies. He is also recognized for his strategic consultancy work with Kocaeli and Diyarbakır Metropolitan Municipalities. Fluent in English and proficient in several other languages, he published extensively on identity, nation, nationalism, democracy, political institutions, Turkish and Central Asian politics.

İDİL TUNÇER KILAVUZ

İdil Tunçer Kılavuz is Associate Professor of Comparative Politics in the Department of Political Science and Public Administration at Istanbul Medeniyet University. She received her Ph.D. from Indiana University in 2007. She is the author of Power, Networks and Violent Conflict in Central Asia: A Comparison of Tajikistan and Uzbekistan (Routledge, 2014) and Rus Milliyetçiliği (Russian Nationalism) (Doğan Yayınları, 2023). She has articles published in journals, including Europe-Asia Studies, Terrorism and Political Violence, Nationalities Papers, Central Asian Survey. Her research interests include identity, conflict, nationalism, regime changes, Caucasus, Central Asia, and Russia.
ENKBAYAR NAMBAR

Mr. N.Enkhbayar was born in 1958 in the city of Ulaanbaatar, the capital city of Mongolia. In 1965-1975 he studied in the secondary school No.23, and in 1975 Mr N.Enkhbayar joined the Literature Institute named after M.Gorky in Moscow. Mr. N.Enkhbayar graduated from the Literature Institute in 1980.

Mr. N.Enkhbayar, translated into Mongolian language works of some foreign authors, including "The Childhood" by L.Tolstoy, "The Petersburg Stories" by N. Gogol, poems by A.Blok, I.Brodsky, A.Tarkovsky, V.Vysotsky, "A Country of the Blind" (a book of short stones by British authors), "Jonathan Livingston Seagull" by R Bach. He also translated works of some Mongolian writers into Russian language, including the works of D.Natsagdorj, Ch. Lodoidamba, D.Maam, S.Purev, D.Batbayar. D. Uriankhai.

Mr. N.Enkhbayar worked in the Association of Mongolian Writers in the years of 1980-1990. He also served as the 1st Deputy Chairman of the Committee on the Arts and Culture of the Government of Mongolia (1990-1992), the Minister of Culture of the Government of Mongolia (1992-1996), the Secretary-General (1996-1997), and the Chairman (1997-2005) of the People's Party of Mongolia.

Mr. N.Enkhbayar was elected several times as a member of the State Great Khural (Parliament) of Mongolia.

Mr. N.Enkhbayar served as the Prime Minister of Mongolia in the years of 2000-2004, as the Speaker of the Parliament of Mongolia in the years of 2004-2005.

In 2005 Mr. N. Enkhbayar was elected as the President of Mongolia. He served as the President of Mongolia in the years of 2005-2009.

At present Mr. N.Enkhbayar, is the Chairman of the working group on drafting a new Constitution of Mongolia, as well as a member of the Policy Council of the MPP, the ruling party of Mongolia.
UURTSAIKH BATBAYAR

Uurtsaikh Batbayar serves as a Senior Advisor at the Parliamentary Research and Training Institute, Secretariat of the State Great Hural (Parliament) of Mongolia. He holds a Master's degree in Land Management from Technical University of Munich, Germany in 2009 and received his Ph.D. degree in Political Science and Public Administration from Ankara Yildirim Beyazit University, Turkey in 2023.

He has worked as a Director in the Department of Administration and Cooperation in the Mineral Resources Authority of Mongolia. Moreover, he was a Senior Lecturer of E-government and Public Administration at the National Academy of Governance of Mongolia.

He is the author of Institutional Dilemma in Semi-presidentialism: The Mongolian Case. He has published articles in journals, including Asya Araştırmaları Uluslararası Sosyal Bilimler Dergisi. His publications include identity, nationalism, democracy, political institutions, digital government and transformation, and public administrations. He speaks English, Turkish and German.

NOMINCHIMEG ODSUREN

Ms Nominchimeg Odsuren is the Deputy Mayor of Ulaanbaatar in charge of social policy and green development. Before her appointment, she served as a legal policy adviser to the Speaker of the Parliament and first deputy chief of the Secretariat of the State Great Khural, overseeing its legislative and oversight activities.

A lawyer by training, Ms Nominchimeg worked as an attorney in an international law firm, gaining expertise in regulatory matters, international arbitration, and large-scale infrastructure projects before joining public service.

Nominchimeg received her LLB and MA in comparative law from the University of Tokyo in Japan and LLM degree from Columbia Law School in the United States. She is dually qualified to practice law in Mongolia and in the State of New York.
**TAPAN MISHRA**

UN Resident Coordinator in Mongolia

Mr. Tapan Mishra has taken over his role as the United Nations Resident Coordinator (UN RC) for Mongolia in September 2019. As UN RC, the highest-ranking representative of the United Nations Development System in Mongolia, he has been designated by the UN Secretary General to lead the UN Country Team in coordinating operational activities for development in the country. Before this post in Mongolia, Mr. Mishra served as UN RC in DPR Korea from 2015 to 2019.

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**SARA TAYLOR**

Sara Taylor is The Asia Foundation’s country representative in Mongolia. She formerly served as country representative and deputy country representative in Bangladesh. She has more than two decades of experience in the field of international development in complex, fragile, and post-conflict contexts in Asia, Africa, and Latin America. Ms. Taylor has also served as Country Director and Legal Representative in Colombia for Partners of the Americas and Democracy and Governance Officer focused on Sudan and South Sudan at the U.S. Agency for International Development. She previously managed the Bangladesh and Malaysia programs at the International Republican Institute and was a Peace Corps Volunteer in Bangladesh. Ms. Taylor holds a master’s degree in Sustainable Development from the School for International Training Graduate Institute in Vermont, USA, and a bachelor’s degree in Russian Studies and English from The College of William and Mary in Virginia, USA.

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**CATH BISHOP**

Dr Cath Bishop is a British Olympic rower who competed in 3 Olympic Games in 1996, 2000 and 2004, was a World Champion in 2003 and Olympic Silver Medallist in 2004. Dr Bishop was a senior British diplomat for 12 years, a specialist in global conflict issues, working in London, Sarajevo and Basra. Dr Bishop now works as a leadership and culture expert and works with organisations in business, sport, education and public life. Her book ‘The Long Win’ was published in 2020, and listed as one of the Financial Times’ Top 10 Business Books. Dr Bishop has given talks and brought ‘Long Win’ Thinking to organisations around the world.
SESSION 4: Promoting the Role of Global and Regional Organizations in the Advancement of SDG 16

MATILDA DIMOVSKA

Matilda Dimovska assumed the role of UNDP Resident Representative in Mongolia in September 2023. Prior to this, as of March 2019, she served as UNDP Resident Representative in Uzbekistan. During the period July 2016-March 2019, she was leading the Country Office Support Team at UNDP Istanbul Regional Hub for Europe and the CIS, and in that capacity has supported Country and Project Management Offices in the region.

Prior to that she served as Deputy Resident Representative of UNDP in Turkey (2012-2016), Deputy Resident Representative of UNDP in Moldova (2008-2012), and Assistant Resident Representative of UNDP in Georgia (2006-2008).

Citizen of the Republic of North Macedonia, Ms. Dimovska previously worked for UNDP in New York and in her home country. Prior to UNDP, she served as Representative to UNIDO Investment Promotion Service in Vienna, worked for the Macedonian Privatization Agency, and the private sector in Skopje. Ms. Dimovska holds a Master’s degree in Economic Policy and Development from St. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje.

ENKH-AMGALAN LUVSANTSEREN

EDUCATION
• 1992 St Petersburg University, Russian Federation
• 1996 University of North Dakota, USA
• 2002 Hangdon University, Joint Program, Republic of Korea

EMPLOYMENT
• 2012 - 2016 Member of the Parliament of Mongolia
• 2012 Member of the Steering Committee of Mongolian People’s Party
• 2016 - 2020 Member of the Parliament of Mongolia
• 2016 - 2017 Chairman of the Standing Committee of the Parliament of Mongolia on Social Policy, Education, Culture and Science
• 2017 - 2020 Deputy Speaker of the Parliament of Mongolia
• 2020 Member of the Parliament of Mongolia
• 2020 Chairman of the Standing Committee of the Parliament of Mongolia on State Structure
• Appointed as a Minister of Education and Science by the Decree of the Prime Minister of Mongolia on January 29, 2021.
• 2022 - The Acting Minister of Digital Development and Communications
SHANNON COWLIN

Mrs. Shannon Cowlin currently serves as the Country Director at Mongolia Resident Mission of the Asian Development Bank (ADB). She leads ADB’s operations in Mongolia with an active portfolio of around $1.8 billion and serves as a primary liaison for ADB with government, private sector, development partners, and civil society in Mongolia. Mrs. Cowlin also supervises the implementation of ADB’s forthcoming program in line with the current Country Partnership Strategy, 2021-2024, and will oversee preparation of the next strategy to be implemented from 2025.

Mrs. Cowlin has a diverse and multifaceted background with more than twenty-four years of professional experience in energy, environment, and climate change with a focus on emerging economies for more than 15 years. Mrs. Cowlin joined ADB in January 2013 and has progressed through different positions in charge of programming, processing and administration of projects, and knowledge work. In her most recent role as a Principal Energy Specialist of ADB’s East Asia Department, she was leading clean energy and climate change policy dialogue and programs in Mongolia. She has been based out of Mongolia Resident Mission since September 2021. She possesses strong operational expertise including investment projects as well as policy and knowledge support covering energy, climate, and environment, air quality, public health, and energy-food-water nexus.

Prior to joining ADB, she was a manager at the National Renewable Energy Laboratory in the United States (U.S.) where she led U.S.–India and South Asia regional energy collaboration on behalf of various U.S. government and multilateral agencies.

A national of the United States, Mrs. Cowlin holds a master’s degree in environmental health sciences and a bachelor’s degree in environmental engineering sciences from the University of California, Berkeley.
Dr. Tae Yong Jung is currently a professor and associate dean at the Graduate School of International Studies (GSIS), Yonsei University. He is a director of Sustainable Development Program of Ban Ki-moon Foundation for a Better Future. He is the coordinating lead author of the Assessment Report (AR) 6 of IPCC on climate investment and finance chapter. He is a coordinator of the Water Advisory Group (WAG), Asian Development Bank (ADB). He was a chair of the Appeal Committee, Green Climate Fund (GCF). Before he joined GSIS, he was a professor at the KDI School of Public Policy & Management. Prior to the current position, he was a Principal Climate Change Specialist at ADB. He was seconded to the Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI) as the Deputy Executive Director. Before ADB, he was working at the World Bank. He was also formerly the Project Leader in Climate Policy Project at the Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES) of Japan and Senior Fellow and Director at Korea Energy Economics Institute.

He was educated at Seoul National University (BA) and at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey (MA and Ph.D.). He was also a Visiting Researcher at the U.S. National Energy Laboratory for the Joint Global Change Research Institute at the University of Maryland; a Joint Research Fellow at the National Institute for Environmental Studies (NIES), Japan; and a Visiting Fellow at Kyoto University, Japan.

Deirdré Lingenfelder was appointed as the Chief Executive Officer of Oyu Tolgoi in March 2022. Deirdré is a highly experienced leader in the mining industry. She joined Rio Tinto in 2017 as the Vice President for Health, Safety, Environment (HSE) and Communities, Copper Group. In this role, she drove a focused effort to implement HSE and Sustainability strategies across the global Copper asset portfolio, including at Oyu Tolgoi.

Prior to Rio Tinto, Deirdré worked in diverse global leadership roles in Anglo American and De Beers and held various leadership and board-level roles. She has over 20 years of experience in sustainability and operational leadership within the multi-commodity mining and industrial sectors.

She holds multiple Master’s degrees from the University of Johannesburg in Science and Commerce, respectively.

In 2000, he served as a Director, United Nations Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MOFAT). During his directorship, Mr. Han Seung-soo, then-Minister of MOFAT was elected as President of the General Assembly of the United Nations. Thereafter, Mr. Bong-hyun Kim served in the office of the President of the UNGA as an advisor from 2001 to 2002.

His career includes Advisor to Mr. Ban Ki-moon, the 8th Secretary-General of the United Nations, then-Minister of MOFAT from 2004 until 2005, Senior Director for Innovation and Personnel Management, MOFAT from 2005 until 2006 and Director-General, Overseas Koreans and Consular Affairs Bureau from 2006 until 2008. He received an Order of Service Merit of the President in 2007 in honor of his dedication to his work and achievements during his tenure of the Director-General.

He served as Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative of the Korean Permanent Mission to the United Nations from 2008 to 2011, and thereafter became Deputy Minister for Multilateral and Global Affairs, MOFAT in 2011. It is also notable that as Deputy Minister, Mr. Bong-hyun Kim contributed to the successful election of the Republic of Korea as a member of the UN Security Council.

He also served as a Sherpa for the Nuclear Security Summit held in Seoul in 2012 in his capacity as Deputy Minister. He led the Summit to a dazzling success. He was appointed in 2013 as Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to Australia and served until May 2016. He obtained his Ph.D. in Business Administration from Dongguk University, the Republic of Korea, in 2009.
SESSION 5: Global Studies of the Altaic Language

BAT-IREEDUI JANTSAN

Director of Institute of Language and Literature, Mongolian Academy of Science since 2021. Doctor of Science, PhD, Mongolist, linguist, He worked as a Visiting Professor at the Department of Mongolian and Tibetan Studies at the University Bonn in Germany from 2015-2018. Former Director of Institute of Mongolian Studies, National University of Mongolia (2011-2015), Visiting Professor of Tokyo University of Foreign Studies (2008-2011), Adviser on Mongolian books at British Library, UK (2005-2006), Professor of National University of Mongolia (2006-2008), Visiting Professor of Leipzig University, Germany (2003-2004), Dean of School of Mongolian Language and Culture, National University of Mongolia (1998-2003), Lector at the SOAS, University of London, University of Cambridge and University of Leeds, UK (1991-1995). He has authored and published many research papers and more than 50 books and dictionaries on Mongolian and Mongolian as foreign language teaching in Mongolia, Australia, UK, Italy and USA.

ATTILA MÁTEFFY

Attila Mátéffy received three MA degrees, the first in Altaic Studies, the second in Ethnography and Cultural Anthropology (University of Szeged, Hungary), and the third one in Mongolian Studies (University of Bonn, Germany). He is currently a Ph.D. candidate at the Department of Mongolian and Tibetan Studies in the frame of the Bonn International Graduate School (BIGS-OAS) of the University of Bonn. During the last 15 years, Attila Mátéffy has earned several academic scholarships from Hungary, Germany, and Turkey. He carried out multiple ethnographic fieldwork in Turkey, in the Moldavian region of Romania, and Mongolia. He spent one research year at the Religion, Cognition, and Culture (RCC) research unit of the Aarhus University in Denmark and another one at the Department of Turkology and Central Asian Studies at the University of Göttingen, Germany, earning a Research Grant from the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) two times. He has presented more than thirty presentations at international academic conferences on various topics of linguistics, ethnography, mythology, and folklore, among others in Armenia, Estonia, Germany, Hungary, Japan, Scotland, Turkey, and the U.S. Recently, he has spent two research years in Mongolia, conducting fieldwork in Bayan-Olgii and Khovd provinces.
BOLD LUVSANDORJ

It has been 53 years since Bold Luvsandorj graduated from the National University of Mongolia in Mongolian language and literature and started working at the Institute of Language and Literature of the Mongolian Academy of Sciences in 1971. He wrote work, titled "The features of Uighur–Uriankhai language" based on materials collected during his scientific mission conducted in 1972-1976 in Uighur–Uriankhains in Mongolia and was successfully awarded with candidate of linguistics in 1978. In expanding the study further, he learned deeply about how Mongolian language had been related to Sayan’s Turkish history and wrote the literature accordingly. Consequently, he was successfully awarded Doctor of Science in Linguistics in Russian Federation in 1996.

L. Bold wrote 20 monographs with a single topic on Mongolian and Turkish studies, such as phonetics, formation and syntax of Mongolian language, history and lexicon of Mongolian linguistics, Old Turkish literary monuments, interrelation between Mongolian and Turkish and so on, of which 9 out of them are single topic literatures on Turkish studies, 10 team works (2 out of them are single topic literatures on Turkish studies), 1 textbook, 150 scientific articles (80 of them are single topic literatures on Turkish studies), and 105 presentations are discussed in science conferences (50 of them are single topic literatures on Turkish studies). The most of these works are translated into Russian, English, Turkish, and Chinese and published in domestic and foreign scientific research works. Recently, he worked as a science coordinator and general editor of “Comprehensive dictionary of Mongolian language” (Volumes I-V). This book was published in 2008.

L. Bold takes a part in writing textbooks for universities; lectures for the students in the same fields of his study; and guides the project works of doctoral, master’s, and bachelor’s degree candidates and prepares the students while working as a scientist. He is an honored teacher who has guided 3 doctors and 25 candidate doctors’ works in the same fields as his.

SULTANBEK KUTLUGZHON

Between 2011 and 2015, Sultanbek Kutlugzhon studied at the Department of Kazakh Language and Literature at Khoja Ahmet Yesevi University. Between 2015 and 2018, he did his master’s degree in Chagatai Turkish at Muğla Sıtkı Koçman University in Turkey, and did his doctorate there, receiving his PhD in 2022. He has been teaching Turkology at Al Farabi Kazakh National University for about five years. He teaches Chagatai, Ottoman Turkish, and also teaches Turkish to foreigners.

The topic of his master’s thesis was “Linguistic features of the text of Amir Temir’s manuscript in the Chagatai language.” His scientific articles based on his dissertation have been published in foreign scientific journals and conference proceedings.

While working at the University, he also served as the Deputy Head of the department for one year.
SABAN DOĞAN

Şaban Doğan graduated from Yüzüncü Yıl University, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Department of Turkish Language and Literature in 1998 and received the rank of scientist with his master thesis, titled “Dialects of Sivas Central District and Villages,” which he completed at the Social Sciences Institute of the same University. He received a doctorate degree with his study, titled “Sabuncuoğlu Şerefeddin-Terceme-i Akrabâdin, Text-Review-Indexes,” which he prepared at Sakarya University in the Department of Turkish Language and Literature.

After his doctorate, Şaban Doğan continued his studies in the fields of Old Turkish inscriptions, Old Anatolian Turkish, Ottoman Turkish, and Chagatai. Şaban Doğan, following his interest in Old Turkish, went to Mongolia, where the first written products of Turkish were found, and worked as a guest lecturer at National University of Mongolia for two years without interruption. During his tenure here, he conducted research and investigations on the Old Turkish inscriptions; Old Turkish city ruins and Hun, Köktürk and Uyghur period cultural assets; and Old Uyghur, Old Anatolian Turkish, Chagatai and Turkish Mongolian language relations.

YUKI KONAGAYA

In 1979, when Yuki Konagaya was a student, she got a chance to live in socialist Mongolia and learn at the National University of Mongolia. That was the first chance for Japanese women to be exchange students. Later, she trained at the Academy of Social Sciences in Inner Mongolia in 1987 and got a chance to conduct her first field work in Shilingol.

Her concern is wide from the techniques to the ritual-related animals and wrote many articles. For a decade, she has concentrated in the modern history, especially in the socialist modernization that covered all over the world in the 20th century. Also, she has published complete works of A.D. Simukov in Russian as the basic materials for all Mongol study.

She has been the president of the Japanese Association for Mongolian Studies since 2019 and is now the president of the International Association for Mongolian Studies.
SESSION 6: Contemporary Trends in Altaic Culture and Archaeology

TSERENDORJ TSEGMEED

Vice president of Mongolian Academy of Sciences

Dr. Tserendorj has been working as the director of the Institute of History and Ethnology, MAS since 2021, and as the Vice president of the Mongolian Academy of Sciences since 2023.

He is the Editor-in-chief of major works such as "Genghis Khan's Legacy" (2012), "Khubilai Khan and His Successors" (2015), "A History of Mongolia (XX-XXI centuries)" 5 volumes (2024), The Secret History of the Mongols with detailed explanations " (2023).

From 2011 to 2021, while working as the head of the Medieval Research Department of the Institute of History of the Academy of Sciences, he took a leading role in creating academic works and organizing international academic conferences dedicated to the 850th anniversary of the birth of Genghis Khan and the 800th anniversary of the birth of Khubilai Khan. Dr. Tserendorj also works as the secretary of the National Council of Mongolian Studies and plays a key role in the formulation of government policies on Mongolian studies.

Dr. Tserendorj is the author of more than 270 scientific works. His research work includes Medieval History of Mongolia, History of Mongolia-Korea Relations and Study of Source Materials.

BOLDBAATAR YUNDEMBAT

Boldbaatar Yundenbat graduated from the University of Mongolia with a degree in history and archaeology. He currently works in the position of associate professor in the School of Business Administration and Humanities at Mongolian University of Science and Technology.

His research topic is ancient nomadic writing and petroglyphs and has published works on the same topic, such as "Jad Cult of Ancient Nomads" and 30 academic articles in Mongolia and abroad.

He is Chairman of the Board of Mongolian Archaeologists' Association and is a member of the Union of Mongolian Photographers.
BAT-ERDENE BAT-ULZII

Minister of Environment and Tourism of Mongolia

- Eminent statesman and public figure of Mongolia. He is known as consistent voice advocating clean politics, good governance, environment and tourism sector development.
- Results-proven and innovator. Initiated and architected Mongolia’s environmental and tourism policies that promotes opportunity creation, social inclusion and environmental sustainability based on the traditional values of the nomadic heritage.

Mr. Bat-Erdene has been appointed as Minister of Environment and Tourism of Mongolia in January 2022. Under his leadership, Law on Tourism has been adopted by State Great Khural and his involvement is crucial to implement One billion trees-National campaign. He has initiated to establish Government Implementing Agency-Forest Department and Mongolia Tourism Organization NGO.

His previous roles include Director General of Mongolian Authority for Fair Competition and Consumer Protection, Deputy Head of the Cabinet Secretariat and Head of Erdenet City Development Policy and Research Institute.

He has also served as the Chairman of the Board of “Erdenes Mongol” LLC, Founder and CEO of “Air Ticket” LLC, Founder and CEO of “Silk Road” LLC and General Manager of Airlink LLC in the private sector.

Mr. Bat-Erdene obtained his Bachelor degree in History from Ulaanbaatar State University of Mongolia and Master degree in Law from University of Otgontenger.

Currently, he is Ph.D candidate in Political Science of the National University of Mongolia. His research focuses on political development and history of Mongolia.
Saadettin Yağmur Gömeç started his history education in the General Turkish History Department of the Faculty of Literature of Istanbul University in 1981. After he graduated from this faculty in 1985, he registered for the graduate program in the Institute of Principles of Atatürk and History of Revolution of Hacettepe University. By submitting his graduation thesis, “Gaziantep in National Struggle,” he graduated from this university in 1987. Again in 1987, he started his doctoral education in the History Department of the Institute of Social Sciences at the University of Ankara. By submitting his doctoral thesis, “Evaluation of Kök Turkish Written Scripts from the Perspective of Turkish History and Culture,” in 1992, he became a doctor.

Saadettin Yağmur Gömeç was appointed in 1992 as Assistant Professor Doctor in General Turkish History in the Faculty of Language, History, and Geography at the University of Ankara. In this faculty, he gives lessons, such as the History of Turks in Middle Asia, History of Kök Turks, History of Uygur Turks, History of Kyrgyz Turks, History of Turkish Republics, Questions of Turkish World, Old Turkish Religion, and History of Turkish Culture.

Professor Gömeç worked as advisor in Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency. In 1994, he was in the "Globalization on the Earth and Regional Integrations (AT, NAFTA, PACIFIC) and Turkey (AT, EFTA, KEİ, TURKISH REPUBLICS, EKİT (ECO), MUSLIM COUNTRIES) Relationships Private Specialty Commission."

From September 1, 1994 on, he gave Turkish History lessons for one year in Hoca Ahmet Yesevi Turkish-Kazakh University, which was established in the Turkistan (Yesi) City of Kazakhstan. On October 3, 1996, he became Associate Professor Doctor. In 2001, he has become a Professor. Between the years 1997-2005, he continued his duty in the Department of Turkish Dialects and Literatures, North-East Turkish Dialects and Literatures Department Chairmanship. In 2001 and 2003, he was the chairman of "Project of Turkish Monuments in Mongolia,” which was under the responsibility of Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency. In 2012, he was deemed to deserve the Culture and Art Prize of ILESAM (Professional Organization of Authors (Owners) of Intellectual and Artistic Works) in the branch of history.
ILHAN SHAHIN

Ilhan Sahin is Professor at the Istanbul 29 Mayis University. He received his Ph.D. in History from Istanbul University’s Literature Faculty in 1981. He has previously been to the University of Wisconsin in the United States and served and taught as a visiting scholar at Ritsumeikan University and Meiji University in Japan. Additionally, he served for a long while at Kyrgyzstan-Turkey Manas University. He is an expert on nomadic people and conducts comparative research on Anatolian and Central Asian nomads throughout history. In addition to numerous academic publications, he has participated in joint study projects, including the Oral History of the Kyrgyz in the 20th Century (1916-1991), Living History of Central Asian People (The Case of Kyrgyzstan), and Eurasian Nomadic People (which continues). He has also been one of the organizers of the International Altay Communities Symposiums, the latest one under the name, “International Altay Communities Symposium – XI: Place and Water Names (Toponyms and Hydronyms) between 4 and 7 July, 2023, in Almaty, Kazakhstan.”

Ilhan Sahin is an honorary member of Toyo Bunko in Japan and a founding member and deputy director of CIEPO (Comité international d’études pré-ottomanes et ottomanes/ International Committee for Pre-Ottoman and

YUN HYEUNG WON

Director, National Museum of Korea in Gimhae

Previous Chairman, The Korean Association for Central Asian Studies (KACAS)

• Doctor of Honor (2008, Institute of Archaeology, Mongolian Academy of Sciences)
• Diploma of Honor (2010, Mongolian Academy of Sciences)
• The Order of Polar Star (2022, Altan-Gadas bestowed by President of Mongolia)
SESSION 7: Current Perspectives of Central Asia and Mongolia in Democratic Transition

IDER DAVAATSEREN

Ider Davaatsersen has been working as a lecturer at the Department of History in the School of Social Sciences and Humanities at Mongolian National University of Education since 2012.

He worked as a lecturer of history at Ikh Zasag University and as an academic researcher at the Institute of the Academic Sciences and History from 2017 to 2018.

Ider is a historian, history teacher, and public administration manager. He earned his Ph.D. degree in history from the Inner Mongolia University, China. He studies the history of the Mongolian Empire and the history of Mongolia during the Great Yuan State.

TSOGTBAATAR DAMDIN

Mr. Tsogtbaatar Damdin is an Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary and currently a member of the State Great Hural of Mongolia and Chair of the Standing Committee on Legal Affairs.

Mr. Tsogtbaatar Damdin has served as Mongolia’s Minister for the Nature, Environment and Tourism; Minister for Construction and Urban Development; and Minister for Foreign Affairs. He also served as a foreign policy advisor to two Presidents of Mongolia.

He initiated a number of sweeping reforms both in the mindset and practice of the Mongolian diplomacy. His initiative to establish an International Think Tank for Land Locked Developing Countries is the first-ever international, inter-governmental organization based in Ulaanbaatar. He also initiated “Peacebook Forum” in collaboration with Facebook, Inc., to strengthen peace and mutual understanding among the youth around the world using social media.

As a Member of Parliament, he drafted the Law on Legal Status of Human Rights Defenders, which made Mongolia the first country in Asia to legislate such a law and was also a big step forward in the Mongolian legislative system, especially in the area of human rights promotion. In addition, he co-drafted bills and amendments to the laws, such as the Public and Civil Service Law, the Law on Sports, the Law on Establishing Millennium Challenge Corporation in Mongolia, and the Law on Ratification of Amendments to the Article 8 of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court.
BEKZOD ABDIRIMOV

Chair of the Khorezm Regional Department of the Spirituality Enlightenment Center of the Republic of Uzbekistan

KAIRAT BELEK

Kairat Belek works for the Kyrgyz-Turkish Manas (KTU) University as an academic researcher and lecturer since 2006. In 2014, he defended his doctorate thesis at the same university. Starting from 2023, he became Vice Dean of the Faculty of Humanities at KTU Manas.

The main subjects he teaches are History of Islam, Islamic Culture and the First Muslim Turkic States, Numismatics, Epigraphy and Paleography of Central Asia.

His research focuses on the nomadic inscriptions of Central Asia in the Middle Ages. He is a co-author of the book, Monuments of Inscriptions on the Stone of Kyrgyzstan (Bishkek, 2008). In addition, he has authored a number of articles on topics, such as Islamization of Kyrgyzstan and Central Asia in the Middle Ages, the history and culture of Nomads in Central Asia in the Middle Ages, and Islamic inscriptions.

He is currently working on the research of the traces and influence of Buddhism in Kyrgyzstan.

SAMET KALYONCU

Samet Kalyoncu graduated from Karadeniz Technical University, Faculty of Literature, Department of History. In 2014, he started his master’s program at Karadeniz Technical University in the Department of History of the Institute of Social Sciences. In 2016, he won a scholarship from the Government of Taiwan for Chinese Language Education and studied Chinese Language in Taiwan for one year. In 2018, he won the Overseas Postgraduate Scholarship of the Ministry of National Education of the Republic of Türkiye. Within the scope of this scholarship, he is a visiting researcher at the National University of Mongolia on behalf of Ankara Hacı Bayram Veli University.
SHAHIN MUSTAFAYEV

Shahin Mustafayev, a well-known Azerbaijani scholar, received his bachelor's degree from the Faculty of Oriental Studies of Baku State University. He completed his postgraduate studies at the Institute of Oriental Studies of the Academy of Sciences in Moscow, and received a doctoral degree from the Institute of Asian and African Countries at the Moscow State University, named after M.V. Lomonosov.

Mr. Mustafayev is the author of 6 books and more than 100 scientific articles. His studies are more focused on the medieval history and culture of the Middle East and Central Asian people. He was a visiting scholar at many academic institutions and universities, including the Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies, Istanbul University, and Indiana University. From 2008 to 2013, Mr. Mustafayev was the Director of the International Institute for Central Asia Studies, affiliated with UNESCO. Further, for many years, he worked in senior positions at the Moscow Institute of Oriental Studies and the Institute of Oriental Studies of the Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences. He is an academician of the National Academy of Sciences of Azerbaijan.

Mr. Mustafayev was appointed as the President of the Turkic Academy at the Ninth Summit of the Organization of Turkic States, held in Samarkand, Uzbekistan, on 11 November 2022.

BEKMAGANBETO V UMIRBAI ZHOLDYBEKO VICH

Bekmaganbetov Umirbay Zholdybekovich is Dean of the Faculty of History at L. N. Gumilyov Eurasian National University. He graduated from Zhezkazgan University with honors. In 2006, he successfully defended his Ph.D. thesis in the specialty "07.00.02 – History of the Fatherland (History of the Republic of Kazakhstan)."

He spent 1997-2006 as Assistant Senior Lecturer of the Department of General History at U. Baikonurov Zhezkazgan University, and 2006-2007 as Deputy Director for the National Center of Archeography and Source Studies of the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Kazakhstan. In 2007, he served as Head of the Department of History of Kazakhstan at Saken Seifullin Kazakh Agrotechnical University before his appointment in 2023 at L. N. Gumilyov Eurasian National University.

He has published a collective book, two teaching aids, and more than 60 articles.
Dr. Turbat Tsagaan is presently a Professor in the Department of Anthropology and Archaeology at the National University of Mongolia (NUM) and serves as the Director of the Archaeological Research Center at NUM.

Dr. Turbat Tsagaan obtained his B.A. degree from NUM, Ulaanbaatar, in 1995, and his Diploma in French Interpreter from the same university in 2000. He received his Ph.D. degree in 2004, with a dissertation focused on the funeral rites of common Xiongnu people. Dr. Turbat Tsagaan's research interests are diverse and includes Bronze and Early Iron Age Archaeology, Xiongnu Archaeology, Cultural Heritage Preservation, and Funeral Rites of Ancient Nomads.

Dr. Turbat Tsagaan is engaged in several ongoing projects both in Mongolia and abroad, and he has previously participated in various international research projects, such as "FLAME-Flow of Ancient Metal in Eurasia," ERC Project, Oxford University; and "Early Xianbei in North China," Jilin University, China. His upcoming research projects include the "Hun-Sarmatian era in the history of Kazakhstan: interdisciplinary research, analysis, and reconstruction," Institute of Archaeology, Republic of Kazakhstan; and "Horse Power," ERC Synergy Project of the European Research Council.

He has received several research grants and fellowships, including the Alexander von-Humboldt Foundation Research Fellow, Germany. Dr. Turbat Tsagaan has also delivered lectures abroad, including at Oxford University in the U.K., Kazakh National University Al-Farabi, Jilin and Minzu Universities in China, Frankfurt and Bonn Universities in Germany. Dr. Turbat Tsagaan is an author with 9 monographs, 5 collective books, 4 encyclopedias and bibliographies, 9 scientific catalogues, 95 research papers, and 115 conference presentations to his credit.

Varis Çakan was born in Atuş province of the Uyghur Autonomous Region (East Turkestan). He graduated from Xinjiang University, Faculty of History in 1990. He came to Turkey in February 1995 for postgraduate study in Turkish History. He completed his master's and doctoral studies at Ankara University between 1995-2002. In May 2000, he started working as a lecturer at Gazi University, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Department of History. On November 17, 2008, he became an Associate Professor in the field of General Turkish History. He served as a visiting professor at Osaka University, Japan, between January 2011 and April 2012. In 2016, he was honoured to be a Professor at Gazi University, Faculty of Letters, Department of History, Department of General Turkish History. He currently works at Ankara Hacı Bayram Veli University in the Department of History at the Faculty of Letters.
MEHMET EMIN BAKAY

Dr. Bakay embodies a comprehensive approach to academia, with expertise spanning education management, EU projects, and research methodologies. Currently serving as an Assistant Professor and the International Projects and Erasmus Coordinator at Izmir Katip Çelebi University, he holds a Ph.D. in Education Management and Inspection. Bakay has extensively contributed to scholarly literature across diverse subjects, including 21st-century skills, academic inbreeding, internationalization of higher education, and sustainable education systems.

Bakay offers courses, such as EU Project Management and Quantitative/Qualitative Research and Ethics in his teaching role. Additionally, he has been actively implementing EU projects since 2005, showcasing his longstanding dedication to advancing international collaborations and educational initiatives. Bakay's scholarly endeavors enrich academic discourse, driving efforts towards establishing inclusive, resilient, and environmentally conscious education systems, while fostering global perspectives within higher education.

SHINICHI KUBOTA

Mr. Kubota has studied Mongolian history after starting at Tokyo University of Foreign Studies in 1975, where he majored in the history of development in Mongolia and the history of Mongolian Buddhism.

He taught Mongolian history at several universities, including Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, Taisho University, Asia University, and Oberin University. He has joined research projects of JICA, MFA, and METI of Japan as a specialist of Mongolian studies. As an adviser or coordinator of Sasakawa Peace Foundation, he made some projects, for example the Mongol Kosen program for Parliament members of Mongolia visiting Japan program. Additionally, he evaluated the Japanese ODA twice in 1997 and 2007.

After 2005, he has been the president of the Nippon Mongol Association and wrote some books and papers, such as “Where do you go, Mongol?” (2022), “Study of Mongolian Buddhism History vol.1-5 (2002-2020), Foreign Relationship of Rising China” (2009), and “Evaluation Report of Supporting Mongolia, the 2nd Chapter” (2008).
BORBALA OBRUSHCHANSZKY

Ms B. Obrusánszky has been serving as ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary of Hungary since December 2020. Under her leadership every aspect of the bilateral relationships and cooperation have experienced remarkable growth, while the economic ties have strengthened and kept growing significantly ever since. She has made an outstanding contribution in the field of developing Hun Studies both in Hungary and Mongolia. Her previous roles include number of fields of foreign policy as she had served at the Department of Russia and Central-Asian Region of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary where she had been responsible for the Hungarian bilateral relations between Mongolia, Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan. In the academic field, she has also been serving as Adjunct in Károli Gáspár University of the Reformed Church in Hungary since 2012. H.E. B.Obrusánszky was trained in the field of History and Mongolian Studies at the Faculty of Humanities of the Eötvös Loránd University, the oldest and largest university of Hungary, where she was graduated in 1997. She defended her Ph.D degree in Ulaanbaatar at the Mongolian National University in 1999.

ÁRPÁD JÁNOS POTÁPI

Árpád János Potápi has served as State Secretary for Hungarian Communities Abroad at the Prime Minister’s Office of Hungary since 2014 (in 2022 has was elected as state secretary for the 3rd term). Under his leadership, several new programs have been launched for Hungarian communities living in the Carpathian Basin and the diaspora and ties between Hungary and Hungarian communities abroad have been strengthened.

In addition to his activity as state secretary, Mr. Potápi is a member of the Hungarian Parliament (ruling Fidesz party). In 2022, he won in his individual electoral district for the 7th time, therefore, he has been a member of the Hungarian Parliament since 1998. Between 2002 and 2014, he was the mayor of Bonyhád (a town in Tolna county, Hungary), between 2010 and 2014 he was the President of the Committee on National Cohesion of the Hungarian National Assembly. As a descendant of Szeklers (Székelys) of Bukovina, between 1998 and 2011 he was the head of the Association of Szeklers (Székelys) of Bukovina.

Mr. Potápi has a college degree in Hungarian language and literature (Juhász Gyula Teachers’ Training College, Szeged, Hungary) and a university degree in history (Eötvös Loránd University (ELTE), Budapest, Hungary).
**YASIN BULDUKLU**

Yasin Bulduklu completed his doctoral studies in research methods at Selcuk University in 2010. He began his academic journey at Necmettin Erbakan University in 2011 and rose to Associate Professor in applied communication by 2017. At Necmettin Erbakan University’s Faculty of Social and Human Sciences, he held dual roles as an academic member and head of the Public Relations and Advertising department from 2011 to 2019.

Currently, Dr. Bulduklu is a faculty member at Kâtip Çelebi University, specifically within the Faculty of Social and Human Sciences in the Department of Media and Communication. Since May 2022, he has held the position of Vice Rector at the same institution. His research interests encompass various communication domains, including corporate communication, social media, the societal impact of new media, health communication, mass media research, impression management, and public relations. Additionally, he has authored notable works such as “Health Communication” (2010), “Communication with Patients” (2015), “Impression Management” (2015), and “Mass Communication Theory” (2019).

**ISA HABIBBAYLI**

Academician Isa Habibbayli works as president of the Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences and graduated from the Nakhchivan State University in the specialty of language and literature. He has longterm experience working in the Milli Majlis (Parliament) of the Republic of Azerbaijan, such as Member of the Supreme Majlis (Parliament) of Nakhchivan AR; head of the Commission on International Relations and Human Rights from 1998-2005; Member of the Milli Majlis (Parliament) of the Republic of Azerbaijan of III, IV, V, VI calls in 2005, 2010, 2015, and 2020; and as Chairman of the Science and Education Committee of the Milli Majlis of the Republic of Azerbaijan, where he was team leader of the “Law on Science” (2016), “Preschool Education” (2017), “Vocational Education” (2018), “On General Education” (2019);

He supervised 39 PhDs and 7 Doctor of Sciences, and published more than 1000 scientific publications, including 14 monographs, 3 textbooks, and 17 brochures.

He is a full member of the International Information Academy (2006) and International Chingiz Aytmatov Academy (2018) as well as Honorary Doctor of the University of St. Petersburg (2015), the Southern Russia University (2017), and Tashkent State University of Uzbek Language and Literature (2021).
SAMBUUHORJ OCHIRBAT

Ochirbat Sambuuudorj attended secondary school from 1966 to 1974, then in 1974-1978 he studied at the Ulaanbaatar Pedagogical College and in 1982-1987 at the Mongolian National University.

His main profession is as a teacher and researcher of Mongolian language and literature. He also studied Manchu and Turkic languages at the university. He also studied some other languages on his own.

Since 1987 he has been working as a research fellow at the Institute of Language and Literature of the Mongolian Academy of Sciences. In 1998 he defended his doctoral dissertation.

During this period, by invitation, he also worked at the Academy of Sciences of the Hungarian Republic, the Osaka University of Foreign Languages and Cultures of Japan, Osaka University, the Institute of Asian and African Studies of the Tokyo University of Foreign Languages and Cultures, the National Central University of the People's Republic of China, the Institute of Social Sciences and Minorities Siberia, Yakut Republic of the Russian Federation, and others.

The main areas of his research are Mongolian dialects, morphology, syntax and vocabulary of the Mongolian language, and the comparative study of Altaic languages.

He has written about 500 books, dictionaries, collaborative works, scientific articles, reviews, and essays and published them in Mongolia, Japan, Korea, Russia, USA, and Hungary.

HIDÁN CSABA LÁSZLÓ

Dr. Hidán Csaba László is an archaeologist and historian as well as associate professor at the Institute of History of the Department of Medieval Studies at Károli Gáspár University of the Reformed Church in Hungary. For more than 30 years, he has developed the reconstruction of the tactics and martial art of the Hungarians during the Middle Ages. He worked in many programs of archaeological parks. In 2021 and 2022, he participated in a Mongolian-Hungarian joint project, "Historical and Cultural Correlation: Relationship Between Asian Hunnu and European Hunnu." For his university activity in 2013, he was awarded with the Knight's Cross of the Hungarian Order of Merit. As founder of the Golden Sabre Historical Fencing School, he teaches sabre, fokos, and lance fighting for the Villámtánc-Aranyszablya Cultural and Sport Association.