ACMS MONGOLIA FIELD SCHOOL 2024

Steppe Ethnographies: Mobile Pastoralism, Cosmology and Development in Rural Mongolia

**Date:** July 29- August 11, 2024  
**Location:** Ulaanbaatar & Bayanhongor

During this 14-day field course you will join two anthropologists specialising in mobile pastoralists livelihoods, rural governance and development in their long-term field site location in Bayanhongor, Mongolia. Through immersive and experiential learning, including homestays with local herders, participants will gain a foundational understanding of ethnographic research methodologies, nomadic cosmologies and environmental ethics to cultivate insights on alternative approaches to land use and conservation. With field trips to county and provincial centers, including local markets, Buddhist monasteries and museums, participants will gain a deep introduction to the history of rural Mongolia and contemporary development policy and trends. Home stays with herders will enable participants to experience the daily routines of herders and gain an understanding of mobile pastoralist livelihoods, including traditional dairy production, felt and leather craft, and forms of kinship. The field course will conclude with an exhibition to illustrate the learning outcomes from the course.

**Instructors:**

**Dr. Ariell Ahearn** is a Lecturer in Human Geography at the School of Geography and the Environment at the University of Oxford. Since 2004, Ariell has worked extensively in rural Mongolia with mobile pastoralist communities on the topics of land use, social change and rural governance and development issues. She specializes in qualitative research, using methods such as ethnographic participant observation, interviewing, mapping and immersive field work.

**Munkh-Erdene Gantulga** is a PhD candidate in Geography at the School of Geography and the Environment, University of Oxford. He earned his BA in Ethnology and MA in Social Anthropology from the Department of Social and Cultural Anthropology, National University of Mongolia. He serves as the Executive Secretary of the Mongolian Anthropological Association and held the position of Senior Lecturer in the Department of Anthropology and Archaeology, National University of Mongolia.

**Tuition:**
- $3500 for international applicants (fellowships available)
- Ⴊ1.2 million for Mongolian applicants

Tuition includes:
- Meals
- In-country transportation for the duration of the program
- Accommodation for the duration of the program
- Instructions
- Site visits

Applications will open on: **December 15, 2023**  
For priority consideration for fellowships: **Apply by March 30, 2024**  
**Final deadline:** **May 30, 2024**

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