



Mongolia-Colloquium

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“Ecology in Mongolia”

Mongolia is the least densely populated country in the world, offering the Mongols the opportunity to preserve their pristine environment. Yet the twentieth century witnessed considerable deterioration in the country's ecology. Problems began with the Mongolian government's use of large coal heating plants for the capital city of Ulaanbaatar. Human damage to the environment accelerated in the post-socialist era after 1990. The government's policies and the free market economy has resulted in increased desertification, threats to rare and endangered species, deforestation, and damage to pasture land through mining. In the cities, air pollution and dramatic in-migration has contributed to environmental problems. This lecture describes the ecological crises and the remedies that have been proposed.

Prof. Dr. Morris Rossabi teaches Chinese, Mongolian, and Central Asian history at the City University of New York and Columbia University. He is the author of *China and Inner Asia*, *Khubilai Khan: His Life and Times*, *Modern Mongolia*, *Voyager from Xanadu*, and *From Yuan to Modern China and Mongolia: The Writings of Morris Rossabi*, and has written or edited 20 other books, and dozens of articles. He has collaborated on catalogs for art exhibitions at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Cleveland Museum of Art, and the Los Angeles County Museum of Art. In 2009, he was awarded an honorary doctorate from the National University of Mongolia.

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