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Policy and Politics of Climate Change and Response from the Grassroots and Pastoralists

Session Topics:

1. Mobility, Identity, and Everyday Practices
2. Politics of Carbon Market, Sedentarization, and Degradation Discourse

Dates: Friday, 18 September 2026

Venue: Room 436, Center for Northeast Asian Studies (CNEAS), Tohoku University



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Opening

10:00 - 10:10 Opening Remarks by Hiroki Takakura, Director, CNEAS, Tohoku University

Keynote speech

10:10 - 10:40 Pastoralism under Empire, Socialist, and Market Economy; A Comparative Analysis of Inner Mongolia and Mongolia by Burensain Borjigin, University of Shiga Prefecture

Session 1: Mobility, Identity, and Everyday Practices

Chair: Shuangyue Bao, Tohoku University

10:40 - 11:10 “Why Pastoralism is Already in the Future” by Saverio Krätli, Editor, Nomadic Peoples

11:10 - 11:40 “Preliminary Exploration of Social Networks among Pastoral Households in Rural Mongolia” by Daniel Murphy, University of Cincinnati

11:40 - 12:00 Coffee break

12:00 - 12:30 “Debate over Shifts from Pastoralism to Settled Livestock Husbandry in Mongolia” by Byambabaatar Ichinkhorloo, National University of Mongolia

12:30 - 13:00 Commentators: Ariell Ahearn, Wuyunga Wu, and Moe Terao

13:00 - 14:00 Lunch

Session 2: Politics of Carbon Market, Sedentarization, and Degradation Discourse

Chair: Moe Terao, Kanto Gakuin University

14:00 - 14:30 “What Does Sedentarization Mean for Nomadic Pastoralists” by Shuangyue Bao, Tohoku University

14:30 - 15:00 “Changes in Camel Pastoralism and Pastoral Practices in Inner Mongolia” by Wuyunga Wu, National Museum of Ethnology

15:00 - 15:30 “Degradation Discourse, Development, and Drylands in Historical Perspective” by Ariell Ahearn, Oxford University

15:30 - 15:50 Coffee break

15:50 - 16:20 Commentators: Saverio Krätli, Daniel Murphy, and Byambabaatar Ichinkhorloo

Roundtable Discussion

16:20 - 17:20 Current situation and future trends

Co-chairs: Byambabaatar Ichinkhorloo, National University of Mongolia and Burensain Borjigin, University of Shiga Prefecture

Participants: All participants

18:00 Dinner