

## **Beyond China and Russia: Options for Mongolia's Foreign Policy**

Royal Society for Asian Affairs (UK) and the Institute of International Studies, Mongolia

### **Date and time**

Wednesday 8 May 2024. 09:00-12:00 BST / 16:00-19:00 Ulaanbaatar

### **Format**

09:00 Introduction and welcome

- Michael Ryder CMG, Chief Executive, Royal Society for Asian Affairs
- Bolormaa Batsaikhan, Minister-Counsellor, Embassy of Mongolia to the United Kingdom

09:10 Session 1 with three speakers (15 minutes each) and 30 minutes discussion

- Dr Nyamdoljin Adiya, The impact of the Russia-Ukraine war on the economy of Mongolia
- Dr Zolboo Dashnyam, Mongolia and China's Belt and Road Initiative
- Dr Tom White, Trans-border environmental issues in the Mongolia-China relationship

10:25 Short break

10:30 Session 2 with three speakers (15 minutes each) and 30 minutes discussion

- Dr Altai Dulbaa, The future of Mongolia's Third Neighbour Diplomacy
- Dr Lkhagvademchig Jadamba, Unlocking the Potential: Enhancing Buddhist Diplomacy in Mongolia's Third Neighbour Foreign Policy
- Prof Uradyn Bulag, Remapping Mongolia's Foreign Policy: from 'frontline communism' to 'frontline democracy'

11:45 Conclusions

11:55 Closing and thanks

### **Speakers**

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