**Title:** Dr. Alicia Campi (Mongolia Society), "Mongolia's Growing Regional and Global Role in Eurasia"

**Start Time:** Thursday February 18, 2016 04:00 PM

**End Time:** Thursday February 18, 2016 05:30 PM

**Location:** GISB 0003

**Url:** http://www.mongoliasociety.org

**Description:** Mongolia today wants to take advantage of the broad continentalist trends that have emerged in the past decade to expand its own role in Eurasia. During its 70 years of communism and the early years of its democratic era, it passively stood back and watched the actions of its two giant neighbors, China and Russia, and the western donor nations, and accepted their overwhelming influence over the Asian continent. Recently, new regional and global trends including the rise of the Chinese economy and Sino-Russian rapprochement have led the Elbegdorj government to be more proactive in promoting its ideas for political and economic integration. Dr. Campi will discuss several new Mongolian initiatives which have raised the nation's profile on the international stage, including a redefinition of the "Third Neighbor" policy, trilateralism, Ulaanbaatar Dialogue, and permanent neutrality.

Dr. Alicia Campi, President of The Mongolia Society since 2007, is a China/Mongolian specialist and was a U.S. State Department Foreign Service Officer for 14 years who served in Asian posts (Singapore, Taiwan, Japan and Mongolia) and the U.S Mission to the United Nations in New York. Since 2013, she has been a Research Fellow at the Reischauer Center, SAIS/Johns Hopkins University where she teaches a course on the 'Construction of Northeast Asia,' and in 2016 she became the coordinator of the U.S. State Department's Northeast Asia regional studies course at the Foreign Service Institute. Dr. Campi has an A.B. in East Asian History from Smith College in 1971, M.A. in East Asian Studies with a concentration in Mongolian Studies from Harvard University in 1973, and a Ph.D. in Central Eurasian and Mongolian Studies with a minor in Chinese Studies in 1987 from Indiana University. In July 2004 she was awarded the "Friendship" Medal by Mongolian President N. Bagabandi and in 2011 received the "Polar Star" from President Ts. Elbegdorj. In September 2007 she was awarded an honorary doctorate from the National University of Mongolia. Dr. Campi has published over 100 articles and book chapters on contemporary Mongolian, Chinese, and Central Asian issues and advises financial institutions on Mongolian investment issues, particularly in the mining sector. Her book on The Impact of China and Russia on U.S.-Mongolian Political Relations in the 20th Century was published in 2009, and her new book on Mongolian foreign policy will be published by Lynne Rienner Publishers in 2016. She regularly writes commentary on Mongolia for The Jamestown Foundation, East West Center, Brookings, and other research centers.

**Co-Hosted by:** The Mongolia Society and The Department of Central Eurasian Studies

**Contact Email:** monsoc@indiana.edu