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# **Mongolia – Neutral Ground in the Security Architecture**

Session VI

Moving from Confidence Building  
Measures to Preventive Diplomacy

Topics

# Classic Framing Questions

- Sharing opinions on classic questions
  - What is the trend?
  - Why Mongolia should concern about it?
  - What Mongolia can offer to others?

What is the trend?

# Negative Assessment Prevails

- Uncertainty among the major powers relations in the region:
  - Sino – US relation
  - Russo – US relation
  - Sino – Russian relation
  - And middle powers too:
    - ROK
    - Japan
- Power of Balance changes – Thucydides Trap
  - New Cold War?

Why Mongolia should concern about it?

# Existence is on the Balance of Power

- **Small power**
  - Unable to affect other's policy
  - Adapting is the key for survival
    - Adapting by balancing
- **Achievements at risk**
  - Democracy
  - Economic Integration
  - International prestige
- **Everything is about the BALANCE**
  - Neighbors: Russia and China
  - Others: Immediate Neighbors and Third Neighbors
  - NEA: North and South Korea

What Mongolia can offer?

# A Neutral Ground for Negotiation

- **Mongolian role in the security architecture**
  - Neutral platform for negotiation
  - Soft hub for available for conflicting parties
    - Soft – has no claim
    - Hub – available for all parties
- **Example: Ulaanbaatar Dialogue for NEA Security**
  - Soft hub on non-conflicting topics
    - NEA Women Parliamentarians Forum
    - NEA Capital City Mayors' Forum
    - NEA Youth Forum
  - Confidence building

# Mongolian Role - Neutrality

- **Perpetual Neutrality**
  - Initiated by President of Mongolia
  - Submitted a Law on Perpetual Neutrality
- **Ongoing Debate**
  - Perpetuity:
    - Even in time of war? Can we afford it?
  - Declaration or Restatement Means:
    - Law? Constitution? Shall we tie our hand?
  - Timing and Assumption:
    - Is really the situation is so bad?

# Conclusion

- Negative assessment prevails
- Keeping the achievements
  - Democracy
  - Economy
  - International prestige
- Positioning itself as a neutral ground for negotiation
  - Guarantee – **Mongolian Neutrality**