

## **Positioning the gender and mining debate**

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Feminism in development has a divisive and mutable history. However, a primary constant of the discourse has focused on creating dialogue and opportunity in shared often conflicting spaces of debate. This occurs both within the feminist discourse and across disciplines – the extractive minerals industry being no exception. This paper will track the themes of feminisms in development that have influenced the emergence of current ‘gender and mining’ approaches and consider their ability to continue to create dialogue, opportunity and stimulate areas of debate across shared stakeholders. My paper situates this research in Mongolia, a post-socialist and nomadic country undergoing major economic and political change incurred partially by the resource boom. The paper seeks to explore the applicability of ‘gender and mining’ approaches to the often conflicting agendas of industry, communities, government and civil society operating within the Mongolian context.