

press release

Cooperation between Jeroen Toirkens and Marc Prüst on NOMAD Book on the last nomads living in the Northern Hemisphere.

On Saturday, **19 March at 17.00 in GEMAK**, the presentation of NOMAD, a Dutch / English edition of LANN00 publishers.

The book NOMAD shows the pervasive photos Toirkens took during eleven trips to nomadic peoples. They paint a diverse and often poignant picture of nomadism in the 21st century. Jelle Brandt Corstius journalist and presenter, who accompanied Toirkens on a number of trips, wrote an extended essay for the accompanying book. Working closely with photo editor Marc Prüst, Toirkens selected the images that told his story of contemporary nomads.

The book launch coincides with the opening of the exhibition in GEMAK. Political adviser Professor G. Tumurchuluun of the Mongolian Embassy in Brussels will receive the first copy of Nomad and will give a talk on nomadism in Mongolia. Prior to the opening and book launch, Marie Jeanne de Rooij, director of Gemak and the Free Academy in The Hague, will interview Jeroen Toirkens about the exhibition and the book. **Start of the interview is at 15.30.**

Jeroen Toirkens, follows in his project NomadsLife since 1999 the life of various nomadic peoples in Central Asia, Russia, Mongolia and the Arctic regions. Toirkens shows that many nomads in the former Soviet Union after the fall of communism have converted back to their old traditions, like the resurrection of the eagle hunters and shamans in Mongolia and the Russian Altai Republic. More and more indigenous peoples are organizing themselves politically and culturally. Toirkens also shows the other side of the nomadic life: corruption, problems with land rights and widespread alcoholism that have an impact on nomadic peoples. Also globalization, drought, poverty, and climate change make it increasingly difficult to stick to the original way of life.

Marc Prüst is a freelance photography consultant and curator and works from Paris, France. He creates exhibitions, gives lectures, and advises photographers on how they can develop their work. When creating photo books Prüst works in close collaboration with the photographer, with the aim of telling the story of the photographer using his or her pictures. www.marcprust.com

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