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Anthropology

AN-01 ♦ Contemporary Uyghur Society: Tradition and Transformation

Schedule: Session 1: Thurs., Oct. 5, 14:15-16:00

Chair: Arienne M. Dwyer (University of Kansas; anthlinguist@ku.edu)
Discussant: David W. Montgomery (University of Pittsburgh; montgomery@cedarnetwork.org)
Rahile Dawut (Xinjiang University; rahiledawut@aliyun.com)
“The Changing Time and Space of Uyghur Oral Traditions”
Rune Steenburg-Reyhe (Columbia University; rune_s_r@yahoo.dk)
“Star Preachers and Debated Dance in Southern Xinjiang, 2010-2013”
Darren Byler (University of Washington; dbyler@uw.edu)
“The Rise of Uyghur Piety”
Aynur Kadir (Simon Fraser University; akadir@sfu.ca)
“Moral Quandaries of Uyghur Youth: Social Media Memes and the Changing Morality of Uyghurness”

AN-02 ♦ Problems of Religious Identities in Central Asia in the Context of Globalization

Schedule: Session 2: Thurs., Oct. 5, 16:15-18:00

Chair: [TBD]
Discussant: [TBD]
Zhibek Syzdykova (Institute of Asian and African Studies, Moscow State University; ccca@iaas.msu.ru)
“Key Aspects of the Kazakh Religious Identity”
Daria Zhigulskaia (Institute of Asian and African Studies, Moscow State University; dari.zhigulskaia@rambler.ru)
“Globalization and New Forms of Religiosity (An Islamic Perspective from Central Asia)”
Anastasiya Ganich (Institute of Asian and African Studies, Moscow State University; astganich@gmail.com)
“The Pilgrimage to the Mausoleum of Khoja Ahmed Yasavi as an Element of Social and Cultural Life of the Kazakhs”
Jamal Rakhaev (Institute of Russian History of the Russian Academy of Sciences; jamal_rv@mail.ru)
“National and Religious Identity of the North Caucasus Mountaineers during the Deportation to Central Asia (1943-1944)”

AN-03 ♦ Burial Traditions and Cultural Identity in Central Asia

Schedule: Session 3: Fri., Oct. 6, 8:45-10:30

Chair: Saida Daukeyeva (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin; sdaukeyeva@yahoo.com)
Discussant: Jennifer Webster (University Central Asia; jenniweb@uw.edu)
Chorshanbe Goibnazarov (University Central Asia; chorshanbe.goibnazarov@ucentralasia.org)
“Music and Funeral Ceremonies in Badakhshan, Tajikistan”
Guldana Salimjan (Institute for Gender, Race, Sexuality, and Social Justice, University of British Columbia; guldanasalimjan@gmail.com)
“Mao’s Xinjiang Remembered: Gendered Melancholia and the Mourning Songs of Rural Kazakh Women”
Margaret Morton (School of Art, The Cooper Union; mortonnyc@gmail.com)

“Cities of the Dead: The Ancestral Cemeteries of Kyrgyzstan”
Mahabat Sadyrbek (Berlin Graduate School Muslim Cultures and Societies; mahabat_s@yahoo.de)

“New Islam versus Local Islam within Tradition and Custom”

AN-04 ♦ Exploring Unaddressed Facets of Gender-based Violence in Central Asia: Economic and Political Participation, Societal Stigmatization and Mental Health

Schedule: Session 4: Fri., Oct. 6, 10:45-12:30

Chair: Elena Kim (American University of Central Asia; kim_el@auca.kg)
Discussant: Lori Handrahan (Independent Consultant; lorihandrahan5@gmail.com)
Nurgul Ukueva (American University of Central Asia; ukueva_n@auca.kg)

“Gender and Self-employment: The Effect of Marriage, Children and Household Living Arrangements in Kyrgyzstan”
Mirgul Karimova (Search for Common Ground; mkarimova@sfcg.org)

“Lack of Women’s Political Participation in Kyrgyzstan Due to Societal Expectations”
Elena Molchanova (Republican Center of Mental Health of the Kyrgyz Republic; emolchanova2009@gmail.com)

“Mental Health Consequences of Gender-Based-Violence in the Kyrgyz Republic”
Olha Yarova (Institute for Behavioral Science and Research; o.yarova@gmail.com)

“Mothering a Special Child in Kyrgyzstan: Experience Shaped by Traditional Gender Roles”

AN-05 ♦ Gender, Environment, and International Development

Schedule: Session 5: Fri., Oct. 6, 14:15-16:00

Chair: Emil Nasritdinov (American University of Central Asia; emilzn@gmail.com)
Discussant: Helge Blakkisrud (Norwegian Institute of International Affairs; hb@nupi.no)
Asel Myrzabekova (Bonn International Center for Convention; aselyam@gmail.com)

“Agricultural Knowledge Transfer in Rural Kyrgyzstan: Implications for Empowerment”
Karina Standal (Centre for Development and the Environment, University of Oslo; karina.standal@sum.uio.no)

“Where Did All the Women Go? Corporate Ambitions and Gender Focus in Public Private Partnerships for Energy Development”
Elena Kim (American University of Central Asia; kim_el@auca.kg)

“How Development ‘Misses’ Women: Water Management in Uzbekistan”
Altyyn Kapalova (Mountain Societies Research Institute, University of Central Asia; altyn.kapalova@gmail.com)

“Water Resources Management in Kyrgyz Mountain Communities: Informal Communications and the Role of Women”

AN-06 ♦ Xinjiang in Central Asia: Cultural and Geographical Linkages

Schedule: Session 6: Sat., Oct. 7, 8:45-10:30

Chair: James Millward (Georgetown University; millwarj@georgetown.edu)
Discussant: Darren Byler (University of Washington; dtbyler@gmail.com)
Arienne M. Dwyer (University of Kansas; anthlinguist@ku.edu)
“The Fungus that Overtook Oral Literature: Scald-heads (Taz)"

Joanne Smith Finley (Newcastle University; j.smithfinley@ncl.ac.uk), Sarah Tynen (University of
Colorado, Boulder, USA; sarah.tynen@colorado.edu)
“Guarding Purity and Halal Spaces in the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region, China”

Stanley Toops (Miami University; toopssw@miamioh.edu)
“Trade and Linkages on the New Silk Road: China, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, and Pakistan”

AN-07 ◆ Workshop: The Piety and Radicalization Thesis: Anthropologists on Political Analysis of Islam

Schedule: Session 7: Sat., Oct. 7, 10:45-12:30

Chair: John Schoeberlein (Nazarbayev University; johnschoeberlein@gmail.com)
Liliya Karimova (George Washington University; liliyakarimova@gmail.com)
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Nazif Shahrani (Indiana University, Bloomington; shahrani@indiana.edu)
David W. Montgomery (Independent Scholar; montgomery@cedarnetwork.org)

AN-08 ◆ Values and Well Being

Schedule: Session 8: Sat., Oct. 7, 14:15-16:00

Chair: [TBD]
Discussant: [TBD]

Corinne Hughes (Portland State University; cohughes@pdx.edu)

Jildyz Urbaeva (University at Albany; zurbaeva@albany.edu), Ted Jackson (Social Welfare, UAlbany; tfjackson@albany.edu) and Daejun Park (Social Welfare, UAlbany; dpark7@albany.edu)
“Are Social Relations Good for Health? Evidence from Kyrgyzstan, a Low-Income Transitional Society”

Marlene Laruelle (Institute of European, Russian and Eurasian Studies (GWU); laruelle@gwu.edu)
“The Rise of Illiberal Values in Central Asia”

AN-09 ◆ Archeology in Central Asia

Schedule: Session 9: Sun., Oct. 8, 8:45-10:30

Chair: [TBD]
Discussant: [TBD]

Farhod Razzoqov (Institute of History of the Republic of Tadjikistan/Germany archaeology Institute; farhod84_12@mail.ru)
“The Use of New Methods for the Investigation of Ceramics from Sarazm (Tajikistan) and Neighboring Settlements in Southern Turkmenistan (Copper and Early Bronze Age, 4-3 BC): First Results”

Alexander Pachkalov (Financial University, Department of Economic History; zolornum@mail.ru)
“Numismatics Sources about History of Silk Road in 13th-15th Centuries”
Ablet Kamalov (Turan University; abletk@yahoo.com)
“The Burial Site Shoroon Bumbagar (678 AD) in Mongolia as a New Source on the Early History of the Toquz-Oghuz (Uyghur)”

Cultural Studies

CU-01 ♦ The Cultures and Languages of the Caucasus

**Schedule:** Session 1: Thurs., Oct. 5, 14:15-16:00

*Chair:* Tamar Makharoblidze (Ilia State University, Tbilisi, Republic of Georgia; ateni777@yahoo.com)
*Discussant:* John Colarusso (McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario; colaruss@mcmaster.ca)

Revaz Abashia (Ilia Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University; revazabashia@yahoo.com)
“Reconstructing the Sibilant Spirants and Affricates of the Kartvelian Proto-language”

Alexandra Yatsyk (Institute of Human Sciences, Viena, Austria; ayatsyk@gmail.com)
“Security in the South Caucasus: Russia and Turkey in Adjara and Abkhazia”

Ia Grigalashvili (Ilia Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University; ia.grigalashvili@tsu.ge)
“Early Christian Liturgical Practice in the Martyrdom of the Nine Children from Kola”

Levan Gigineishvili (Ilia State University, Tbilisi, Republic of Georgia; lgigineishvili@yahoo.com)
“Ioane Petritsi’s Georgian Translation of Proclus’ Elements of Theology”

CU-02 ♦ Religious Identity and Cultural Practices in Tajikistan and the Kyrgyz Republic

**Schedule:** Session 3: Fri., Oct. 6, 8:45-10:30

*Chair:* [TBD]

*Discussant:* Jon Mahoney (Kansas State University; jmahoney@ksu.edu)

Vincent Artman (Wayne State; vartman@gmail.com)
“My Poor Nation, Where Are You Going? Theologies of Nationhood in Kyrgyzstan”

Jamila Anderson (Kansas State University; jamila@ksu.edu)
“Non-Consensual Bride Kidnapping in the Kyrgyz Republic”

Benjamin Ale-Ebrahim (Kansas University; baleebrahim@ku.edu)
“Islamic Digital Media in Tajikistan: A Changing Religious Public Sphere”

CU-03 ♦ Nostalgia, Bilingualism and Identity in Eurasian Literature

**Schedule:** Session 4: Fri., Oct. 6, 10:45-12:30

*Chair:* [TBD]

*Discussant:* [TBD]

Miglena Dikova-Milanova (University of Gent, Belgium; miglena.dikovamilanova@ugent.be)
“How to Deal with Nostalgia”

Azatkul Kudaibergenova (Independent Scholar; kdbrgn vazatkul8@gmail.com)
“Creative Bilingualism of Chingiz Aitmatov”

Dmitriy Melnikov (Nazarbayev University; dmitriy.melnikov@nu.edu.kz)
“Writing as Identity: Narrating Imagined (Hi)Stories in Contemporary Kazakhstani Russophone Literature”
CU-04 ♦ Bacha and Beyond: Crossdressing and Gender Diversity in Central Asia

**Schedule:** Session 5: Fri., Oct. 6, 14:15-16:00

*Chair:* Laura Adams (Institute for International Education; lauraleeadams@icloud.com)

*Discussant:* Svetlana Peshkova (University of New Hampshire, Department of Anthropology; s.peshkova@unh.edu)

Bradley Horst (University of Washington, Department of History; bthorst@uw.edu)

“The Ethnographic Encounter in the East: Russian Colonial Knowledge and the Gendering of Bacha, 1870-1920”

Jennifer Wilson (University of Pennsylvania; Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures; jennwil@sas.penn.edu)

“Queer Tashkent, Queer Harlem: Langston Hughes’ “The Boy Dancers of Uzbekistan””

Samuel Buelow (Indiana University; Department of Anthropology; srbuelow@umail.iu.edu)

“Crossdressers and Conchitas: Differing Approaches to Men’s Femininity in Kyrgyzstan 2014”

CU-05 ♦ Tourism in the Caucasus: Trends and Challenges

**Schedule:** Session 5: Fri., Oct. 6, 14:15-16:00

*Chair:* Bert Beynen (Temple University; kesaphela@aol.com)

*Discussant:* Veronica Muskeli (University of Washington; nika@u.washington.edu)

Michael Long (Baylor University; michael_long@baylor.edu) and Sara Alexander (Baylor University; Sara_Alexander@baylor.edu)

“Tourism Development in Georgia: Priorities, Possibilities, and Vulnerabilities”

Mary Childs (University of Washington; mchilds@u.washington.edu)

“Of Birders and Botanists: Eco-Tourism in Georgia”

Julie Christensen (George Mason University; jchriste@gmu.edu)

“The Role of Film and Media in the "Struggle for Gagra””

CU-06 ♦ Music in Central Eurasia

**Schedule:** Session 5: Fri., Oct. 6, 14:15-16:00

*Chair:* [TBD]

*Discussant:* [TBD]

Robert Beahrs (University of Pittsburgh; robert.beahrs@gmail.com)

“Nomadic Perspectives on Envoicement in the Sayan-Altai Mountains”

Eunkyung Oh (Dongduk Women's University; euphra33@hanmail.net)

“An Integrated Study on Performance Art and Storytelling Meistersingers Tradition from Pansori Performers to Eurasian Turkic Epic Singers”

Meiramgul Kussainova (CESS member; mkussainova@nu.edu.kz)

“Soviet Kazakh Music”

CU-07 ♦ The Rider, the Storyteller, and the Shaman: Women and Oral Traditions in Central Asia and the Caucasus

**Schedule:** Session 6: Sat., Oct. 7, 8:45-10:30

*Chair:* Mary Childs (University of Washington; mchilds@u.washington.edu)

*Discussant:* Guntis Smidchens (University of Washington; guntiss@uw.edu)
Veronica Muskheili (Slavic L&L, University of Washington; nika@u.washington.edu)
“Her Horse: A Proto-Feminist Central Asian Wonder Tale Unknown in the West”
Dana Sherry (Silk Road House; dlsherry@hotmail.com)
“Folk Feminism?: Power, Lust, and Violence in Folktales told by Women”
Kira van Deusen (Independent Scholar; kiravan@shaw.ca)
“Life and Death - A Tuvan Shaman in Fact and Fiction”

**CU-08 ♦ Engagement, Authenticity and Gender in Eurasian Mountaineering**

**Schedule:** Session 7: Sat., Oct. 7, 10:45-12:30

**Chair:** Krista Goff (University of Miami; kgoff@miami.edu)

**Discussant:** Timothy Blauvelt (Ilia State University and American Councils for International Education; timothy.blauvelt@iliauni.edu.ge)
John P. Hope (Purdue University; hadjiabrek@yahoo.com)
“Vot eto dlia muzhchin - riukzak i ledorub: Soviet Mountaineering, Popular Culture, and the Question of Gender”

Ben Bamberger (University of Illinois; benbamberger@gmail.com)
“At the Center of the Periphery: Svaneti and the Meaning of Mountainous Space, 1925-1955”

**CU-09 ♦ The Arts and Politics and Memory in Central Eurasia**

**Schedule:** Session 7: Sat., Oct. 7, 10:45-12:30

**Chair:** [TBD]

**Discussant:** [TBD]

Monica Steinberg (University of Southern California; monicaleesteinberg@gmail.com)
“Subtle Activism in Contemporary Azerbaijani Art”

Alexey Ulko (Independent Scholar; alexulko@yahoo.co.uk)
“Postcolonial Perspectives on Contemporary Esoteric Art in Uzbekistan”

Jeany Weisheit (Independent Scholar; jeany.weisheit@gmx.de)
“The Cultural Memory of Jewelry in Kyrgyzstan: Different Values in a Mixture of Production and Use”

Nari Shelekpayev (University of Montreal & Free University of Berlin; nari.shell@yahoo.com)
“Decorate and Rule: Nation-Building and Ornament in 20th Century Kazakhstan”

**CU-10 ♦ Roundtable: Bridging Central Asian and Caucasus Area Studies (Part Two)**

**Schedule:** Session 8: Sat., Oct. 7, 14:15-16:00

**Chair:** Timothy Blauvelt (Ilia State University and American Councils; timothy.blauvelt@iliauni.edu.ge)

John Schoeberlein (Nazarbayev University; john.schoeberlein@nu.edu.kz)
Jeff Sahadeo (Carleton University; jeffsahadeo@cunet.carleton.ca)
Jeremy Johnson (University of Michigan; jeremypj@umich.edu)
Jesse Driscoll (University of California, San Diego; jdriscoll@ucsd.edu)
Amanda Wooden (Bucknell University; aw021@bucknell.edu)
CU-11 ♦ Visuality and Representation in Central Asia

*Schedule:* Session 8: Sat., Oct. 7, 14:15-16:00

*Chair:* [TBD]

*Discussant:* [TBD]

Konstantin Vasiltsov (Museum of Anthropology and Ethnography (Kunstkamera) Russian Academy of Science; vasiltsov@mail.ru)

“Visual Representation and Russian Orientalism: Central Asia in Photo-illustrative Collections of the Museum of Anthropology and Ethnography RAS”

Moldiyar Yergebekov (Suleyman Demirel University; moldiyar.yergebekov@sdu.edu.kz) and Amina Zhemeney (KIMEP University; azhemeney@gmail.com)

“Representation of Women in Contemporary Kazakh Cinema”

Petya Andreeva (University of Pennsylvania; andreeva@sas.upenn.edu)

“Visualizing Central Asia: Pictorial Narratives of Early Propaganda Art in Soviet Russia and the People’s Republic of China”

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Economy

EC-01 ♦ Ecology, Piety and Market in Eurasia

*Schedule:* Session 1: Thurs., Oct. 5, 14:15-16:00

*Chair:* [TBD]

*Discussant:* [TBD]

Fatemeh Sadraee (University of Kansas; fsadraee@ku.edu)

“Ab-Paria ‘Water Fairy’: The Concept of Water from Mythology to Reality, from Sacredness to Scarcity”

Zhyldyz Doolbekova (The Christensen Fund Central Asia; jyldyz.bekbolot@gmail.com)

“Traditional ecological knowledge and practices of ethic Kyrgyz of the Eastern Pamir in ethno-toponyms”

Carolin Maertens (Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich; image@posteo.de)

“A Debt in Return: The Personalization of Market Transactions in Southeast Tajikistan”

Yulia Antonyan (Yerevan State University; yuliaantonyan@ysu.am)

“Market Economy and Economy of Faith: Economic Dimensions of Piety in Contemporary Armenia”

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Education

ED-01 ♦ Education and Reform in Central Eurasia

*Schedule:* Session 2: Thurs., Oct. 5, 16:15-18:00

*Chair:* [TBD]

*Discussant:* [TBD]

Sari Eriksson (University of Helsinki; sari.ekiksson@helsinki.fi)

“Localization of Global Education Reforms in Kyrgyzstan”

Zhibek Tleshova (Academy of Public Administration under the President of RK; elzhib@yahoo.com) and Gulbakhyt Menlibekova (Eurasian National University named after L.N. Gumilev; )
“ESL as One of the Languages in Implementing Multilingual Education Policy: Context of Kazakhstani Higher Education”
Mzia Tsereteli (I. Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University; mziatsereteli@yahoo.com) and Ia Apterashvili (I. Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University; aptarashvili@gmail.com)
“Education in Georgia: Analysis Across Generations”

ED-02 ♦ Post-Independence Higher Education in Kazakhstan: Realities and Perspectives

Schedule: Session 3: Fri., Oct. 6, 8:45-10:30

Chair: Judith Parker (Teachers College, Columbia University, New York; jkp2001@tc.columbia.edu)
Discussant: Mikhail Akulov (Kazakh-British Technical University, Almaty, Kazakhstan; akulov@post.harvard.edu, mikhailakulov83@gmail.com)

Bayan Yesperova (Kazakh National Agrarian University, Almaty; yesperova@gmail.com)
“Agriculture Education as a New Trend of Kazakhstan’s Sustainable Development”
Stanley Currier (IREX, Washington DC; stanleycurrier@gmail.com)
“Workforce Development in Kazakhstan: The Role of University Career Centers”

Gainiya Tazhina (University of International Business, Almaty; tazhina_g@yahoo.com)
“Distance Learning in Kazakhstan: Challenges and Opportunities”

Fatima Duisebayeva (Kazakh National Agrarian University, Almaty; fatimad2004@mail.ru)
“Multilingual Education in Kazakhstan: New Economic and Employment Opportunities”

ED-03 ♦ Roundtable: Traditional Ecological Knowledge of Nomad Peoples: The Social Aspect / Традиционные экологические знания кочевых народов (социальный аспект)

Schedule: Session 4: Fri., Oct. 6, 10:45-12:30

Chair: Murataly Aitmatov (Biocultural Diversity Centre of Kyrgyz National Agrarian University; bdc-knau.kg@mail.ru)

Gulnara Botokanova (Biocultural Diversity Centre of Kyrgyz National Agrarian University; botokanova@rambler.ru)

Keneshbek Shapakov (Biocultural Diversity Centre of Kyrgyz National Agrarian University; k_shapakov48@mail.ru)

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Energy
EN-01 ♦ Energy and Ecology

Schedule: Session 4: Fri., Oct. 6, 10:45-12:30

Chair: [TBD]
Discussant: [TBD]
Alyssa Meyer (Indiana University; meyeraly@gmail.com)
“Climate Change Impacts on Long-Term Energy Access: Looking Toward Solutions”
Murodbek Laldjebaev (Cornell University / University of Central Asia; mml243@cornell.edu)
“Assessment of Energy Poverty in Rural Communities of Khatlon Region, Tajikistan”
Geography

GE-01 ♦ Geography Beyond the Nation

Schedule: Session 7: Sat., Oct. 7, 10:45-12:30

Chair: Douglas Northrop (University of Michigan; northrop@umich.edu)
Discussant: Christopher Atwood (University of Pennsylvania; catwood@sas.upenn.edu)
Eva-Marie Dubuisson (Bogazici University; emdubuisson@boun.edu.tr)
“Exploring a Sacred Geography: Environmental Discourses in Kazakhstan”

Amanda Wooden (Bucknell University; amanda.wooden@bucknell.edu)
“Meanings of Glaciers, Mountains, and Mines in Kyrgyzstan’s Historical Context and Future Climate Change”

Diana Kudaibergenova (University of Lund (also University of Cambridge); dk406@cam.ac.uk)
“My Silk Road to You: Re-imagining Routes, Roads, and Geography in Contemporary Art of Central Asia”

History

HI-01 ♦ Nomads and Empire: New Perspectives on Central Asian Encounters with Imperial States and Spaces

Schedule: Session 1: Thurs., Oct. 5, 14:15-16:00

Chair: Eric Johnson (University of Washington; ej.redmond@gmail.com)
Discussant: Virginia Martin (University of Wisconsin-Madison; virginiamartin@tds.net)
Joo-Yup Lee (University of Toronto; jooyup.lee@utoronto.ca)
“The Frontier Spaces in the Qipchaq Steppe and the Kazakhs during the Post-Mongol Period”

Takahiro Onuma (Tohoku Gakuin University; onuma425@mail.tohoku-gakuin.ac.jp)
“Dispatch of the Nusan Mission: The Negotiations between Qing and Ablay in 1757”

Jipar Duishembieva (Evergreen State College; jipard@hotmail.com)
“Let Our People Get on with Their Lives: Threading the Needle Between the Qing and Kokand in Turbulent Times”

HI-02 ♦ Making Uzbekistan: A Conversation with Adeeb Khalid

Schedule: Session 1: Thurs., Oct. 5, 14:15-16:00

Chair: [TBD]
Alexander Morrison (Nazarbayev University; alexander.morrison@nu.edu.kz)
Scott Levi (Ohio State University; levi.18@osu.edu)
Adrienne Edgar (University of California, Santa Barbara; edgar@history.ucsb.edu)
Marianne Kamp (Indiana University Bloomington; kamp@indiana.edu)
Jeff Sahadeo (Carleton University; jeff.sahadeo@carleton.ca)
Adeeb Khalid (Carleton College; akhalid@carleton.edu)

**HI-03 ♦ Source Analysis for the Mongol Empire**

**Schedule:** Session 2: Thurs., Oct. 5, 16:15-18:00

*Chair:* Timothy May (University of North Georgia; timothy.may@ung.edu)
*Discussant:* Daniel Waugh (University of Washington; dwaugh@u.washington.edu)
Paul Buell (University of Salzburg; qasqyrbuell@gmail.com)

“Arabic Medicine in the Mongol World: Huihui Yaofang, Muslim Medicinal Recipes”
Donald Ostrowski (Harvard University; don@wjh.harvard.edu)

“Authorship Issues in the Controversy over the Letters of Rashid al-Din”
Christopher Eirkson (University of Pittsburgh; cee18@pitt.edu)

“Diplomatic Correspondence in the Song-Yuan-Ming Transition, 1000-1425 CE”

**HI-04 ♦ Leadership, Literature, Libraries, and Lenses: Edward Allworth’s Legacy in Central Asian Studies**

**Schedule:** Session 2: Thurs., Oct. 5, 16:15-18:00

*Chair:* Alexander Cooley (Columbia University; ac210@columbia.edu)
*Discussant:* [TBD]

Robert Davis (Columbia University; rhd2106@columbia.edu)

“Edward and Janet Allworth, and Central Asian Library Resources at Columbia”
Martha Merrill (Kent State University; mmerril@kent.edu)

“Rereading Edward Allworth, Rethinking Educational Assumptions”
Bruce Pannier (Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty; pannierb@rferl.org)

“The Contemporary Relevance of Classic Central Asian Literature”
Peter Sinnott (Independent Scholar; petersinnott@peoplepc.com)

“Leadership And The Good Ruler In Central Asia – An Appreciation of the Career of Professor Edward Allworth, Columbia University”

**HI-05 ♦ Central Asian Oral Histories: Everyday Life, Identities, and Nostalgia**

**Schedule:** Session 3: Fri., Oct. 6, 8:45-10:30

*Chair:* [TBD]

*Discussant:* Russell Zanca (Northeastern Illinois University; zanca@neiu.edu)
Adrienne Edgar (University of California, Santa Barbara; edgar@history.ucsb.edu)

Ali Igmen (California State University Long Beach; igmen@csulb.edu)

“Selective Memories of the Late Twentieth-Century Soviet Theatre”
Marianne Kamp (Indiana University; mkamp@indiana.edu)

“Potatoes, Canals, and Schools: Incremental Transformations of Daily Life on the Kolkhoz in Uzbekistan”
HI-06 ♦ Administration and Politics in the Mongol Empire

_Schedule:_ Session 4: Fri., Oct. 6, 10:45-12:30

*Chair:* Daniel Waugh (University of Washington; dwaugh@u.washington.edu)

*Discussant:* Timothy May (University of North Georgia; timothy.may@ung.edu)

Jesse Sloane (Yonsei University; sloanej@yonsei.ac.kr)

“Balancing Qa’ans and Warlords in the Promotion of Religious Confucianism in 13th Century North China”

Anne Broadbridge (University of Massachusetts-Amherst; broadbridge@history.umass.edu)

“The Linked Deaths of Grand Khan Gedei and His Sister, Al Altan, Queen of the Uighurs: What Explanations Can Be Found?”

Michael Hope (Yonsei University; y1002029@yonsei.ac.kr)


Michael Brose (University of Wyoming; mbrose@uwyo.edu)

“Personnel and Policy in the Yuan Southern Censorate Bureau”

HI-07 ♦ Voices from the Steppe: Linguistic and Historical Explorations of the 18th and Early-19th Centuries

_Schedule:_ Session 5: Fri., Oct. 6, 14:15-16:00

*Chair:* Jipar Duishembieva (Evergreen State College; jipard@hotmail.com)

*Discussant:* Takahiro Onuma (Tohoku Gakuin University; onuma425@mail.tohoku-gakuin.ac.jp)

Eric Johnson (Department of History, University of Washington-Seattle; ej.redmond@gmail.com)

“Navigating the Scylla of Empire and the Charybdis of Tribal Politics: Nurali and the Younger Horde, 1748-1786”

Virginia Martin (International Division, University of Wisconsin-Madison; virginiamartin@tds.net)

“Kazak Elites and the Power of Written Communication in the 1820s-1830s”

Talant Mawkanuli (University of Washington, Seattle; tmawkan@uw.edu)

“A Linguistic Analysis of Kazak Correspondence of the 18th and 19th Centuries”

HI-08 ♦ The Qing Empire between China and Central Asia

_Schedule:_ Session 5: Fri., Oct. 6, 14:15-16:00

*Chair:* [TBD]

*Discussant:* [TBD]

Matthew Mosca (University of Washington, Seattle; mosca@uw.edu)

“Mystery of the Missing Country?: Persia in Qing Geographic Scholarship in the 18th Century”

Noriko Unno-Yamazaki (Japan Society for the Promotion of Sciences; nur92kippis@gmail.com)

“The Cultural and Political Activities of Russian Muslim Intellectuals in Early 20th-Century China”

Eric Schluesel (University of Montana; eric.schluesel@umontana.edu)

“Islamic Interpretations of the Chinese Rites in Late-Qing Xinjiang”
HI-09 ♦ Alphabet Soup: The Politics of Orthography in Late-Imperial and Soviet Eurasia

Schedule: Session 5: Fri., Oct. 6, 14:15-16:00

Chair: Ian Campbell (University of California - Davis; iwcampbell@ucdavis.edu)
Discussant: Laada Bilaniuk (University of Washington; bilaniuk@uw.edu)
Daniel Schafer (Belmont University; daniel.schafer@belmont.edu)

“Reform, Revolution, and Crisis in Tatar Orthography, 1870-1970”
Rebekah Ramsay (Emory University; rebekah.ramsay@emory.edu)
“A Revolutionary Alphabet for the Masses: Latinization and the Localization of Eastern Modernity in Kazakhstan, 1925-1935”
Jeremy Johnson (University of Michigan; jeremypj@umich.edu)
Anna Whittington (University of Michigan; annawhit@umich.edu)
“Between Russification and Friendship: Cyrillization in Stalinist Central Asia”

HI-10 ♦ Between Resistance and Accommodation: Muslim Tatars and the Russian Imperial State, 1800-1914

Schedule: Session 6: Sat., Oct. 7, 8:45-10:30

Chair: Elena Campbell (University of Washington; eicampb@uw.edu)
Discussant: Ian Campbell (University of California, Davis; iwcampbell@ucdavis.edu)
Kelly A. O’Neill (Harvard University; koneill@fas.harvard.edu)

“Shipbuilders, Shepherds, and the Politics of Nature in 19th Century Crimea”
Stefan B. Kirmse (Leibniz-Zentrum Moderner Orient (ZMO), Berlin, Germany; stefan.kirmse@zmo.de)
“In Defense of Land and Faith: Rebellious Tatars Encountering State Officials in Late Nineteenth-Century Crimea and Kazan”
Norihiro Naganawa (Slavic-Eurasian Research Center, Hokkaido University, Japan; luch@slav.hokudai.ac.jp)
“Mutinous Intermediaries? Muslim Chinovniki in the 1905 Revolution”

HI-11 ♦ Central Asia in the USSR

Schedule: Session 6: Sat., Oct. 7, 8:45-10:30

Chair: [TBD]
Discussant: [TBD]

Didar Kassymova (KIMEP University; didar@kimep.kz) and Baurzhan Zhanguttin (Abay State university; arystan_g@mail.ru)
“Migrations Regulations during the Virgin Lands Campaign in Soviet Kazakhstan”
Vsevolod Kritskiy (Graduate Institute of Geneva; vsevolod.kritskiy@graduateinstitute.ch)
“Central Asia in World History: The Spread of the Nation-state During the Interwar Period”
Maria Taylor (University of Michigan; marianoh@umich.edu)
“Designing Garden-Factories under Stalin: From Moscow to Tashkent”
Riccardo Mario Cucciolla (LUISS Guido Carli; rcucciolla@luiss.it)
“Rashidov’s Diplomacy: Rethinking Uzbekistan as a Model for the Third World (1959-1983)”
HI-12 ♦ Historical Diplomacy

Schedule: Session 7: Sat., Oct. 7, 10:45-12:30

Chair: [TBD]
Discussant: [TBD]
Aftandil Erkinov (Tashkent State University of the Uzbek language and literature named after Alisher Navoi; aftandilerkinov@gmail.com)
“A Poetical Anthology Infused with the Geopolitical Design of the Kokand Khanate: The Muhabbat-Nama as a Diplomatic Gift from Umar-khan (1810-1822) to the Ottoman Sultan Mahmud II (1808-1839)”
Ling-Wei Kung (Columbia University; lk2627@columbia.edu)
“Intelligence Networking between Ladakh, Tibet and the Qing Dynasty, 1724-1759”
Hideyuki Naganuma (The University of Tokyo; naganuma_hide0630@yahoo.co.jp)
“Russia’s Politics toward the Kazakh Khans in the Early 19th Century: ‘Divide et Impera’ Paradigm Revisited”
Gulchekhra Sultanova (Institute of History the Academy of the Sciences of Uzbekistan; gulysulton@gmail.com)
“A Dialog between Bukhara and Russia on Power Change in 18th Century: Analyzing Archival Documents of Russian Empire”

HI-13 ♦ Historiography

Schedule: Session 7: Sat., Oct. 7, 10:45-12:30

Chair: [TBD]
Discussant: [TBD]
Yunus Emre Gurbuz (Kyrgyz-Turkish Manas University; fromemre@gmail.com)
“Nationalization of the Historical Territory in Azerbaijan: The Impact of Nagorno-Karabakh Conflict on the Azerbaijaní Historiography”
Kwang Tae Lee (Indiana University Bloomington; leekwa@indiana.edu)
“Making a Villain in Bukhara: The Russian-Soviet Historiography on Amir Nasrullah (r. 1827-1860)”
Ali Mohammad Tarafdari (National Library & Archives of I. R. of Iran; tarafdary@yahoo.com)
“The Link between Archaeology and Nationalism in Iran: Archaeology Excavations and Nationalistic Historiography in Qajar Era”
Helge Blakkisrud (Norwegian Institute of International Affairs; hb@nupi.no)
“Anchoring the Nation in the Past: History Textbooks and Nation-building in Central Asia”

HI-14 ♦ Central Asia in the Middle Ages

Schedule: Session 8: Sat., Oct. 7, 14:15-16:00

Chair: [TBD]
Discussant: [TBD]
Guram Chikovani (Full Professor, Free University of Tbilisi; gchikovani@yahoo.com)
“Arabs of Central Asia: Materials of Scientific Expeditions”
Zachary Hershey (University of Pennslyvania; zhershey@sas.upenn.edu)
“Alcohol and Diplomacy: Khitan-Chinese Relations in the Early 11th Century”
Khilola Nazirova (Institute of Oriental Studies, Uzbekistan Academy of Sciences; oybonu@gmail.com) and Hamidullo Aminov (Institute of Oriental Studies, Uzbekistan Academy of Sciences; oybonu@gmail.com)

“Khwarizmian Calendar Based on 19th Century Manuscripts”

Khodadad Rezakhani (Princeton University; krezakhani@princeton.edu)

“To Cross, or Not to Cross, the Hindu-Kush: The Transition Between the Kidarite and Hephthalite Rule in Tokharistan”

Abdumalik Tuychibaev (Ankara Uni; tuychibayev@gmail.com)

“Samarkand in the Light of Fatwas”

HI-15 ♦ State, Religion and Gender

Schedule: Session 8: Sat., Oct. 7, 14:15-16:00

Chair: [TBD]
Discussant: [TBD]

Laura Berdikhoyajeva (Independent Scholar; laura.berdikhoyajeva@gmail.com)

“Contested Female Body: Aqbilek and the Fate of Kazakh Women after the October Revolution”

Darima Amogolonova (Institute for Mongolian, Buddhist and Tibetan Studies, Siberian Branch, Russian Academy of Sciences; amog@inbox.ru)

“Religion - State - Society: Buddhism in Late-Imperial Russia”

HI-16 ♦ 19th and Early 20th C History

Schedule: Session 9: Sun., Oct. 8, 8:45-10:30

Chair: [TBD]
Discussant: [TBD]

Bakhtiyor Alimdjanov (Saint-Petesburg University; felix_1985@mail.ru)

“Between Disregard and Control of Islam: Activities of V. P. Nalivkin as the 3rd Inspector of Educational Institutions of Turkestan (1889-1896)”

Aminat Chokobaeva (Australian National University; aminat.chokobaeva@anu.edu.au)

“A Small War: The Uprising of 1916 in Semirechie”

Anton Ikhsanov (Independent Researcher; antonx2301@icloud.com)

“Diary Entries of Alexander Samoylovich (1880-1938) as a Source on Socio-political History of Central Asia at the Beginning of the 20th Century”

Gulchachak Nugmanova (Research Institute of Theory and History of Architecture and Town Planning (Moscow); gulchachak.n@gmail.com)

“Kazan Antiquities in the Formation of Nineteenth Century Russian Historical Self-consciousness: Shaping of the Local Chronotope”

HI-17 ♦ Historical Change in Turkestan

Schedule: Session 10: Sun., Oct. 8, 10:45-12:30

Chair: [TBD]
Discussant: [TBD]

Zhanat Kundakbayeva (al-Farabi Kazakh National University; janbekkun@mail.ru)

Bakhodir Pasilov (Institute of History, Uzbekistan Academy of Sciences; bpasilov09@yahoo.com)  
“Ethno-political Processes in Turkestan, Bukhara and Khorezm in 1917-1924”

Taylor Zajicek (Princeton University; zajicek@princeton.edu)  
“A Natural Disaster History: Earthquakes, Science, and Empire in Late 19th Century Turkestan”

Khushnudbek Abdurasulov (Institute of Oriental Studies; leroy_brown@mail.ru)  
“New Faces in the Markets of Russian Turkestan: Polizmeisters and Veterinarians as Colonial Agents”

International Relations

IR-01 ♦ Environmental Preservation in Central Asia: The Ili River-Lake Balkhash Ecosystem as a Case Study

Schedule: Session 1: Thurs., Oct. 5, 14:15-16:00

Chair: Maigul Nugmanova (Kazakh Ablai Khan University; maigulnugmanova@yahoo.com)
Discussant: Uli Schamiloglu (University of Wisconsin; uschamil@wisc.edu)
Steve Pueppke (Michigan State University; pueppke@msu.edu)  

Sabir Nurtazin (Al-Farabi Kazakh National University; sabyr.nurtazn@kaznu.kz)  
“The Challenge of Providing Southeastern Kazakhstan with Quality Drinking Water”

Fatima Kukeeva (Al-Farabi Kazakh National University; fturar@mail.ru)  
“The Ili River: Is It a ‘Casualty’ of Kazakhstan’s Complicated Relationship with China”

Norman Graham (Michigan State University; ngraham@msu.edu)  
“The Sustainability of Fisheries in the Ili Delta-Lake Balkhash Region”

IR-02 ♦ Borders and Regions

Schedule: Session 2: Thurs., Oct. 5, 16:15-18:00

Chair: [TBD]
Discussant: [TBD]

Brent Hierman (VMI; hiermanbd@vmi.edu)  
“International Frames, National Decrees, and Local Politics: Revisiting the Land-power Nexus in Central Asia”

Junseok Lee (Department of Political Science, University of Florida; junseoklee85@gmail.com)  
“Degree of Self-Determination along the Black Sea Basin: Secession or Autonomy?”

Arman Mussin (Nazarbayev University; arman.mussin@nu.edu.kz)  
“Cross-Border Networks in Informal Cooperation in the Border Region of Kazakhstan and Russian Federation”

IR-03 ♦ Central Asia in Geopolitics

Schedule: Session 2: Thurs., Oct. 5, 16:15-18:00

Chair: [TBD]
Discussant: [TBD]

Thomas Wood (University of South Carolina Aiken; thomasw@usca.edu)  
“Kyrgyzstan and the Eurasian Union: A Neofunctionalist Perspective”
Cagri Erdem (Keimyung University, South Korea; cerdem@kmu.ac.kr)
“South Korean Silk Road Initiative: Geopolitical Challenges or Opportunities?”
Yaşar Sarı (Abant Izzet Baysal University; yasarsari@gmail.com)
“Turkish Foreign Policy Towards Russia Since The Arab Spring”

Law

LA-01 ♦ Legality in Russia and Central Asia

Schedule: Session 1: Thurs., Oct. 5, 14:15-16:00

Chair: [TBD]
Discussant: [TBD]
Natalia Alenkina (American University of Central Asia; alenkina_n@mail.ru) and Aigerim Azimova
(Independent Scholar; aigerimazimova@gmail.com)
Stephen Chaudoin (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; stephen.chaudoin@gmail.com) and
Terrence Chapman (University of Texas Austin; t.chapman@austin.utexas.edu)
“Contingent Public Support for International Legal Institutions: Evidence from a Survey
Experiment in Kyrgyzstan”
Nazim Ziyadov (Antalya International University; nziyadov@gmail.com)
“Russian Constitutionalism and International Law: Comparing Judicial Interpretation
Techniques”
Aisulu Raspayeva (Georgetown University, Department of Linguistics; asr70@georgetown.edu)
“Interplay of professional caution and culture: How Kazakh and Russian meeting chairs criticize
and direct”

Linguistics and Language

LI-01 ♦ Caucasian Languages

Schedule: Session 2: Thurs., Oct. 5, 16:15-18:00

Chair: Mary Childs (University of Washington; mchilds@u.washington.edu)
Discussant: Revaz Abashia (Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University; revazabashia@yahoo.com)
John Colarusso (McMaster University; colaruss@mcmaster.ca)
“The Vertical Vowel Systems of North West Caucasian”
Bert Beynen (Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, Temple University; kesaphela@aol.com)
“The Semantic Distinctive Features of the Georgian Verbal Infix -am-“
Maia Tsitsvidze (Institute of Caucasiology, Ivane Javakhishvili State University; caucasiology@gmail.com)
“The Language and Culture of the Georgian-Avar Inscriptions”
Tamar Makharoblidze (Ilia State University, Tbilisi, Republic of Georgia; ateni777@yahoo.com)
“Georgian Sign Language (GESL) and Innovation Technologies”

LI-02 ♦ Cultural Contact and Diachronic Change in Turkic Languages

Schedule: Session 3: Fri., Oct. 6, 8:45-10:30

Chair: Talant Mawkanuli (University of Washington - Seattle; tmawkan@uw.edu)
Discussant: Uli Schamiloglu (University of Wisconsin - Madison / Nazarbayev U; uschamil@wisc.edu)
Jonathan North Washington (Swarthmore College; jonathan.washington@swarthmore.edu)  
“The Relation of Some Yuan-era Turkic Words to the Siberian Sibilant Shift”

Arienne M. Dwyer (University of Kansas; anthlinguist@ku.edu) and Akbar Amat (University of Kansas; akbar.amat@ku.edu)  
“Defining the End of Chaghatay and the Beginning of Its Modern Descendants”

Ali Mömin (University of Kansas; amomin@ku.edu)  
“Culture Behind the Names: Contemporary Trends in Naming Practices Among China’s Muslim-Uyghur Ethnic Communities”

LI-03 ♦ Language Teaching and Attitudes  
**Schedule:** Session 4: Fri., Oct. 6, 10:45-12:30

Chair: [TBD]  
Discussant: [TBD]

Malik Hodjaev (CEUS, Indiana University; mhodjaev@indiana.edu)  
“Prospects of Teaching Uzbek Language Online”

Jukka Pietilainen (University of Helsinki; jukka.pietilainen@helsinki.fi)  
“Language Skills and Attitudes towards Foreign Countries in Kazakhstan”

Nailya Salimbayeva (Nazarbayev University; nailya.salimbayeva@nu.edu.kz)  
“Sociolinguistic Aspects of Kazakh-Russian-English Code Switching”

**Politics**

PO-01 ♦ Mongolia’s Engagement in Central Eurasia: Geopolitics, Energy, Transportation and Natural Resources  
**Schedule:** Session 2: Thurs., Oct. 5, 16:15-18:00

Chair: Robert Bedeski (University of Victoria, Canada; University of Washington; rbedeski@uvic.ca)  
Discussant: [TBD]

Mendee Jargalsaikhan (University British Columbia; mendee@alumni.ubc.ca)  
“Mongolia and Kyrgyzstan in Renewed Geopolitical Settings”

Marissa Smith (De Anza College; marissas23@gmail.com)  
“Three Projects of One Belt One Road’s Mongolia/Russia/China Economic Corridor and Three Bilateral Relationships”

Julian Dierkes (University British Columbia; julian.dierkes@ubc.ca)  
“The Variety of Governance Models in Mongolia’s Resource Industry”

Charles Krusekopf (Royal Roads University; charles.krusekopf@royalroads.ca)  
“Mongolian Perspectives on Northeast Asian Energy Security”

PO-02 ♦ Innovations as the Instruments of Increasing Public Welfare  
**Schedule:** Session 3: Fri., Oct. 6, 8:45-10:30

Chair: Merim Koichueva (Eastern University Mahmud Kashgar Barskani; mkoichueva@gmail.com)  
Discussant: Aigul Kulmatova (Academy of Public Administration under President of the Kyrgyz Republic; kulmatovaaiigul7@gmail.com)

Maral Sagynalieva (Open Innovations Research Community; maral.sagynalieva@gmail.com)  
“Impacts of Innovations on Public Sector of the Kyrgyz Republic”
Aigul Zhusupbaeva (Ecological Movement ‘Aleyne Plus’; jaigul@gmail.com)
“Innovative Discipline in Favor of Environmental Solutions”
Asel Abubakirova (The Scientific and Educational Society for Cultural Studies, Academy of Public Administration under President of the Kyrgyz Republic; asela@mail.ru)
“Innovations in the Modern Culture of Kyrgyzstan”
Ailuna Shamurzaeva (International Ataturk-Alatoo University; ailuna.shamurzaeva@yandex.ru)
“Innovations in Migration Regulation in the Kyrgyz Republic”

PO-03 ♦ Roundtable: Tamerlane Revisited: The New Edition of ‘In the Tracks of Tamerlane’

Schedule: Session 3: Fri., Oct. 6, 8:45-10:30

Chair: Daniel Burghart (National Intelligence University; dlburgh@gmail.com)
Theresa Sabonis-Helf (National Defense University; tsabonis@verison.net)
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Sebastian Peyrouse (George Washington University; speyrouse@email.gwu.edu)
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Bruce Pannier (RFE/RL; pannierb@rferl.org)

PO-04 ♦ Roundtable: Fieldwork in Challenging Settings

Schedule: Session 4: Fri., Oct. 6, 10:45-12:30

Chair: [TBD]
Krista Goff (University of Miami; kgoff@miami.edu)
Jennifer Murtazashvili (University of Pittsburgh; jmutaz@pitt.edu)
Jean-Francois Ratelle (University of Ottawa; jrate066@uottawa.ca)
Edward Schatz (University of Toronto; chair.pol.utm@utoronto.ca)
Sasha Klyachkina (Northwestern University; klyachkina@u.northwestern.edu)
Elena Rodina (Northwestern University; rodina@u.northwestern.edu)

PO-05 ♦ CESS Book Prize Author-Critic Forum: Jesse Driscoll’s ‘Warlords and Coalition Politics in Post-Soviet States’

Schedule: Session 5: Fri., Oct. 6, 14:15-16:00

Chair: Bradley Murg (Seattle Pacific University; murgb@spu.edu)
Jennifer Murtazashvili (University of Pittsburgh; jmutaz@pitt.edu)
Suzanne Levi-Sanchez (San Francisco State University; sule.sanchez@gmail.com)
Stephen Majeski (University of Washington, Seattle; majeski@uw.edu)
Jesse Driscoll (University of California San Diego; jesse.driscoll@gmail.com)

PO-06 ♦ Author-Critic Forum: Regine Spector’s ‘Order at the Bazaar: Power and Trade in Central Asia’

Schedule: Session 6: Sat., Oct. 7, 8:45-10:30

Chair: [TBD]
Amanda Wooden (Bucknell University; amanda.wooden@bucknell.edu)
Emil Dzhuraev (American University of Central Asia; dzhuraev_e@auca.kg)
PO-07 ♦ Authoritarianism

**Schedule:** Session 6: Sat., Oct. 7, 8:45-10:30

*Chair:* [TBD]

*Discussant:* [TBD]

Alan DeYoung (University of Kentucky; aldeyoung@gmail.com)
  
  “Teaching and Research in the Republic of Turkmenistan: Negotiating with the Sponsors?”

Sofya Omarova (Oxford Brookes University; somarova@brookes.ac.uk)
  
  “Deconstructing Authoritarian Legitimacy Claims in Kazakhstan”

Maira Zeinilova (Dublin City University; maira.zeinilova2@mail.dcu.ie)
  
  “Analyzing the Significance of the Changing Pattern of the Descriptive Representation of Women in Authoritarian Regimes: The Case of Kazakhstan”

PO-08 ♦ Conflict in the Caucasus and Central Asia

**Schedule:** Session 7: Sat., Oct. 7, 10:45-12:30

*Chair:* [TBD]

*Discussant:* [TBD]

Grkem Atsungur (American University of Central Asia; gorkematsungur@yahoo.de)
  

Qingming Huang (University of Florida; galiqm@ufl.edu)
  
  “Generational Gap and Ethnic Conflict in Xinjiang”

Natia Jalabadze (Javakhishvili Institute of History and Ethnology, Tbilisi State University; natia_jalabadze@posta.ge)
  
  “Interethnic Relations in the Borderlands: The Case of Georgia and North Ossetia -Alania”

Emrullah Uslu (Virginia International University; euslu@viu.edu)
  
  “Caucasian, Central Asian-origin and Uyghur Militant Islamist Network in Turkey”

PO-09 ♦ Revolution and Opposition

**Schedule:** Session 8: Sat., Oct. 7, 14:15-16:00

*Chair:* [TBD]

*Discussant:* [TBD]

Rebecca Clendenen (University of Illinois at Chicago; rclend2@uic.edu)
  
  “Articulations of Legitimacy in the Orange Revolution”

Maia Machavariani (Dublin City University; mako.machavariani@gmail.com)
  
  “Political Opposition versus Sources of Power in the Caspian Region; Case Studies from Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan”

Elena Semenova (Free University of Berlin, Germany; s6seel2@googlemail.com)
  
  “Why Revolutions Fail? Political Elites in Kyrgyzstan”
Religion

RE-01 ♦ Islam in Central Asia 1

Schedule: Session 6: Sat., Oct. 7, 8:45-10:30

Chair: [TBD]
Discussant: [TBD]

Shahnoza Madaeva (National University of Uzbekistan; shahnoza.madaeva@yahoo.com) and Nargiza Hidirova
“Islam, Power and Mechanisms of Formation of Religious Identity in Fergana Valley”

Nazif Shahrani (Indiana University, Bloomington; shahrani@indiana.edu)
“Wahhabi’ Narrations of the First Muslims in the Mid-1990s for Post-Soviet Central Asians”

Paul Kubicek (Oakland University; kubicek@oakland.edu)
“Islamist Political Orientations Among Central Asian Youth”

RE-02 ♦ Islam in Central Asia 2

Schedule: Session 7: Sat., Oct. 7, 10:45-12:30

Chair: [TBD]
Discussant: [TBD]

Mukaram Toktogulova (American University of Central Asia. Bishkek; mucaramt@yahoo.com)
“Religious Mobilities of Masturat (Female Tablighies) in Kyrgyzstan”

Yanti Hoelzchen (Frobenius Institute, Frankfurt University, Germany; hoelzchen@em.uni-frankfurt.de)
“Institutionalizing Islam? The Making of Religious Knowledge (Ilim) in Northern Kyrgyzstan”

Daria Saprynskaya (Moscow State University; saprynskayadv@gmail.com)
“The Role of Islam in the Process of Oralman’s Social Adaptation in Kazakhstan”

Charles Weller (Washington State University and Georgetown University; rc.weller@wsu.edu)
“Abai and Islam in Soviet and Post-Soviet Perspective”

RE-03 ♦ Religion in the Caucasus

Schedule: Session 7: Sat., Oct. 7, 10:45-12:30

Chair: [TBD]
Discussant: [TBD]

Kevin Tuite (Universit de Montral; kj.tuite@umontreal.ca)
“The Institutional and Popular Cults of the Military Saints in the Western Caucasus”

Nino Ghambashidze (Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University Javakhishvili Institute of History and Ethnology; nino_gambashidze1955@yahoo.com)
“Forms of the Georgian Traditional Pilgrimage and the Modern Orthodox Autocephalous Church of Georgia”

Lavrenti Janiashvili (TSU Ivane Javakhishvili Institute of History and Ethnology, Tbilisi; jlavrenti@yahoo.com)
“Traditional Festivals against the Background of Ethno-demographic Transformations: Some Aspects of Georgian-Ossetian Relations in Kazbegi District”

Ketevan Khutsishvili (Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University; ketevan.khutsishvili@tsu.ge) and Rozeta Gujejiani (Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University; rgujejian@gmail.com)
“Believe in One’s Own Way: Changing Forms of Religiosity in Georgia”
RS-01 ♦ Afghanistan

**Schedule:** Session 6: Sat., Oct. 7, 8:45-10:30

Chair: [TBD]
Discussant: [TBD]

Lenny Linke (Independent Scholar; j.linke@gmail.com)
“Transiting in the Shadow? Trade, Economy and Traditions Across the Afghan-Pakistani Border”

Sayed Nooroddin Alavi (Kabul University; nooroddinalawi@gmail.com)
“Corruption in Afghanistan: Factors, Types and Consequences”

Christina Sciabarra (Bellevue College; christina.sciabarra@gmail.com) and Farzana Hervey (University of Arizona; farzanamarie@gmail.com)
“No Time for Love-Songs: Utilizing Contemporary Afghan Women’s Poetry to Understand Peacebuilding in Post-9/11 Afghanistan”

Bill Mankins (Indiana University; bmankins@indiana.edu)
“Epistemology, Intelligence, and Strategy in the US Armed Intervention in Afghanistan”

RS-02 ♦ Azerbaijan

**Schedule:** Session 6: Sat., Oct. 7, 8:45-10:30

Chair: [TBD]
 Discussant: [TBD]

Cristina Boboc (Ghent University; cristina.boboc@ugent.be)
“Not Halal, Nor Haram: The Double Life of the Azerbaijani Middle Class”

Galib Bashirov (Florida International University; gbashiro@fiu.edu)
“Deconstructing Multiculturalism Discourse in Azerbaijan”

Lon Gibson (Kennesaw State University; lgibso26@kennesaw.edu)
“Religious Tolerance in the Land of Fire”

RS-03 ♦ Kazakhstan 1 : Journalism, Public Opinion and Protest

**Schedule:** Session 7: Sat., Oct. 7, 10:45-12:30

Chair: [TBD]
Discussant: [TBD]

Nazgul Shyngyssova (Independent Scholar; nazgul_71@mail.ru), Bakbergen Makulbekov (; ), Aliya Boranbayeva (; ), Saule Makulbekova (; ) and Saida Makulbekova (Narxoz University; saidanegiz@gmail.com)
“Are We Living through a ‘Golden Age’ of Tabloid Journalism?”

Galiya Ibrayeva (Al-Farabi Kazakh National University; galiya.ibrayeva@gmail.com)
“Why Study Journalism: Perspectives of Future Kazakh Journalists”

Barbara Junisbai (Pitzer College; barbara_junisbai@pitzer.edu), Azamat Junisbai (Pitzer College; ajunisba@pitzer.edu) and Baurzhan Zhusupov (National Medical Academy; zhusupov.b@kaznmu.kz)
“The Nazarbayev Generation and Public Opinion in Kazakhstan”

Ajay Kumar Patnaik (Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi; patnaik.ajay@gmail.com)
“Causes and Nature of Protests in Kazakhstan”
RS-04 ♦ Kazakhstan 2: Nationalism and Identity

Schedule: Session 8: Sat., Oct. 7, 14:15-16:00

Chair: [TBD]
Discussant: [TBD]
Mukhtar Senggirbay (Suleyman Demirel University; mukhtar.zh@gmail.com)
“Socio-Psychological Conditions Influencing the Ethno-Cultural Identity Shift of Kazakhstan Russians”
Elise Ahn (University of Wisconsin-Madison; eahn@international.wisc.edu)
“A Phenomenological Look at Historical Diasporas in Kazakhstan: Situating the Experiences of Kazakhstan Koreans”
Alexander Diener (University of Kansas; diener@ku.edu), Nora Webb Williams (University of Washington; norawebbwilliams@gmail.com) and Kristoffer Rees (Indiana University East; kmrees@iue.edu)
“Civic Nationalism in Kazakhstan: Results from 2017 Fieldwork”

RS-05 ♦ Kyrgyzstan

Schedule: Session 8: Sat., Oct. 7, 14:15-16:00

Chair: [TBD]
Discussant: [TBD]
Emil Dzhuraev (American University of Central Asia; emil.joroev@gmail.com)
“Post-Revolutionary Nationalism in Kyrgyzstan”
Sarah Hummel (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; shummel@illinois.edu)
“Saying No: Determinants of Dissent Among Kyrgyz Legislators”
Azamat Junisbai (Pitzer College, Claremont University Consortium; ajunisba@pitzer.edu) and Barbara Junisbai (Pitzer College, Claremont University Consortium; bjunisba@pitzer.edu)
“Institutional Trust in Kazakhstan vs. Kyrgyzstan: How Do the Divergent Trajectories Matter?”

RS-06 ♦ Mongolia and China

Schedule: Session 8: Sat., Oct. 7, 14:15-16:00

Chair: [TBD]
Discussant: [TBD]
Sandrine Emmanuelle Catris (Augusta University; scatris@augusta.edu)
“The Cultural Revolution and the “Xinjiang Wenti”: The Beijing Narrative”
Sureyya Yigit (Yalova University, Turkey; sureyya@cantab.net)
“Mongolian Transition: The Normative Role of the European Union”
Sharad Soni (Centre for Inner Asian Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi (India); sharadsoni@gmail.com)
“Reassessing Mongolian Foreign Policy amidst Quest for ‘Permanent Neutrality’”

RS-07 ♦ Sovereignty and Governance in the Caucasus

Schedule: Session 9: Sun., Oct. 8, 8:45-10:30

Chair: [TBD]
Discussant: [TBD]
John Latham-Sprinkle (School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London; jl98@soas.ac.uk)  
“Sovereignty and Treason in the Medieval Caucasus”

Farid Shafiyev (MFA of Azerbaijan; shafiyev@netscape.net)  

Sasha Klyachkina (Northwestern University; klyachkina@u.northwestern.edu)  
“Reconstruction of Local Order and Governance: Responses to State Collapse in the North Caucasus”

RS-08 ♦ Tatarstan  
Schedule: Session 9: Sun., Oct. 8, 8:45-10:30

Chair: [TBD]  
Discussant: [TBD]

Liliya Karimova (Kennan Institute/George Washington University; liliyakarimova@gmail.com)  
“The Transformative Shariah: Polygyny, Faith, and Community in Tatarstan”

Rezeda Safiullina-Al Ansi (Kazan Federal University; rezedasaf@mail.ru)  
“The Volga Tatars? Religious Discourse and the State: Historical Perspectives and Present-Day Discussions”

Leila Almazova (Kazan Federal University; leilaalmazova@gmail.com)  
“Teaching Religion at Schools in the Republic of Tatarstan (2011-2017)”

Sansar Tsakhirmaa (Johns Hopkins University; ssan2@jhu.edu)  
“Comparative Institutionalized Bilingualism in Tatarstan, Russia and Xinjiang, China: Findings and Explanations”

RS-09 ♦ Uzbekistan  
Schedule: Session 10: Sun., Oct. 8, 10:45-12:30

Chair: [TBD]  
Discussant: [TBD]

Zachary Schuyler (University of Chicago; zschuyl@uchicago.edu)  
“Kirimov’s Legacy? Evoking the Body and Flesh of Timur”

Nargiza Usmanova (Independent Scholar; nargizausmanova@yahoo.com)  
“The Difference in Work Ethic and Personality between Older and Younger Generations in Uzbekistan during the Transition Period”

William Dirks (Independent Scholar; williamdirks@gmail.com)  
“The Elusive ‘Clans’ of Uzbekistan”

Issues of Scholarship

SC-01 ♦ 2015 Public Outreach Award: CESMI: Central Eurasian Scholars and Media Initiative  
Schedule: Session 8: Sat., Oct. 7, 14:15-16:00

Chair: Annika Schmeding (CESMI; annika.schm@yahoo.com)  
David W. Montgomery (University of Pittsburgh; montgomery@cedarnetwork.org)  
Bruce Pannier (Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty; pannierb@rferl.org)  
Carolin Maertens (Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich, PhD candidate; image@posteo.de)

*Schedule:* Session 1: Thurs., Oct. 5, 14:15-16:00

*Chair:* [TBD]
*Discussant:* [TBD]

Olena Levenets (Tallinn University of Technology; olenkalevenets@gmail.com)
“Informal Practices in Healthcare: Case of Ukraine”

Dina Sharipova (KIMEP University; dina.sharipova@kimep.kz)
“Informal Exchanges in Higher and Secondary Education in Kazakhstan”

Natsuko Oka (Institute of Developing Economies, Japan External Trade Organization; na2koka@gmail.com)
“Grades and Degrees for Sale: Informal Exchanges in Kazakhstan’s Education Sector”

SO-02 ♦ Islamic Practices and Entrepreneurship in Russia

*Schedule:* Session 2: Thurs., Oct. 5, 16:15-18:00

*Chair:* [TBD]
*Discussant:* [TBD]

Rano Turaeva (Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology; r.turaeva@gmail.com)
“The Role of Mosques in the Integration of Migrants”

Dmitriy Oparin (Moscow State University; dimaoparin@hotmail.com)
“Ethnic Imams and the Role of Ethnicity in Religious Practices in Moscow”

Izzat Aman (Independent Scholar; izzataman@mail.ru)
“Halal Businesses of Muslims in Russia”

SO-03 ♦ Roundtable: Socio-political Activism in Central Asia: Gender, Nationalism, and Neoliberalism

*Schedule:* Session 3: Fri., Oct. 6, 8:45-10:30

*Chair:* Svetlana Peshkova (University of New Hampshire; s.peshkova@unh.edu)
Selbi Jumayeva (FRIDA/Global Fund for Women; selbi.d@gmail.com)
Samuel Buelow (Indiana University-Bloomington; srbuelow@umail.iu.edu)
Yelena V. Muzykina (Al-Farabi Kazakh National University; m_yelena73@mail.ru)
Joanna Pares Hoare (Amnesty International; joanna.j.p.hoare@gmail.com)

SO-04 ♦ Gender, Migration and Patriarchy

*Schedule:* Session 4: Fri., Oct. 6, 10:45-12:30

*Chair:* [TBD]
*Discussant:* [TBD]

Zulfiya Bakhtibekova (Independent Scholar; z.bakhtibekova@gmail.com)
“Who Is the Head of the Household? Women as Guardians of Patriarchy in Tajikistan”

Cholpon Turdalieva (American University of Central Asia; turdalieva@gmail.com)
“Gendered Mobility and ‘Transport Social Exclusion’ in Bishkek”
Saltanat Akhmetova (Nazarbayev University; saltanat.akhmetova@nu.edu.kz)
“Gender Perspective on Ethnic Migration: The Case of Female Returnees in Shygys Village”

SO-05 ♦ Migration 1

Schedule: Session 5: Fri., Oct. 6, 14:15-16:00

Chair: [TBD]
Discussant: [TBD]

Anna Cieślenska (the Institute of Oriental Studies at the Jagiellonian University in Cracow; aciesleswska@gmail.com) and Zuzanna Blajet (; zuzablajet@gmail.com)
“Changes in Religious Traditions of Migrants from Central Asia in the Russian Federation”

Canan Cetin (yildirim beyazit university; canatune@gmail.com)
“The Gravity Model of Migration Applied to Central Asia?”

Vanessa Ruget (Salem State University; vruget@salemstate.edu)
“Kyrgyzstan’s Accession to the Eurasian Economic Union: Labor Migrants’ Perspective”

Nodira Kholmatova (European University Institute in Florence, Italy; nodira.kholmatova@eui.eu)
“Changing the Face of Labor Migration? The Feminization of Labor Migration from Tajikistan to Russia”

SO-06 ♦ Migration 2

Schedule: Session 6: Sat., Oct. 7, 8:45-10:30

Chair: [TBD]
Discussant: [TBD]

Jakhongir Kakhkarov (Griffith University; jkakhkarov@hotmail.com)
“Remittances and Financial Development in Transition Economies”

Bakhrom Radjabov (University of Tsukuba; b.radjabov@gmail.com)
“Social Remittances Created by Uzbek Students Studying in Kassel, Germany and Tsukuba, Japan: A Comparative Analysis”

Vasili Rukhadze (The Jamestown Foundation; vrukhadz@kent.edu)
“Mass Migration and Economic Crisis in the Caucasus and Central Asia: Which Starts First and How Do They Impact Each Other?”

Farrukh Irnazarov (Central Asian Development Institute; irfarrukh@yahoo.com)
“The Impact of Russian Re-entry Bans on Central Asian Labor Migrants’ Coping Strategies”

SO-07 ♦ Social Media

Schedule: Session 7: Sat., Oct. 7, 10:45-12:30

Chair: [TBD]
Discussant: [TBD]

Inessa Beloglazova (Kazan Federal University; igbeloglazova@gmail.com)
“Citing the Quran on the Internet: Social Networks (On Material of Community Islam...”

Karlyga Myssayeva (associated professor; myssayeva.kn@gmail.com)
“The Impact of Social Media in Kazakhstan”

Katy Pearce (University of Washington; kepearce@uw.edu), Jessica Vitak (University of Maryland; ) and Kristen Barta (University of Washington; )
“Socially Mediated Visibility: Friendship and Dissent in Authoritarian Azerbaijan”

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Amita Vempati (Independent Scholar; amita.b.vempati@gmail.com)  
“#tajik: Post-Soviet Nationalism, Curated Cosmopolitanism, and the Politics of Hashtag Use”

SO-08 ♦ Cities in Central Asia

Schedule: Session 8: Sat., Oct. 7, 14:15-16:00

Chair: [TBD]
Discussant: [TBD]
Emil Nasritdinov (American University of Central Asia; emilzn@gmail.com) and Raushanna Sarkeyeva (; )
“Structure and Texture of Bishkek’s Urban Communities: Who Has a Right to the City?”
Vladimir Ionesov (Samara State Institute of Culture; acdis@mail.ru)
“Samara and Samarkand in Dialogue of Cities: Experience of Transcultural Samarkandiana Project”
Gulrano Ataeva (Research Participant; getasmile19@gmail.com)
“Multiethnic Communities of Kyrgyzstan, Implications for Pluralism, Case Study of Isfana Town”
Christilla Marteau d’Autry (Center of Comparative Sociology and Ethnology (LESC); cmdautry@gmail.com)
“The Foundation of a Mahalla: An Ongoing Process”

SO-09 ♦ Women in Central Asia

Schedule: Session 9: Sun., Oct. 8, 8:45-10:30

Chair: [TBD]
Discussant: [TBD]
Dilnoza Khashilova (University of Wyoming; dkhasilo@uwyo.edu)
“Triple Consciousness and Moments of Transformation: ‘Mystory’ of an Uzbek Girl”
John Schoeberlein (Nazarbayev University; johnschoeberlein@gmail.com)
“What Women Shouldn’t Be Allowed to Do: Religion as a Challenge to Analytical Norms of Modernity”
Elmira Satybaldieva (University of Kent; elmira.satybaldy@gmail.com)
“A Mob for Hire? The Older Women’s Agency and Politics in Kyrgyzstan”
Xeniya Udod (Nazarbayev University; xeniya.udod@nu.edu.kz)
“A Choir of Soloists: Agendas and Controversies of Contemporary Feminist Unions in Kazakhstan”

SO-10 ♦ Families in Central Asia

Schedule: Session 9: Sun., Oct. 8, 8:45-10:30

Chair: [TBD]
Discussant: [TBD]
Saltanat Childress (University of Wisconsin-Madison, Center for Russia, East Europe, and Central Asia; saltanatdc@gmail.com)
“Understanding Help-seeking and Coping Mechanisms among Women Survivors of Domestic Abuse in Kyrgyzstan: A Qualitative Study”
Gulrukh Rakhimova (Independent Scholar; gulrukhrakhimova1@gmail.com)
“Intercultural Parenting among Russian-speaking Families in Uzbekistan”
Swetlana Torno (Cluster "Asia and Europe in a Global Context," Heidelberg University; swetlana.torno@asia-europe.uni-heidelberg.de)  
“Mothers in Sorrow: On the Interrelations of Love, Care and Aging in Tajikistan”

Helene Thibault (Nazarbayev University; helene.thibault@nu.edu.kz)  
“Second-wives and Other Polygynous Arrangements in Astana”

SO-11 ♦ Family and Childhood

*Schedule:* Session 10: Sun., Oct. 8, 10:45-12:30

*Chair:* [TBD]

*Discussant:* [TBD]

Tripp Rosenfelt (Basis Tucson North; rosenfelt@uchicago.edu)  
“Emigration and Exile: Teenage Voices Across the Uyghur Diaspora”

Margarethe Waldt (Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology Halle, Germany; waldt@eth.mpg.de)  
“Taking Chances: How People in Karakalpakstan Frame Their Youth in School Stories”

Mehmet Kasikci (Arizona State University; mehmet.kasikci@asu.edu)  
“Socialist Visions in the Periphery: Imagining Childhood in Soviet Kazakhstan”

Guangqing Chi (Pennsylvania State University; gchi@psu.edu), Annelise Hagedorn (Pennsylvania State University; ), Christian Scott (Pennsylvania State University; ) and Geoffrey Henebry (South Dakota State University; )  
“Left-Behind Children in Kyrgyzstan: Lost in Labor Migration, Remittances, and Poverty”
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