Dear Colleagues and Guests,

Welcome to the Joint ESCAS-CESS Conference, and welcome to the American University of Central Asia!

This is for us a very special event, not only as it represents the largest international conference on Central Asia/Eurasia ever to be held within the region, but it also marks several milestones in the field. This is the 15th Biennial ESCAS conference, marking more than three decades of ESCAS’s existence, and the second of its conferences that follow the pattern of alternating between Central Asia and Europe as an expression of the society’s commitment to building a strong bridge between European and Central Asian scholarship on the region. It is also CESS’s Sixth Regional Conference (the 23rd CESS conference overall), in which CESS returns to Kyrgyzstan — one of our keynote speakers this year, Gulnara Aitpaeva and her Aigine research center hosted the first CESS Regional Conference at Isiq Köl in 2008. This conference represents the first collaborative conference between CESS and ESCAS, in what is planned to be a long-standing cooperation, whereby the two societies will jointly organize conferences in the region every four years.

The conference promises to be an extraordinary event, with about 400 participants contributing to nearly 100 panels on the full range of topics in the social sciences and humanities. We welcome participants from nearly 40 countries, including more than half coming from countries of Eurasia and nearly one quarter coming from Europe. There will be two keynote speeches, by Paolo Sartori and Gulnara Aitpaeva, both of which in different ways challenge us to think differently about religion in Central Asia. There will also be a rich cultural program, including explorations of Bishkek and its environs as well as an exhibition and a musical performance.

Being hosted by the American University of Central Asia is also significant, as the support for this event is a reflection of AUCA’s commitment to providing a home for open scholarly discourse and research activity that pushes the cutting edge in many fields. It is AUCA’s Central Asian Studies Institute (CASI) that has been responsible for the tremendous efforts that have gone into hosting this conference. Since its establishment in 2011, CASI has emerged as an important platform for support of research activity and for scholarly exchange of ideas and findings, and it has hosted innumerable events, of which this conference is just the largest.

We have many people to thank for the tremendous efforts and support that have made this conference possible. The Conference Committee, drawing on active volunteers from both ESCAS and CESS as well as CASI-affiliated scholars at AUCA, undertook the huge collaboration that is necessary for vetting proposals in a very selective process, communicating with hundreds of participants, and putting together a complex program of up to 12 simultaneous panels in ten sessions across four days. The core members of the committee, Aksana Ismailbekova, Svetlana Jacquesson, Beatrice Penati, John Schoeberlein and Dina Sharipova have been heavily preoccupied with the conference organization for many months, and the broader list of members of the Conference Committee given below only begins to mark out the broad network extending to many more scholars who contributed to this effort. We are also tremendously grateful to Aida Konokbaeva and the other staff of CASI and AUCA without whose skills and energies this event would not be possible.

Not least, we are grateful to all of the participants who are coming from all corners of the world — overcoming all sorts of obstacles and challenges to do their research and to share it generously with all of us here.

Sincerely,

John Schoeberlein,
ESCAS President; CESS Past President; Professor of Anthropology, Nazarbayev University

Svetlana Jacquesson,
ESCAS Board Member; Director, Central Asian Studies Institute, American University of Central Asia
Conference Program

Joint ESCAS-CESS Conference
June 29-July 2, 2017

Fifteenth Biennial Conference of the European Society for Central Asian Studies
Sixth Regional Conference of the Central Eurasian Studies Society

American University of Central Asia
Central Asian Studies Institute
Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic
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Conference Speakers and Organizers

Paolo Sartori - Keynote Speaker
Paolo Sartori is a senior fellow at the Austrian Academy of Sciences (Vienna). His last book *Visions of Justice: Sharīʿa and Cultural Change in Russian Central Asia* (Brill, 2016) is a wide-range assessment of the bureaucratic and judicial practices which changed Muslims’ legal consciousness under Tsarist rule. This work also engages contemporary academic debates on legal pluralism, colonialism, imperial, and global history. In 2013, he received the START prize of the Austrian Science Fund for his ongoing project “Seeing like an Archive: Documents and Forms of Governance in Islamic Central Asia.” Dr. Sartori has published abundantly on law and forms of communal organization, epistemologies of documentation, manuscript culture and the circulation of knowledge in the modern history of Central Asia. He is the editor-in-chief of the *Journal of the Economic and Social History of the Orient* (Brill).

Gulnara Aitpaeva - Keynote Speaker
Gulnara Aitpaeva is the director of the Aigine Cultural Research Center, which was founded by her in 2004 with the mission of expanding research on less known aspects of the cultural and natural heritage of Kyrgyzstan, integrating folk and scholar epistemologies. Currently she is also acting as an academic adviser at the Theory of Literature Department of the Kyrgyz-Russian Slavonic University and a member of the Joint Council for the Defense of Candidate and Doctoral Dissertations of the Kyrgyz State University and the National Academy of Science. Dr. Aitpaeva is the author of more than 50 publications on Kyrgyz literature and epics, sacred sites and cultural heritage. She has edited 14 books and textbooks on sacred sites and traditional knowledge.
Svetana Jacquesson - Director, Central Asian Studies Institute
Svetana Jacquesson is the director of the Central Asian Studies Institute, and the head of the MA program in Central Asian Studies at the American University of Central Asia. Before joining AUCA in 2012, she was a senior research fellow at the Institut français d’études sur l’Asie centrale (Tashkent, Uzbekistan) and the Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology (Halle, Germany). Dr. Jacquesson is the editor of several collective volumes — in both French and English — on the anthropology and history of Central Asia, and she has published extensively on various aspects of identity construction in Kyrgyzstan and beyond. Svetlana has been a member of ESCAS Board since 2015 and play a key role in organizing the Joint ESCAS-CESS Conference.

Andrew Wachtel - President, American University of Central Asia
Andrew Wachtel is the president of the American University of Central Asia. Under his leadership, AUCA found home in the first privately-funded environment-friendly campus in Central Asia and is on its way to becoming a major study destination for both undergraduate and graduate students from all over the world. Dr. Wachtel has supported and encouraged the opening of several innovative undergraduate programs, and the full array of social science graduate programs at AUCA. He has also helped to reshape and consolidate AUCA’s two research centers: the Central Asian Studies Institute and the Tian Shan Policy Center. Prior to his position at AUCA, he worked as the dean of the Graduate School and the director of the Roberta Buffett Center for International and Comparative Studies at Northwestern University in the US. His academic interests range from Russian literature and culture, to East European and Balkan culture, history and politics, and to contemporary Central Asia.

John Schoeberlein - ESCAS and CESS
John Schoeberlein is President of the European Society for Central Asian Studies and one of its longstanding members. He is completing his term in the presidency of the Central Eurasian Studies Society — now for the second time, as he was the founding President in 2000-2003. As Chair of the Joint ESCAS-CESS Conference Committee, he played a central role in organizing this conference. Before taking a position as professor of anthropology at Nazarbayev University in 2012 to help build Eurasian studies in the new institution, he taught for nearly twenty years at Harvard University, and served there as Director of the Program on Central Asia and the Caucasus. His research focuses on identity, religion, secularism and related topics. His current research projects focus on Georgia and Kazakhstan.
Beatrice Penati - Vice-President, ESCAS
Beatrice Penati is assistant professor of history at Nazarbayev University, where she teaches history of Central Asia and Kazakhstan, the USSR, comparative colonialism, and Eurasian trade relations. She holds a co-directed PhD from the Ecole des hautes études en sciences sociales (Paris) and the Scuola Normale Superiore (Pisa). She was a post-doc at the Slavic Research Center (Sapporo) and the University of Manchester. Her research concerns agrarian change and economic policy in Tsarist Turkestan and in early Soviet Central Asia, at the crossroads between political, economic, and environmental history. Her first book, *To feed and to mobilize: land reform and rural economy in early Soviet Central Asia*, is in preparation. She has been the vice-president of ESCAS since 2015.

Dina Sharipova - Secretary, ESCAS
Dina Sharipova is assistant professor of political science, and research director of the College of Social Sciences at the KIMEP University in Almaty, Kazakhstan. She received her PhD in political science from Indiana University (Bloomington) in 2013. Dr. Sharipova’s research interests include state-building, informal institutions, and identity in Central Asia. She has published articles on nationalism, national identity and the transformation of informal institutions. She is the current secretary of ESCAS.

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Some Features of the Cultural Program

**Photo/Multimedia Exhibition: Nicolas Villaume.**

*A journey into Central Asia’s biocultural diversity*

Venue: AUCA, 4th floor

The exhibition is part of Villaume’s project on “People and plants” which aims at the preservation of the knowledge, unique connection to the land and traditional respect for the surrounding ecosystems that local farmers and traditional healers in Central Asia have acquired and passed down over many generations.

**Kyrgyz Folk Music: Ustatshakirt**

June 29, 18:00, AUCA, Forum

The Ustatshakirt music ensemble was established under the Ustatshakirt Traditional Music Center, with the support of the Musical Initiative Program of the Aga Khan Foundation. Founded in 2005, the Center is dedicated to the preservation, development, and promotion of traditional Kyrgyz music. The musicians of Ustatshakirt have performed in North America, Europe, Asia, and North Africa, and won various national and international music competitions.

**Walking History Workshop**

Walking, or wandering, being aware of landscape and the land, is a well-established methodology for understanding or critiquing life. Walking allows to unearth obscured spaces, to pursue experiences both physical and metaphysical, and to uncover pleasure, freedom and meaning. Walking has also shaped the city. This two-hour walking workshop will be led by Yuri Boyarin. It will encourage the participants to open their senses and to see, hear, smell and feel things: things previously unnoticed. Let’s see how much of Bishkek’s past can be uncovered by walking down only one of its (key) streets: Chuy avenue. We will take photographs, sound recordings and notes about things that seem oddly out of place, or about things that fit right in their place. Participants will then discuss about what they saw, experienced and felt during their walk at a panel on “Walking History” on July 1, right after the second walking history tour.
Guided Tour 1 - Science and Technology (by STAB)
The tour explores the Soviet productive utopia and its physical reminiscences, buildings and structures that have shaped the city. “Science and Technology” is one of the most influential utopias of the last century, the formula of development of the Soviet society to a triumphant overcoming of alienation, suffering, diseases and even death. The tour presents urban facilities in Frunze/Bishkek that furthered the idea of science as a total organizing power – the building of the Academy of Sciences, experimental “Albanski” house, factory “Ilbirs,” Planetarium, Society “Znanie” (Knowledge).

Guided Tour 2 - Fragmented Dream: Monumental Mosaics 1960-1980 (by STAB)
The purpose of the tour and the map is to draw attention of the residents and visitors of the city to the artistic heritage of the socialist modernization project of the 60-80’s. It also offers new forms of urban activism – urban exploration – as well as helps to preserve these mosaics in Bishkek, since many of them, despite being under the state’s protection status, are in poor condition.

Ata Beyit Historical and Memorial Complex
Ata Beyit, Kyrgyz for “Grave of Our Fathers,” is a memorial complex located in Chong-Tash, a village in the Chui Province about 15 miles south of Bishkek. The site honors two dark episodes in Kyrgyzstan’s history: the mass murders that occurred in 1938 at the hands of the NKVD during Stalin’s purges, and the deaths of those who fought in the Kyrgyzstan’s 2010 Revolution.

One Day Tour to Ala-Archa
Ala-Archa is the most visited gorge and national park in Kyrgyzstan located 35 km away from Bishkek. 200 square kilometers are covered by coniferous forests and a crystal river framed with mighty mountains. The gorge is flanked by tall, snow-covered peaks with steep-sided, forested, mountain slopes.

More about the Cultural Program and Additional Events Can Be Found on the Website
escas-cess.auca.kg/cultural_and_side_events/
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**ED-01 ♦ Educational Reform Goals and Achievements**

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*Chair:* Christopher Whitsel (North Dakota State University)

*Discussant:* Sari Eriksson (University of Helsinki, Aleksanteri Institute)

Duishon Shamatov (Nazarbayev University, Graduate School of Education) and Zhibek Tleshova (Academy of Public Administration under the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan)

“Research Capacity Building of PhD Students in Kazakhstani Universities”

Zeynep Tuba Sungur (Middle East Technical University)

“Education Policies of Afghanistan on National Identity Formation”

Yuhui Li (Rowan University)

“Higher Education Reform, Assistance Program and OBOR Development in Xinjiang”

Zumrad Kataeva (Higher School of Economics, Moscow)


**RE-01 ♦ Islam and Migration in Russia**

*Note:* Mixed language (English, Russian)

*Schedule:* Thurs., June 2, 14:00-15:45; *Location:* Room G34 (Ground Floor)

*Chair:* Emil Nasritdinov (American University of Central Asia)

*Discussant:* Galina Yemelianova (University of Birmingham)

Rano Turaeva (Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology)

“The Role of Mosques in the Integration of Migrants”

Dmitriy Oparin (Moscow State University)

“Ethnic Imams and the Role of Ethnicity in Religious Practices in Moscow”

Izzat Aman (Independent Scholar)

“Halal Businesses of Muslims in Russia”


*Schedule:* Thurs., June 2, 14:00-15:45; *Location:* Room 220

*Moderator:* Kristoffer Rees (Indiana University East)

Diana Kudaibergenova (Lund University/University of Cambridge)

Mohira Suyarkulova (American University of Central Asia, Central Asian Studies Institute)

Dina Sharipova (KIMEP University)

Douglas Blum (Providence College)

**EC-01 ♦ Unsustainable Economies?**

*Schedule:* Thurs., June 2, 14:00-15:45; *Location:* Room 304

*Chair:* David Pearce (World Bank / Asian Development Bank)

*Discussant:* Balihar Sanghera (University of Kent)
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Rahat Sabyrbekov (American University of Central Asia)
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Charles Becker (Duke University), Nurgul Ukueva (American University of Central Asia) and Kathryn H. Anderson (Vanderbilt University)
“Urban and Rural Living Standards Differentials in the Kyrgyz Republic: Why Does Anyone Remain in the Countryside?”

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Christopher Fort (University of Michigan)
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Joshua Freeman (Harvard University)
“The Ili Century: Sadir Palwan and the Making of the Modern Uyghur Pantheon”
Christopher Baker (American University of Central Asia, Central Asian Studies Institute)
“A Civilization in Pieces: Collecting and Its Contradictions in Dombrovsky’s ‘The Keeper of Antiquities’”

SC-01 ♦ Connecting Spaces: Central Asia and Its Neighborhoods

Schedule: Thurs., June 2, 14:00-15:45; Location: Room 309

Chair: Gulnara Mendikulova (Al-Farabi Kazakh National University)
Discussant: Farkhad Tolipov (Caravan of Knowledge, Tashkent)
Anita Sengupta (Mahanirban Calcutta Research Group)
“Logistical Spaces in Eurasia”
Priya Singh (Mahanirban Calcutta Research Group)
“The Politics of Routes: Reconstructing the Connects in the Central Asian Neighborhood”
Rashmi Doraiswamy (Jamia Millia Islamia University, Academy of International Studies)
“Media and Issues of Identity in Central Asia”
Ranjana Saxena (University of Delhi)
“Central Asia and Russian Literature Linking Civilizations, Humanizing Spaces”


Schedule: Thurs., June 2, 14:00-15:45; Location: Room 410

Moderator: Nick Megoran (Newcastle University)
John Heathershaw (University of Exeter)
Karolina Kluzewska (University of St Andrews)
Alisher Khamidov (Newcastle University)
Keneshbek Sainazarov (Search for Common Ground Kyrgyzstan)
Zhyldyz Tegizbekova (International Ataturk-Alatoo University)
HI-01 ◆ Roundtable: Shaping the Soviet Body Politic

**Schedule:** Thurs., June 2, 14:00-15:45; **Location:** Room 434

**Chair:** Ali Igmen (California State University, Long Beach)

**Discussant:** Marianne Kamp (Indiana University-Bloomington)

Mirlan Bektursunov (Hokkaido University)

“Kara-Kyrgyz Mountain Oblast: First Attempt at Making Soviet Kyrgyzstan”

Vsevolod Kritskiy (Graduate Institute of Geneva)

“Kirghiz Autonomous Socialist Soviet Republic in the Wake of National Delimitation: State Building in the Newly Delimited Regions”

Bolot Abdakhmanov (Institute of the State National Security Committee of the Kyrgyz Republic named after Lieutenant General A. K. Bakaev) and Zuhra Altymyshova (Kyrgyz-Turkish Manas University)


CU-01 ◆ Roundtable: Revitalizing the Musical Heritage of Central Asia: Challenges and Opportunities

Note: Sponsored by University of Central Asia [Mixed language: Russian, English]

**Schedule:** Thurs., June 2, 14:00-15:45; **Location:** Room 435

**Moderator:** Elmira Köchümkulova (University of Central Asia)

Alexander Djumaev (Independent Scholar)

Theodore Levin (Dartmouth College)

Raziya Syrdybaeva (Center Ustatshakirt, Bishkek)

Chorshanbe Goibnazarov (University of Central Asia)

Katherine Freeze (Brown University)

Richard Wolf (Harvard University)

IR-01 ◆ Geopolitical Imagination

**Schedule:** Thurs., June 2, 14:00-15:45; **Location:** Room 440 (CH)

**Chair:** Jildiz Nicharapova (American University of Central Asia)

**Discussant:** Assel Bitabarova (Hokkaido University)

Kelly Hammond (University of Arkansas)

“An Axis Moment: Convergences between Japanese and German Interests in Central Asia during WWII”

Thomas Eder (Mercator Institute for China Studies)

“Challenges to Sino-Russian Rapprochement in Central Asia”

Gulnara Dadabayeva (KIMEP University)

“Eurasian Union: Is It an Attempt to Restore a Soviet Union?”

**Plenary 1 ◆ Thursday, June 29 ◆ 16:15-18:00**

**Location:** AUCA Forum

Keynote Speech:

“The Secular that Never Was: Untangling the Meaning of Islam in Soviet Central Asia”

by Paolo Sartori (Institute of Iranian Studies, Austrian Academy of Sciences)
ED-02 ♦ Roundtable: From Soviet to European to Global? Future Directions for Higher Education in Central Eurasia

Schedule: Fri., June 30, 8:30-10:15; Location: Room T16 (Basement)

Moderator: Dmitry Semyonov (Higher School of Economics, Moscow)
Emma Sabzalieva (University of Toronto)
Martha Merrill (Kent State University)
Zumrad Kataeva (Higher School of Economics, Moscow)
Sari Eriksson (University of Helsinki, Aleksanteri Institute)

RE-02 ♦ Roundtable: Politics of Religious Personhood

Schedule: Fri., June 30, 8:30-10:15; Location: Room G34 (Ground Floor)

Chair: Murad Ismayilov (University of Cambridge)
Discussant: Rano Turaeva (Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology)
Nazif M. Shahrani (Indiana University-Bloomington)
“Politics of Crafting Mu’min or Muslim Personhood in Post-Soviet Uzbekistan”
Mariam Darchiashvili (Ilia State University)
“Religiosity and Capital: Religious Practices of Young Meskhetians from Nasakirali”
Mehmonsho Sharifov (University of Bergen)
“Nafs (Human Nature) and the Paradox of Sovereignty in Tajikistan”

PO-01 ♦ Political Concepts and State Practices

Schedule: Fri., June 30, 8:30-10:15; Location: Room 220

Chair: Aziz Burkhanov (Nazarbayev University)
Discussant: Natsuko Oka (Institute of Developing Economies, Japan External Trade Organization)
Nargiza Chorieva (Nazarbayev University)
“E-government in Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan: Success and Challenges”
Kyle Estes (University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign)
“Titularity and Ethnicized Public Goods Provision in Southern Kyrgyzstan”
Tobias Kraudzun (Freie Universität Berlin)
“Sovereignty as a Resource: Performing a Securitized Border in Tajikistan’s Pamirs”
Khalida Azhigulova (University of Leicester)
“Effectiveness of Refugee Protection in Central Asia: Law, Politics and Practice”

AN-01 ♦ Roundtable: Central Asian Ethnography: A View from Inside [Состояние этнографии в Центральной Азии: взгляд изнутри]

Note: Mixed language (Russian, English)

Schedule: Fri., June 30, 8:30-10:15; Location: Room 307

Moderator: Aida Alymbaeva (Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology)
Kulshat Medeouova [Кулшат Медеуова] (L. N. Gumilyov Eurasian National University)
“Epistemological Break and Random Anthropology”
Abylabek Asankanov [Абылабек Асankanов] (Kyrgyz Academy of Sciences)
“Prospects of Ethnology in Kyrgyzstan [Перспективы этнологии в Кыргызстане]”
Muhiddin Faizulloev [Мухиддин Файзulloев] (State University of Khujand)
“The State of Ethnology in Contemporary Tajikistan”
Joint ESCAS-CESS Conference ♦ AUCA ♦ Session 2 ♦ Friday, June 30 ♦ 8:30-10:15

Ina Heß (Humboldt-University of Berlin) and Lucia Sunder-Plassmann (Humboldt-University of Berlin)
“Ethnography/Anthropology of Central Asia in Literature: A View from Outside”

SC-03 ♦ Roundtable: Bridging Central Asian and Caucasus Area Studies (Part One)

*Schedule:* Fri., June 30, 8:30-10:15; *Location:* Room 410

*Moderator:* Timothy Blauvelt (Illia State University/American Councils for International Education: ACTR/ACCELS)

John Schoeberlein (Nazarbayev University)
Alexander Morrison (Nazarbayev University)
Donnacha Ó Beacháin (Dublin City University)
Ketevan Khutsishvili (Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University)

LT-02 ♦ Roundtable: Soviet Experience and Legacies

*Schedule:* Fri., June 30, 8:30-10:15; *Location:* Room 434

*Chair:* Gulnara Dadabayeva (KIMEP University)

*Discussant:* Georgy Mamedov (Bishkek School of Theory and Activism)

Laura Berdikhojayaeva (International Science Complex “Astana”)
“Representations of Soviet Modernity in Oralkhan Bȯkei’s Works”

Anna Oldfield (Coastal Carolina University)
“Memories Don’t Burn: Soviet Censorship and the Azerbaijani Bard”

Mukhtar Sengirbay (Suleyman Demirel University)
“The Place of Traumatic Soviet Legacy in the History (Re)interpretation and Nation-building Processes in Kazakhstan”

CU-02 ♦ Space, Place and Social Meaning

*Schedule:* Fri., June 30, 8:30-10:15; *Location:* Room 435

*Chair:* Catherine Poujol (Institut Français d’Etudes de l’Asie Centrale, Bishkek)

*Discussant:* Ruslan Rahimov (American University of Central Asia)

Boram Shin (Hanyang University)
“Representation of ‘Home Away from Home’ by Soviet Korean Diaspora Artists in Central Asia”

Ji Eun Sim [심지은] (Hanyang University)
“Film Hanaan (2011): Korea and Uzbekistan Seen from a Margin”

Baktybek Isakov (Kyrgyz-Turkish Manas University)
“Distribution of Resources and Spatial Hierarchy: The Case of Pre-Soviet Kyrgyz Pastoralism”

Katerina Zäch (Independent Scholar)
“Wells: Their Culture and Current Visibility in Everyday Life of People in Kyzyl-Oi, Kyrgyzstan”

PO-02 ♦ Illiberal Conflict Management in Central Asia: Succeeding Where Western Policy Failed?

*Schedule:* Fri., June 30, 8:30-10:15; *Location:* Room 440 (CH)

*Chair:* John Heathershaw (University of Exeter)

*Discussant:* Matteo Fumagalli (Central European University)

Nick Megoran (Newcastle University)
“Kyrgyz Villages in Uzbekistan during the 2010 Ferghana Valley Events”
Joint ESCAS-CESS Conference ♦ AUCA ♦ Session 3 ♦ Friday, June 30 ♦ 10:45-12:30

Joldon Kutmanaliev (European University Institute)
“Conflict Management at the Local Level: Intercommunal Non-aggression Pacts and Intracommunal Policing during the June 2010 Ethnic Violence in Southern Kyrgyzstan”

Alisher Khamidov (Newcastle University)
“Bottom-up Peacekeeping in Southern Kyrgyzstan: How Local Actors Managed to Prevent the Spread of Violence to Aravan, June 2010”

Session 3 ♦ Friday, June 30 ♦ 10:45-12:30

ED-03 ♦ Educators and Their Environment

**Schedule:** Fri., June 30, 10:45-12:30; **Location:** Room T16 (Basement)

**Chair:** Bermet Tursunkulova (American University of Central Asia)
**Discussant:** Tamo Chattopadhay (Bard College)

Mir Afzal (Nazarbayev University, Graduate School of Education)
“Improving Quality of Education through Enhancement of Teachers’ Capacity: Policy Implications for Higher Education”

A. S. CohenMiller (Nazarbayev University), Yelena Tselenko (JSC KAZGUU University), Svetlana Ogay (Nazarbayev University, Graduate School of Education), Aigul Shakhmanova (Kazakh Ablai Khan University of International Relations and World Languages), Amina Saburova (Nazarbayev University, Graduate School of Education) and Roza Sagitova (Olis Language School)
“Conceptualizing a Family-friendly Campus: A Qualitative Study in Kazakhstan”

Jalalidin Jaenbai (Zayed University)
“Teaching Here and There: Comparing University Faculty Work in Kyrgyzstan and USA”

AN-02 ♦ Identity Practices and Orientations

**Schedule:** Fri., June 30, 10:45-12:30; **Location:** Room G34 (Ground Floor)

**Chair:** Indira Alibayeva (Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology)
**Discussant:** Jeanne Féaux de la Croix (Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen)

John Schoebberlein (Nazarbayev University)
“Kazakh Oralmandar and Challenges of Kazakh Identities”

Paulina Simkin (University of Augsburg)
“Finally Our People Have Learned What Coffee Really Is’: Insights into Drinking Coffee and Visiting Cafes in Bishkek”

Katarzyna Jarosz (International University of Logistics and Transport)
“City Identity in the Context of Political Changes and through the Lens of Military Conflict: Case Study of Sukhumi, Abkhazia”

PO-03 ♦ Coping with Conflict

**Schedule:** Fri., June 30, 10:45-12:30; **Location:** Room 220

**Chair:** Dina Sharipova (KIMEP University)
**Discussant:** John Heathershaw (University of Exeter)

Aziz Burkhanov (Nazarbayev University)
“Ukraine Today, Kazakhstan Tomorrow? Crimean Conflict in Kazakhstan’s Political and Media Discourse”

Matteo Fumagalli (Central European University/University of St. Andrews)
“At Home Abroad? Exit, Voice, and Loyalty among Central Asia’s Uzbeks Abroad”
Patrik Meyer (Universitas Muhammadiyah Yogyakarta)  
“SICMa: Sino-Islamic Conflict Management Framework Defusing Tensions between Chinese and Muslims”

Fernando Casal Bertoa (University of Nottingham)  
“Polarizing Politics and the Future of Democracy: Georgia in Comparative Perspective”

Sarah Dorr (University of Leeds)  
“The Transregional Impact of the Arab Spring in Kazakhstan, 2005-2015”

EC-02 ♦ Growth and Development Patterns of Emerging Economies of Central Asia  
**Schedule:** Fri., June 30, 10:45-12:30; **Location:** Room 304

**Chair:** Jayarethanam Pillai (American University of Central Asia)  
**Discussant:** Gregory Dunn (American University of Central Asia)

Urmat Tynaliev (Kazakh-British Technical University) and Carolyn Erdener (KIMEP University)  
“Money Attitudes among Business Students in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan”

Mira Nurmakhanova (KIMEP University)  
“Oil and Growth Challenge in Kazakhstan”

Young-Rae Kim (Mongolia International University) and Seung-Chul Noh (The Seoul Institute)  
“Current Status of International Tourism Network among Countries on Silk and Spice Routes: The Role of Central Asia”

Aisulu Taisarinova [Айсулу Тайсаринова] (Kazakh-German University, Almaty), Nailya Ibragimova [Наиля Ибрагимова] (Kazakh-German University, Almaty) and Zumratkhon Sanakulova (Kazakh-German University, Almaty)  
“Feasibility Study on Perceptiveness of ‘Western Europe-Western China’ Transit Corridor Influence on Development of Regions in the Republic of Kazakhstan”

PO-04 ♦ Legal Norms  
**Schedule:** Fri., June 30, 10:45-12:30; **Location:** Room 306

**Chair:** Gulnara Mendikulova (Al-Farabi Kazakh National University)  
**Discussant:** Meghan McCormack (American University of Central Asia)

Natalia Alenkina (American University of Central Asia) and Nazira Tursunbaeva (Kyrgyz Russian Slavic University)  
“Courts of Biys and Aksakals in Kyrgyzstan: What Does the History Teach?”

Medet Tiulegenov (American University of Central Asia)  
“Diffusion of Democratic Norms in Central Eurasia: Exploring Dyadic Relations on Gender and Ethnic Norms in Transition Countries”

Saltanat Janenova (Nazarbayev University), Roza Tleukhan (Nazarbayev University) and Assiya Karibay (Nazarbayev University)  
“Ethics Codes for Civil Servants: Comparative Analysis of the Practices from OECD Countries and Central Asia”

Galym Zhussipbek (Independent Scholar), Zhanar Nagayeva (Independent Scholar) and Kairat Moldashev (Kazakh-British Technical University / Suleiman Demirel University)  
“Human Rights Education: A Case of a Kazakhstani University”

LI-01 ♦ Current Work in the Field of Turkic Linguistics  
**Schedule:** Fri., June 30, 10:45-12:30; **Location:** Room 308

**Chair:** Giulia Cabras (Qinghai University for Nationalities)  
**Discussant:** Irina Nevskaya (Frankfurt University)
Joshua Meyer (University of Arizona)
“Language Technologies in Central Asia”

Denis Tokmashev (Tomsk Polytechnic University)
“Substrate Phenomena in Tomsk Tatar”

Alexander Sugar (University of Washington)
“Situation Aspect Type of Uyghur Auxiliary Verbs”

Jonathan Washington (Swarthmore College) and Francis Tyers (UiT Norgga árktalaš universitehta / Tartu Ülikool)
“Towards a Systematic Functional Description of Turkic Nominal Morphosyntax”

HI-02 ♦ Imagining Nationhood in the Caucasus

Schedule: Fri., June 30, 10:45-12:30; Location: Room 309

Chair: Thomas Wier (Free University of Tbilisi)
Discussant: Ketevan Khutsishvili (Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University)
Sarah Slye (Independent Scholar)
“Calling for Unity in the Caucasus, 1917-1921”

Timothy Blauvelt (Ilia State University/American Councils for International Education: ACTR/ACCELS)
“Nationalism, Mobilization and Clientalism in Post-Stalinist Abkhazia, 1953-1967”

Donnacha Ó Beacháin (Dublin City University)
“Nation-building and Elections in Abkhazia”

AN-03 ♦ Central Asian Mobilities: Paradigms of Geographies, Practices and Research

Note: Mixed language (English, Russian)
Schedule: Fri., June 30, 10:45-12:30; Location: Room 410

Chair: Cholpon Turdalieva (American University of Central Asia)
Discussant: Emil Nasiritdinov (American University of Central Asia)
Rustam Abdunazarov [Рустам Абдуназаров] (State University of Khujand)
“Creating and Developing Private Route Lines System in the Cities of Post-Soviet Tajikistan”

Anton Nikolotov (Freie Universität Berlin, Berlin Graduate School of Muslim Cultures and Societies)
“Inhabiting the Eurasian Borders and Corridors: Vagrant Sellers of Luck in Moscow”

Aida Alymova (Kyrgyz University of Economics)
“The Narratives of Mobility in Travel Writing by Karl Gustav Mannerheim”

Mukaram Toktogulova (American University of Central Asia)
“Religious Mobilities of ‘Masturat’ in Kyrgyzstan”

HI-03 ♦ Imperial Projects of Economic Transformation

Schedule: Fri., June 30, 10:45-12:30; Location: Room 434

Chair: Beatrice Penati (Nazarbayev University)
Discussant: Gulmira Sultangalieva (Al-Farabi Kazakh National University)
Jack Seitz (Iowa State University)
“Unsettling Agronomists: Agricultural Schools and Experiment Stations on the Kazakh Steppe, 1904-1917”

Yuan Gao (European University at St. Petersburg)
“Make Horses Better? Horse Breeding and Russian Colonization of Turkestan, 1870-1910”

Bakhtiyor Alimdjanov (Saint-Petersburg State University)
“Russian Merchants in Turkestan: The Case of N. I. Ivanov”

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IR-02 ♦ Central Asia’s International Interactions: Identity, Politics, Domination

**Schedule:** Fri., June 30, 10:45-12:30; **Location:** Room 435

**Chair:** Nursultan Nurmukhanov (Independent Scholar)
**Discussant:** Karolina Kłuczewska (University of St Andrews)

Zhanibek Arynov (University of St Andrews)
“Between Opportunity and Threat: Images of the EU in Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan”

Shairbek Dzhuraev (University of St Andrews)
“The Politics of Foreign Policy in New States: The Case of Post-Soviet Kyrgyzstan”

Enayatollah Yazdani (University of Isfahan)
“The Impact of Central Asia’s Internal Dynamics on Its External Relations”

AN-04 ♦ Family Issues and Social Change

**Schedule:** Fri., June 30, 10:45-12:30; **Location:** Room 440 (CH)

**Chair:** Diana Kudaiibergenova (Lund University/University of Cambridge)
**Discussant:** Cynthia Werner (Texas A&M University)

Cynthia Buckley (University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign)
“First Comes Baby: Contraceptive Use and Birth Timing in Tajikistan”

Juliette Cleuziou (University of Paris Nanterre)
“The Irony of Marriage in Contemporary Tajikistan: Discussion on Increasing Wedding Expenses and Growing Matrimonial Instability”

Saltanat Childress (University of Wisconsin-Madison)
“Understanding the Process(es) of Leaving among Women Survivors of Domestic Violence in Kyrgyzstan: A Grounded Theory Study”

Session 4 ♦ Friday, June 30 ♦ 14:30-16:15

ED-04 ♦ What Education Gets You

**Schedule:** Fri., June 30, 14:30-16:15; **Location:** Room T16 (Basement)

**Chair:** Nazgul Mingisheva (Karaganda State Medical University)
**Discussant:** Zhibek Tleshova (Academy of Public Administration under the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan)

Christopher Whitsel (North Dakota State University)
“The Educational Market in Tajikistan and Kazakhstan: A View from Parents”

Zhazira Turlanbekova (Kazakh-British Technical University)
“Comparative Higher Education of Present and Past Kazakhstan”

Fariza Tolesh (Nazarbayev University) and Adele Del Sordi (University of Amsterdam)
“Is the ‘Bolashak Syndrome’ Real? The Expectations, Employment and Innovation Potential of Kazakhstani Graduates Returning from Abroad”

RE-03 ♦ Minority Rights, Secularism and Identity in an ‘Ethnic Democracy’: Muslim Minorities in Post-Soviet Georgia - Part I

**Schedule:** Fri., June 30, 14:30-16:15; **Location:** Room G34 (Ground Floor)

**Chair:** Mariam Darchiashvili (Ilia State University)
**Discussant:** John Schoeberlein (Nazarbayev University)
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Yuliya Biletska (Karabük University)
“Minorities Confront Ethno-Religious Nationalism in an Ethnic Democracy: The Case of Post-Soviet Georgia”

Ayşegül Aydingün (Middle East Technical University)
“The Growing Significance of the Georgian Orthodox Church: A Challenge to Secularism and a Source of Discrimination for Muslim Minorities”

Hazar Ege Gürsoy (Middle East Technical University)
“Remaining between Religion and Ethnicity: Muslim Georgians of Adjara”

PO-05 ♦ Social Capital in Central Asia: Origins and Implications

Schedule: Fri., June 30, 14:30-16:15; Location: Room 220

Chair: Natsuko Oka (Institute of Developing Economies, Japan External Trade Organization)
Discussant: Aziz Burkhanov (Nazarbayev University)
Dina Sharipova (KIMEP University)
“The Determinants of Social Capital in Kazakhstan: Negative or Positive?”
Nurseit Niyazbekov (KIMEP University)
“Non-democratizing Outcomes of Hybrid Social Capital in Kazakhstan”
Didar Kassymova (KIMEP University)
“Networking of Ethnic Repatriates: Cases of Social Capital Efficiency for Kazakhs from China and Uzbekistan”

IR-03 ♦ International Image and Influence

Schedule: Fri., June 30, 14:30-16:15; Location: Room 306

Chair: Kamen Velichkov (L. N. Gumilyov Eurasian National University)
Discussant: Emilbek Dzhuraev (American University of Central Asia)
Assel Bitabarova (Hokkaido University)
“Chinese Thinking about Central Asia: Official Narratives, Expert Perceptions, and Evolving Policies”
Gaukhar Nursha (Al-Farabi Kazakh National University)
“Chinese Soft Power in Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan: A Confucius Institutes Case-study”
Bernardo Teles Fazendeiro (University of St Andrews)
“Civilizational Rhetoric in Uzbekistan’s Foreign Policy: A Consequence of International Misrecognition of Status?”

AN-05 ♦ Between War- and Securitascapes: Case Studies on Everyday Life of the LGBT Community in Bishkek

Note: Mixed language (Russian, English)
Schedule: Fri., June 30, 14:30-16:15; Location: Room 307

Chair: Nina Bagdasarova (American University of Central Asia)
Discussant: Asel Myrzabekova (University of Bonn)
Nurbek Omurov (American University of Central Asia)
“Coming Out as a Strategy of Securitascpe Development for LGBT People in Kyrgyzstan”
Daniyar Orsekov (Данияр Орсеков) (Independent Scholar)
“A Day, a Week, a Year... We Do Not Know What Is Happening to Us Tomorrow...’:
Unimaginable Future of Transgender People as a Part of Their Warscapes [«День, неделя, месяц, год... Мы, в принципе, не знаем, что с нами будет завтра»]”
Aikanysh Eralieva [Айканыш Ералиева] (Independent Scholar)

LI-02 ♦ Linguistic Change

Schedule: Fri., June 30, 14:30-16:15; Location: Room 308

Chair: Alexander Sugar (University of Washington)
Discussant: Jonathan Washington (Swarthmore College)
Giulia Cabras (Qinghai University for Nationalities)

Ethnogenesis and Language Contact in Amdo Tibet: The Oral Narratives of the Wutun Language Community

Fatma Sahan Guney [Фатма Şahan Güney] (Muğla Sıtkı Koçman University)

Is Volga Vowel Shift Turkic Induced? Further Evidence from Caucasian Turkic Languages

Irina Nevskaya (Frankfurt University) and Saule Tazhibayeva (L. N. Gumilyov Eurasian National University)

Sociolinguistic Situation of Turkic Ethnicities Deported to Kazakhstan

PO-06 ♦ Theorizing ‘Power’ in Central Asia

Schedule: Fri., June 30, 14:30-16:15; Location: Room 309

Chair: Rustam Burnashev (Al-Farabi Kazakh National University)
Discussant: Farkhad Tolipov (Caravan of Knowledge, Tashkent)
Filippo Costa Buranelli (University of St Andrews)

The Pervasive Nature of Power in Central Asia

Adrien Fauve (CERI Science Po)

Personality Cult or Sacralization of Power? How Political Theory Grounds in Kazakhstan

Diana Kudaibergenova (Lund University/University of Cambridge)

Power, Knowledge, and the ‘Self’ in Everyday Normalization of the Political Truth

Paolo Sorbello (University of Glasgow)

Power, Hegemony, and Control: Labor and Oil in Kazakhstan

SO-02 ♦ Roundtable: Blessing or Hindrance: How Is Migration Shaping Central Asian Societies?

Note: Russian
Schedule: Fri., June 30, 14:30-16:15; Location: Room 410

Moderator: Oleg Korneev (University of Paris 13)
Asel Murzakulova (University of Central Asia)
Karolina Kluczewska (University of St Andrews)
Antoine Chandonnet (International Organization for Migration, Bishkek)
Lira Sagynbekova (University of Central Asia)
Gulnara Ibraeva (Pikir Izildoo Laboratory)
Altyн Kapalova (University of Central Asia)

HI-04 ♦ Roundtable: Archaeological Evidence of Premodern Eurasian Cultures

Schedule: Fri., June 30, 14:30-16:15; Location: Room 434

Chair: Ablet Kamalov (Turan University, Almaty)
Discussant: Aida Abdykanova (American University of Central Asia)
Aidyn Zhuniskhanov (Nazarbayev University)
“The Kimak Problem in Semey Region”

Alexander Pachkalov [Александр Пачкалов] (Financial University, Moscow)
“Numismatics as a Source for History of Golden Horde Cities”

Mohammad Ajmal Shah (University of Kashmir Hazratbal Srinagar)
“Archaeological Studies of Migration Routes from Central Asia to Kashmir, India”

IR-04 ◆ Multilateralism and Security Solutions
   Schedule: Fri., June 30, 14:30-16:15; Location: Room 435

Chair: Medet Tiulegenov (American University of Central Asia)
Discussant: Marissa Quie (University of Cambridge)
Kamen Velichkov (L. N. Gumilyov Eurasian National University)
   “Emerging Regional Powers in International Mediation: The Case of Kazakhstan”
Aliya Tskhay (Academy of Public Administration under the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan)
   “Providing the Middle Ground: Kazakhstan’s Efforts in Conflict Mediation in Syrian and Ukrainian Conflicts”
Kamilla Usmanova (Université Jean Moulin Lyon 3)

HI-05 ◆ Reading the Colonial Archives in Central Asia: Along and Against the Grain
   Schedule: Fri., June 30, 14:30-16:15; Location: Room 440 (CH)

Chair: Timothy Blauvelt (Ilia State University/American Councils for International Education: ACTR/ACCELS)
Discussant: Paolo Sartori (Institute of Iranian Studies, Austrian Academy of Sciences)
Ian Campbell (University of California, Davis)
   “There Is No Road To What Has Passed Away Irretrievably’: Networks, Archives, and the Triumph of Resettlement Statistics, 1896-1917”
Alexander Morrison (Nazarbayev University)
   “Protokol Doznaniya: Investigations and Interrogations in Russian Turkestan”
Cholpon Turdalieva (American University of Central Asia)
   “Excursion into Otherness through the Book of Ellsworth Huntington, ‘The Pulse of Asia’”

ED-05 ◆ Book Panel: Educational Policies in Pakistan, Afghanistan, and Tajikistan: Contested Terrain in the Twenty-First Century
   Schedule: Fri., June 30, 16:45-18:30; Location: Room T16 (Basement)

Chair: Sarfaroz Niyozov (Aga Khan University Institute for Educational Development)
Discussant: Duishon Shamatov (Nazarbayev University, Graduate School of Education)
Dilshad Ashraf (Aga Khan University Institute for Educational Development)
Mir Afzal (Nazarbayev University, Graduate School of Education)
Shama Dossa (Aga Khan Foundation / University of Central Asia)
RE-04 ♦ Minority Rights, Secularism and Identity in an ‘Ethnic Democracy’: Muslim Minorities in Post-Soviet Georgia - Part II

Schedule: Fri., June 30, 16:45-18:30; Location: Room G34 (Ground Floor)

Chair: Aysegul Aydingün (Middle East Technical University)
Discussant: Ketevan Khutsishvili (Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University)
Alter Kahraman (Middle East Technical University)
“Azeris/Borchali Turks in Georgia: The Swing between Tolerance and Alienation”
Serhat Keskin (Middle East Technical University)
“An Unfulfilled Promise of Post-Soviet Georgia: The Repatriation of Meskhetian/Ahıska Turks to their Homeland”
Anil Uner [Anıl Üner] (Middle East Technical University)
“Identity Shift and Dominance of Salafism in the Kist Community in Georgia after the Russo-Chechen Wars”

SO-03 ♦ Media Discourses

Schedule: Fri., June 30, 16:45-18:30; Location: Room 220

Chair: Galina Gorborukova (American University of Central Asia)
Discussant: Douglas Blum (Providence College)
Yessengul Kap [Есемгүл Құрметпен] (Suleyman Demirel University) and Berdak Bayimbetov (Suleyman Demirel University)
“Reflection of Media’s Language in Its Own Attitude of Delivering the President’s Speeches about Language Issues in Kazakhstan”
Elira Turdubaeva (American University of Central Asia)
Oliwia Piskowska (University of Warsaw)
“Analysis of Bakiyev’s Discourse on International Relations”

CU-03 ♦ Enduring Cultural Heritage

Schedule: Fri., June 30, 16:45-18:30; Location: Room 306

Chair: Theodore Levin (Dartmouth College)
Discussant: Elmira Kuchumkulova (University of Central Asia)
Guzel Sayfullina (Institute of History, Academy of Sciences of Republic of Tatarstan)
“Traditions of Sufi Dhikr in the Musical-poetical Culture of Tatar Muslims”
Aida Abdykanova (American University of Central Asia) and K. Anne Pyburn (Indiana University-Bloomington)
“The Value of Heritages”
Natalie Kononenko (University of Alberta)
“Ukrainian Traditions in Canada and Kazakhstan”

AN-06 ♦ In/Securities of Everyday Life in Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan

Schedule: Fri., June 30, 16:45-18:30; Location: Room 307

Chair: Meltem Sancak (Bilgi University)
Discussant: Mohira Suyarkulova (American University of Central Asia, Central Asian Studies Institute)
Nina Bagdasarova (American University of Central Asia)
“The ‘Securitescapes’ to Survive: The LGBT Community in Kyrgyzstan”
Asel Myrzabekova (University of Bonn)
“Romantic Securityscapes of Youth in Kyrgyzstan: Day-to-day Dating and Marriage Practices”

Jafar Usmanov (University of Bonn)
“Coping with (In)security: Securityscapes of Civil Rights Activists in Some Urban Areas of Tajikistan”

Conrad Schetter (Bonn International Center for Conversion) and Marc von Boemcken (Bonn International Center for Conversion)
“Routine Transgressions. Everyday Security in Central Asia”

RE-05 ♦ Genealogies of Religious Institutions

**Schedule:** Fri., June 30, 16:45-18:30; **Location:** Room 308

**Chair:** Yuliya Shapoval (L. N. Gumilyov Eurasian National University)

**Discussant:** Gulzat Botoeva (University of Roehampton)

Vohid Kholov (Institute of History of the Academy of Sciences of Uzbekistan)
“Is Going to Bahā’-al-Dīn Naqshband’s Shrine for Seven Times on Foot Equal to Pilgrimage to Mecca and Madina for Hajj? Rumors and Reality in Islam and Their Use in Daily Life of Uzbeks”

Leila Almazova (Каэна Алмазова) (Kazan Federal University)
“Islamic Political Organizations and Trends in Contemporary Russia”

Galina Yemelianova (University of Birmingham)
“State-Muslim Relations in Contemporary Kazakhstan: A Historical Enquiry”

Murad Ismayilov (University of Cambridge)
“A Resacralization of Public Space and the Future of (Political) Islam in Azerbaijan: Quo Vadis?”

SC-04 ♦ The Development of Regional Scholarship

**Schedule:** Fri., June 30, 16:45-18:30; **Location:** Room 309

**Chair:** Nazif M. Shahrani (Indiana University-Bloomington)

**Discussant:** Ewa Chylinski (European Centre for Minority Issues)

Marina Tolmacheva (Washington State University)
“From Central Asia to Central Eurasia: A Personal Retrospective”

Ayşe Çolpan Kavuncu (Turkish National Police Academy) and Aslihan Küçük Yıldız (Turkish National Police Academy)
“Critics of Central Asian Studies in Turkey”

Irina Chernykh (Kazakh Institute for Strategic Studies under the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan)
“The Peace Studies in Kazakhstan: Specificities and Perspectives”

HI-06 ♦ Author-Critic Forum: Visions of Justice by Paolo Sartori

**Schedule:** Fri., June 30, 16:45-18:30; **Location:** Room 410

**Moderator:** Svetlana Jacquesson (American University of Central Asia, Central Asian Studies Institute)

Ian Campbell (University of California, Davis)
Alexander Morrison (Nazarbayev University)
Christopher Baker (American University of Central Asia, Central Asian Studies Institute)
Paolo Sartori (Institute of Iranian Studies, Austrian Academy of Sciences)
EC-03 ♦ Women in New Economies

Schedule: Fri., June 30, 16:45-18:30; Location: Room 434

Chair: Xeniya Prilutskaya (Independent Scholar)
Discussant: Cynthia Buckley (University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign)
Azhar Baisakalova (KIMEP University)
“Gendered Labor Market in Turbulent Times”
Anil Kumar (Guru Jambheshwar University of Science & Technology)
“A Study of Business Barriers Faced by Women in Small Businesses”
Burulcha Sulaimanova (Kyrgyz-Turkish Manas University)
“Gender Specific Determinants of International Migration in Kyrgyzstan”
Kamila Kopalshnikova (American University of Central Asia)
“Women’s Work: Decomposing the Gender Gap in Time Spent on Housework in Kyrgyzstan”

IR-05 ♦ Regional Cooperation: Successes and Challenges

Schedule: Fri., June 30, 16:45-18:30; Location: Room 435

Chair: Bernardo Teles Fazendeiro (University of St Andrews)
Discussant: Gulnara Dadabayeva (KIMEP University)
Mara Gubaidullina (Al-Farabi Kazakh National University)
“Integration Processes and Projects in Central Asia: A Comparative Perspective”
Inna Kuzmenko (Independent Scholar)
“The OSCE in the 21st Century: A Simulacrum in International Affairs?”
Jildiz Nicharapova (American University of Central Asia)
“Why the Shanghai Cooperation Organization Does Not Work”
Ann-Sophie Gast (Freie Universität Berlin)
“Regionalism in Eurasia: Explaining Governance Transfers to Regional Organizations”

AN-07 ♦ Diasporas and Repatriants: National and Transnational Ties among Kazakhs

Schedule: Fri., June 30, 16:45-18:30; Location: Room 440 (CH)

Chair: Gulnara Ibraeva (Pikir Izildoo Laboratory)
Discussant: Didar Kassymova (KIMEP University)
Indira Alibayeva (Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology)
“Living Together Apart”
Cynthia Werner (Texas A&M University) and Byeibitgul Khaumyen (Texas A&M University)
“Religion, Politics and Globalization among the Kazakhs of Western Mongolia”
Peter Finke (University of Zurich)
“The Kazakhs in Western Mongolia and the Impacts of Out-migration”

Session 6 ♦ Saturday, July 1 ♦ 8:30-10:15

AN-08 ♦ The Traditional Meets Its Modern: Changing Cultural Practices in the Bartang Valley, Tajikistan

Schedule: Sat., July 1, 8:30-10:15; Location: Room T16 (Basement)

Chair: Juliette Cleuziou (University of Paris Nanterre)
Discussant: Alima Bissenova (Nazarbayev University)
Zohra Ismail-Beben (Nazarbayev University)
“The Shrine of Khoja Nuriddin and the Politics of Absence”
Stefanie Kicherer (Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen)
“Extinct Superstition or Modern Epidemic? The Spirit Possession Wam in Upper Bartang”
Małgorzata Biczyk (Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology)
“Life and Year Cycle Celebrations and Conflict Avoidance in Pamir Mountains”

CU-04 ♦ The Memory Places of Post-nomad Identity in Eurasia: Comparative Analysis of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Mongolia - Part I
Note: Mixed language (Russian, English)
Schedule: Sat., July 1, 8:30-10:15; Location: Room G34 (Ground Floor)
Chair: Amantur Japarov [Амантур Жапаров] (Institute of History, National Academy of Sciences of the Kyrgyz Republic)
Discussant: Catherine Poujol (Institut Français d’Études de l’Asie Centrale, Bishkek)
Aiжarkyn Kojobekova [Айжаркын Коjobекова] (International Ataturk-Alatoo University)
“Monuments to Heroes or Construction of Memory about April uprising of 2010 in Kyrgyzstan”
Gulnara Ibraeva [Гульнара Ибраева] (Pikir Izildoo Laboratory)
“Ata-Beyit Memorial Complex as a Mirror of Unfinished History of Nation Building in Kyrgyzstan”
Kulshat Medeueuova (L. N. Gumilyov Eurasian National University)
“Emotional Frames of Commemoration in Kazakhstan: Between Routinization and Heroization of Memory”

PO-07 ♦ Gender, Governance, Resistance, Spaces and Peace in FATA, Pakistan
Schedule: Sat., July 1, 8:30-10:15; Location: Room 220
Chair: Sarfraz Khan (University of Peshawar, Area Study Centre)
Discussant: Shahida Aman (University of Peshawar)
Samina Afridi (University of Peshawar)
“Women, Spaces and Resistance in FATA”
Zarmina Baloch (Islamia College University)
“Pakistan’s Post 9/11 Afghan Policy: Repercussions for FATA”
Noor ul-Amin (Islamia College University)
“Maliki System in FATA: An Appraisal”
Jawad ur Rahman (Bannu Medical College)
“(Un)constitutional Status of FATA: The Cause of Turbulence”
Imran Khan (Independent Scholar at Bacha Khan Education Foundation)
“Framing People of FATA: A Case for Marginalization and Denial”

RE-06 ♦ Religions in Soviet Time: Strategies of Survival
Schedule: Sat., July 1, 8:30-10:15; Location: Room 304
Chair: John Schoeberlein (Nazarbayev University)
Discussant: Natalie Kononenko (University of Alberta)
Yuliya Shapoval (L. N. Gumilyov Eurasian National University)
Ruziya Kamarova (L. N. Gumilyov Eurasian National University)
“The Transformation of Religious Practices as a Result of Deportation of Chechens to Kazakhstan”
Gulzhamilya Kamarova [Гульжамиля Камарова] (International Center of Cultures and Religions, Astana)
“‘They Were Unable to Wean Us from the Faith’: A Case Study of the Ingush in Soviet Kazakhstan”

CU-05 ♦ Place and Memory Politics

**Schedule:** Sat., July 1, 8:30-10:15; **Location:** Room 306

**Chair:** Moira O’Shea (University of Chicago)

**Discussant:** Gulnara Aitpaeva (Aigine Cultural Research Center)

Ketevan Khutsishvili (Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University)
“Correlation of Ethno-cultural Identity and Sacred Geography: The Case of IDPs of Shida Kartli, Georgia”

Iván Szántó (Eotvos Lorand University/Austrian Academy of Sciences)
“The Shrine of Mir Sayyid ‘Ali Hamadani in Kulob and Its Contested Memory Space”

Elena Paskaleva (Leiden University)
“Commemorating Karimov in Samarkand”

AN-09 ♦ Traditional Symbols and Social Reconfigurations

**Schedule:** Sat., July 1, 8:30-10:15; **Location:** Room 307

**Chair:** Aida Alymbaeva (Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology)

**Discussant:** Ewa Chylinski (European Centre for Minority Issues)

Jerzy Wasilewski (University of Warsaw)
“Mongolian Wedding Games and Meaningful Sheep Bones”

Daniyar Karabaev (American University of Central Asia / Kyrgyz National University)
“The Role of the Yaks in the Life of Kyrgyz in the Eastern Pamir: Sarykol at the End of 19th and Beginning of 20th Centuries”

Toko Fujimoto [藤本透子] (National Museum of Ethnology)
“The Religious and Social Aspects of ‘Ancestral Lands’ in Rural Kazakhstan: An Anthropological Perspective”

LI-03 ♦ Development of the State Language in a Multilingual Society

Note: Mixed language (Kyrgyz, Russian)

**Schedule:** Sat., July 1, 8:30-10:15; **Location:** Room 308

**Chair:** Denis Tokmashev (Tomsk Polytechnical University)

**Discussant:** Saule Tazhibayeva (L. N. Gumilyov Eurasian National University)

Gulzura Jumakunova [Гульзура Жумакунова] (Ankara University)
“The Importance of Regulating Internal and External Resources for the Development of the State Language”

Gulnara Jamasheva [Гульнара Жамашева] (National Academy of Sciences of the Kyrgyz Republic)
“Russian and English Loanwords in Kyrgyz Language”

Zina Karaeva [Зина Кареева] (International University of Kyrgyzstan)
“Semiotic Units in the Central Asian and European Cultures and Their Interpretations”

Mukhtar S. Davletov [Мухтар С. Давлетов] (National Academy of Sciences of the Kyrgyz Republic)
“Nature and Typology of Language Interaction in the Process of Russian-Kyrgyz Translation [Сущность и типология языкового взаимодействия в процессе перевода с русского языка на кыргызский]”

Nailya Salimbayeva (Nazarbayev University)
“Sociolinguistic Aspects of Kazakh-Russian-English Code-Switching”
HI-07 ♦ Social Order on the Edges of Empire

_Schedule:_ Sat., July 1, 8:30-10:15; _Location:_ Room 309

Chair: Dina Amanzholova (Institute of Russian History)

Discussant: Hideyuki Naganuma (University of Tokyo)

Ablet Kamalov (Turan University, Almaty)

“Adoption of Child as a Form of Bondage in Kashgaria during the Republican Period”

Hilola Nazirova (Al-Beruni Center for Oriental Manuscripts/Tashkent State Institute of Oriental Studies)

“Tuzemets and Chuzhemets: A Local Point of View”

Anton Ikhsanov (Independent Scholar)

“Turkmen Informants of A. N. Samoylovich (1880-1938): The Collection and Studies of Turkmen Historical Heritage and Way of Life”

Aigerim Alzhanova (Al-Farabi Kazakh National University)

“Historical and Literary Materials about Kazakhstan in the 19th Century [Исторические и литературные материалы о Казахстане XIX в.]”

AN-10 ♦ Can We Hear Fish? An Ethnographic Experiment with Non-human Perspectives on the Naryn-Syrdarya River

Note: Mixed language (English, Russian)

_Schedule:_ Sat., July 1, 8:30-10:15; _Location:_ Room 410

Chair: Dinara Abildenova (University of Zurich)

Discussant: Irène Mestre (Université Jean Moulin-Lyon 3)

Jeanne Féraux de la Croix (Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen)

Mohira Suyarkulova (American University of Central Asia, Central Asian Studies Institute)

Adham Ashirov (Mirzo Ulughbek National University of Uzbekistan)

Gulzat Baialieva (Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen)

Aibek Samakov (Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen)

HI-08 ♦ Central Asian Parts and the Soviet Whole

_Schedule:_ Sat., July 1, 8:30-10:15; _Location:_ Room 434

Chair: Gulnara Mendikulova (Al-Farabi Kazakh National University)

Discussant: Beatrice Penati (Nazarbayev University)

Charles Shaw (Central European University)

“Overcoming Nationality in War: Reconceptualizing Uzbek Participation in World War II”

Anna Whittington (University of Michigan)

“World War II and the Making of Soviet Citizens in Central Asia”

Mauricio Borrero (St. John’s University)

“The USSR Football League as a Microcosm of the Soviet Nationalities Question”

Isaac Scarorough (London School of Economics and Political Science)

“Tajikistan as a ‘Subsidized’ Socialist Republic: Reconsidering the Evidence”

IR-06 ♦ International Organizations in Central Asia 25+: Norms, Targets, Impact, (Unintended) Externalities, Alternatives - Part 1

_Schedule:_ Sat., July 1, 8:30-10:15; _Location:_ Room 435

Chair: Liga Rudzite (Tallinn University of Technology)

Discussant: Shairbek Dzhuraev (University of St Andrews)
Joint ESCAS-CESS Conference ♦ AUCA ♦ Session 7 ♦ Saturday, July 1 ♦ 10:45-12:30

Karolina Kluczewska (University of St Andrews)
“Benefactor, Industry or Intruder? Perceptions of International Organizations in Central Asia: The Case of the OSCE in Tajikistan”

Philipp Lottholz (University of Birmingham) and Chynara Temirova (University of Central Asia)

Oleg Korneev (University of Paris 13)
“Practicing What They Preach: International Organizations and Communities of Practice in Central Asian Migration Governance Field”

EC-04 ♦ Keeping Outside of the Formal Economy

Schedule: Sat., July 1, 8:30-10:15; Location: Room 440 (CH)

Chair: David Pearce (World Bank / Asian Development Bank)
Discussant: Irna Hofman (Leiden University)

Gulzat Botoeva (University of Roehampton)
“The Legitimation of Illegal Practices: The Case of Illegal Hashish Production in Rural Kyrgyzstan”

Abel Polese (Tallinn University) and Jeremy Morris (University of Aarhus)
“The Harmfulness and Harmlessness of Informality: An Exploration of Practices Happening in Spite of or Beyond the State in Former Socialist Spaces”

Emilia Roza Sulek (University of Zurich)
“‘Shh! It’s a Secret’: How to Keep Trade Secrets in Central Asia”

Session 7 ♦ Saturday, July 1 ♦ 10:45-12:30

ED-06 ♦ The Shifting Landscapes of Post-Soviet Higher Education

Schedule: Sat., July 1, 10:45-12:30; Location: Room T16 (Basement)

Chair: Zumrad Kataeva (Higher School of Economics, Moscow)
Discussant: Bohdan Krawchenko (University of Central Asia)

Dmitry Semyonov (Higher School of Economics, Moscow) and Daria Platonova (Higher School of Economics, Moscow)
“Expansion and Transformations of Higher Education Systems: The Case of Post-Soviet Countries”

Martha Merrill (Kent State University)
“Inequality in Quality or Dismissing Dualisms: Higher Education in Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan”

Emma Sabzalieva (University of Toronto)
“Conceptualizing Change in Post-Soviet Higher Education”

Sari Eriksson (University of Helsinki, Aleksanteri Institute)
“National and International Justifications for Higher Education Reforms in Kyrgyzstan”
CU-06 ♦ The Memory Places of Post-nomad Identity in Eurasia: Comparative Analysis of
Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Mongolia - Part II
Note: Mixed language (English, Russian)
Schedule: Sat., July 1, 10:45-12:30; Location: Room G34 (Ground Floor)
Chair: Galina Gorborukova (American University of Central Asia)
Discussants: Svetlana Jacquesson (American University of Central Asia, Central Asian Studies Institute)
Moira O’Shea (University of Chicago)
“The Symbolic Landscape of Bishkek: Visual Nationalism and Collective Memory in Public Art”
Mikhail Shishin [Михаил Шишин] (Polzunov Altai State Technical University)
“Rashan-Khad as an Encyclopedia of Tamga-like Symbols in Eurasia”
Eleonora Proyaeva [Элеонора Прояева] (Aigine Cultural Research Center)
“‘A Child’s Place’: Toys and Other Objects of the Soviet Childhood as a ‘Place’ of Collective Identity”

PO-08 ♦ Roundtable: Why Not Here? The Present and Future of Party Development in Central Asia
Schedule: Sat., July 1, 10:45-12:30; Location: Room 220
Moderator: Nurseit Niyazbekov (KIMEP University)
Anthony Bowyer (International Foundation for Electoral Systems)
Fernando Casal Bértola (University of Nottingham)
Akyl Sarbagyshov (Westminster Foundation for Democracy, Bishkek)
Medet Tiulegenov (American University of Central Asia)

EC-05 ♦ Roundtable: Environment and Economy - Part I
Schedule: Sat., July 1, 10:45-12:30; Location: Room 304
Chair: Jeenbek Kulenbekov (American University of Central Asia)
Discussant: Bakhtiiar Igamberdiev (International Ataturk-Alatoo University)
Ryota Saito [齋藤竜太] (University of Tsukuba)
“Actors’ Norms and Identities over Water Security in Uzbekistan: Positive Analysis from Water Consumer’s Associations”
Suzy Blondin (Université de Neuchâtel)
“Impacts of Climate Variations on the Accessibility of the Kūhistoni Badakhshon Autonomous Region in Tajikistan”
Imtiyaz Ahmad Malik (University of Kashmir)
“Disaster Vulnerability and Management Strategies in Mountainous Ecosystems of Kashmir and Kyrgyzstan”

CU-07 ♦ Symbolic Meanings in Changing Contexts
Schedule: Sat., July 1, 10:45-12:30; Location: Room 306
Chair: Daniyar Karabaev (American University of Central Asia / Kyrgyz National University)
Discussant: Ali Igmen (California State University, Long Beach)
Aliya Alimzhanova (T. K. Zhurgenov Kazakh National Academy of Arts)
“Semiotic Analysis of the Sign-symbolic System of Kazakh Art”
Inzhuna Karazhanova (Independent Scholar)
“Monstrous Women and Gender Borders in Kazakh Fairy Tales”

Tursun Gabitov [Турсун Габитов] (Al-Farabi Kazakh National University) and Zhanna Kantarbayeva
(Al-Farabi Kazakh National University)
“Kazakh Culture in the Context Dialogue: The East and West”

SO-04 ◆ Women and Traditional Orders

**Schedule:** Sat., July 1, 10:45-12:30; **Location:** Room 307

**Chair:** Mukaram Toktogulova (American University of Central Asia)

**Discussant:** Saltanat Childress (University of Wisconsin-Madison)

Zulaikho Usmonova (Institute of Philosophy, Academy of Science, Tajikistan)
“You Are/You Are Not Beautiful Enough': New Gender Stereotypes and Images for Tajik Women?”

Lala Aliyeva (Baku State University)
“Islam, Women and the Informal Rule of ‘Adab’ in Historical Perspective: The Case of Azerbaijan”

Kishimzhan Eshenkulova (Kyrgyz-Turkish Manas University)
“The Islamization of Kyrgyz Society and the Women’s Jamaat”

Zulfiya Bakhtibekova (Independent Scholar)
“Patriarchy and Masculinity under Question in Tajikistan: The Dichotomy of Strong Women and ‘Weak’ Men”

HI-09 ◆ Premodern Transformations of Regional Integration

**Schedule:** Sat., July 1, 10:45-12:30; **Location:** Room 309

**Chair:** Qahramon Yakubov (Mirzo Ulughbek National University of Uzbekistan)

**Discussant:** Khushnudbek Abdurasulov (Al-Beruni Center for Oriental Manuscripts/Tashkent State Institute of Oriental Studies)

Ali M. Tarafdari (National Library & Archives of Iran)
“Barmakids and Intellectual Exchange between Buddhist and Muslim Worlds during Abbasid Caliphate”

Nilgün Dalkesen (Istanbul Medeniyet University)
“Sati Bik and the Post-Ilkhanid Middle East”

Zahid Anwar (University of Peshawar) and Sumaira (University of Peshawar)
“Geostrategic Significance of Kabul under Mughals, 1504-1738”

AN-11 ◆ Perspectives on Kinship in Central Asia Today

**Schedule:** Sat., July 1, 10:45-12:30; **Location:** Room 410

**Chair:** Patrick Heady (Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology)

**Discussant:** Baktybek Isakov (Kyrgyz-Turkish Manas University)

Zarina Mukanova (Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology)
“Shezhire: The Relevance of Patrilineal Descent in Contemporary Kazakhstan”

Verena La Mela (Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology)
“Kin Relationships, Trade and Social Change among Uighurs in Zharkent, Southeastern Kazakhstan”

Louise Bechtold (Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology)
“Expressing Closeness and Respect: Women’s Use of Names and Kinship Terms in a Kyrgyz Village in Southern Kyrgyzstan”
HI-10 ♦ The Role of the Kazakh Elite in Formation of Local Management, 19th-Early 20th Centuries

Note: Mixed language (Russian, English)

Schedule: Sat., July 1, 10:45-12:30; Location: Room 434

Chair: Alexander Morrison (Nazarbayev University)
Discussant: Beatrice Penati (Nazarbayev University)

Gulmira Sultangalieva [Гульмира Сультангалиева] (Al-Farabi Kazakh National University)
“Deputies of Inner Horde as Officials of the Local Management of the Empire: Personalities, Activities (19th Century)”

Tenlik Dalayeva [Тенлик Далаева] (Abai Kazakh National Pedagogical University)
“Vybornye (Electors) in Kazakh Volosts (the Second Half of the 19th Century-Early 20th Century): Functions and Specific Activities”

Dina Amanzholova [Дина Аманжолова] (Institute of Russian History)
“Leaders of Kazakh ASSR in Beginning of the 1920s and the Establishment of Soviet Statehood”


Schedule: Sat., July 1, 10:45-12:30; Location: Room 435

Chair: Oleg Korneev (University of Paris 13)
Discussant: Karolina Kluczewska (University of St Andrews)

Payam Foroughi (OSCE Academy in Bishkek) and Inna Kuzmenko (Independent Scholar)
“Measuring Liberal Norms: Ranking and Rating OSCE’s Participating States via the New ‘Index of Comprehensive Security’”

Liga Rudzite (Tallinn University of Technology)
“Multiple Aims, One Management: Neoliberal Moralization within Development Cooperation Practices of Donors Representing Differing Aid Regimes: The Case of Kyrgyzstan”

Khushbakht Hojieev (University of Bonn)
“Production and ‘Maintenance’ of Everyday Peace in Jabbors Rasulov of Tajikistan”

RE-07 ♦ Islam, State and Society

Schedule: Sat., July 1, 10:45-12:30; Location: Room 440 (CH)

Chair: Alexander Wolters (OSCE Academy in Bishkek)
Discussant: John Heathershaw (University of Exeter)

Alima Bissenova (Nazarbayev University)
“Fitting into a Secular Society: The Discreet Charm of Kazakhstani Muslim Entrepreneurs”

Emil Nasriddinov (American University of Central Asia), Nurbek Bekmurzaev (Independent Scholar) and Tamo Chattopadhay (Bard College)
“Religion, Peacebuilding, and Education: The Case of Kyrgyzstan’s Madrasas”

Omid Afghan (Kabul Education University)
“A Sociological Approach to Fundamentalism and Democracy in Afghanistan, 2001-2017”

Asel Doolotkeldieva (Kyrgyz-Turkish Manas University)
“From the Big City to a Village: Young Muslim Women Engaging in the Discursive Community Building in Kyrgyzstan”
Session 8 ♦ Saturday, July 1 ♦ 14:30-16:15

RE-08 ♦ Multidisciplinary Approach to the Study of Waqf in Central Asia
Note: Mixed language (English, Russian)

**Schedule:** Sat., July 1, 14:30-16:15; **Location:** Room T16 (Basement)

*Chair:* Alexander Morrison (Nazarbayev University)
*Discussant:* Beatrice Penati (Nazarbayev University)

Qahramon Yakubov [Кахрамон Якубов] (Mirzo Ulughbek National University of Uzbekistan)

“Waqf Administration in Khorezm: Transmission of the Post of Mutawalli from Imam to Elder”

Salimakhon Fayzieva [Салимахон Файзиева] (Al-Beruni Center for Oriental Manuscripts, Tashkent State Institute of Oriental Studies)

“Waqf Document as a Primary Source of Architectural Monument: The Example of the Sakhib-Zade Madrasah in Kokand [Вакуфный документ как исторический источник архитектурного памятника (на примере медресе Сахиб-заде хазрет в г.Кокане]”

HI-11 ♦ Imperial Institutions and Local Practices

**Schedule:** Sat., July 1, 14:30-16:15; **Location:** Room G34 (Ground Floor)

*Chair:* Yuan Gao (European University at St. Petersburg)
*Discussant:* Ali Igmen (California State University, Long Beach)

Hideyuki Naganuma (University of Tokyo)

“The Transition of Russia’s Perception about the Borderline over the Kazakh Steppe, 1820s-1860s”

Khushnudbek Abdurasulov (Al-Beruni Center for Oriental Manuscripts/Tashkent State Institute of Oriental Studies)

“On the Introduction of Russian Units of Measure in Turkestan or Hār Jāyning Üz Tāsh-Tarāzisi Bār”

Dono Ziyaeva (Mirzo Ulughbek National University of Uzbekistan)

“Traditional Medicine in Turkestan at the End of the 19th-Beginning of the 20th Centuries”

PO-09 ♦ Informal Politics, Religion, and Construction of the State

**Schedule:** Sat., July 1, 14:30-16:15; **Location:** Room 220

*Chair:* Adrien Fauve (CERI Science Po)
*Discussant:* Jon Mahoney (Kansas State University)

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EC-06 ♦ Economic Activity and Social Process

Schedule: Sat., July 1, 14:30-16:15; Location: Room 410

Chair: Verena La Mela (Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology)
Discussant: Abel Polese (Tallinn University)
Tamara Mun (American University of Central Asia)
“Effects of Fertility Rate on Economic Growth”
Denis Ivanov (University of Bologna)
“Solutions to Dependence on Remittances in Tajikistan: A Comprehensive Look on Social and Economic Impact of Monetary Inflows”
Irna Hofman (Leiden University)
“Granted to Privatize, but Failed to Capitalize: Understanding the Role of Production Politics and Social Networks in Emerging Farm Typologies in Post-Soviet Tajikistan”
Balihar Sanghera (University of Kent) and Elmira Satybaldieva (University of Kent)
“The Neoliberal Moral Economy of Credit in Kyrgyzstan”

HI-12 ♦ Early Soviet Transformations of Agriculture and Their Aftermaths

Schedule: Sat., July 1, 14:30-16:15; Location: Room 434

Chair: Isaac Scarborough (London School of Economics and Political Science)
Discussant: Charles Shaw (Central European University)
Marianne Kamp (Indiana University-Bloomington)
“Uzbekistan’s Collectivization Compared”
Beatrice Penati (Nazarbayev University)
“There Are No Kulaks in Uzbekistan: Class Ascription, Final Liquidation, and Their Enemies”
Mehmet Volkan Kaşıkçı (Arizona State University)
“Orphans of the Famine: Rethinking Sovietization in Central Asia”

IR-08 ♦ Development and the International Order

Schedule: Sat., July 1, 14:30-16:15; Location: Room 435

Chair: Shairbek Dzhuraev (University of St Andrews)
Discussant: Payam Foroughi (OSCE Academy in Bishkek)
Kanykey Jailobaeva (University of Edinburgh)
“New Donor Strategies: Implications for NGOs in Post-Soviet Kyrgyzstan”
Reina Artur kyzy (American University of Central Asia)
“Comparative Analysis of Civil Societies: Islam and Foreign Aid Factors in Post-Soviet Central Asia”
Marissa Quie (University of Cambridge)
“The Migration/Aid Nexus: The European Union and Afghanistan”
Ariell Ahearn (University of Oxford)
“Minority Groups and Integration in China’s frontier: One Belt-One Road Is Anything but One”

RE-09 ♦ Workshop: Understanding Radicalization

Schedule: Sat., July 1, 14:30-16:15; Location: Room 440 (CH)

Moderator: Cynthia Werner (Texas A&M University)
John Heathershaw (University of Exeter)
Khalida Nurmetova (Freie Universität Berlin)
Leila Almazova (Kazan Federal University)
Nazif M. Shahrani (Indiana University-Bloomington)
John Schoeberlein (Nazarbayev University)

**Plenary 2 ♦ Saturday, July 1 ♦ 16:45-18:30**

*Location:* AUCA Forum

**Keynote Speech:**

“Sacred Geography and Power Relations in Contemporary Kyrgyzstan”
by Gulnara Aitpaeva (Aigine Cultural Research Center)

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**Session 9 ♦ Sunday, July 2 ♦ 9:00-10:45**

**ED-07 ♦ Roundtable: Introduction of Traditional Knowledge in Educational Process**

*Note: Mixed language (English, Russian)*

**Schedule:** Sun., July 2, 9:00-10:45; **Location:** Room T16 (Basement)

**Chair:** Murat Aitmatov (Kyrgyz National Agrarian University)

**Discussants:** Jyldyz Doolbekova (Christensen Fund)

Gulnara Botokanova (Kyrgyz National Agrarian University)

“Introduction of Traditional Knowledge in Educational Process”

Cholpon Turdalieva (American University of Central Asia)

“Protection of Biocultural Diversity through Museums: Reality or Utopia?”

Almagul Osmonova (Taalim-Forum Public Foundation)

“Traditional Ecological Knowledge Integrated in School Education”

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**EC-07 ♦ Roundtable: Environment and Economy - Part II**

**Schedule:** Sun., July 2, 9:00-10:45; **Location:** Room G34 (Ground Floor)

**Chair:** Maurizio Totaro (University of Ghent)

**Discussant:** Kanat Sultanaliev (American University of Central Asia)

Murodbek Laldjebaev (Cornell University)

“What Factors Influence Energy Use: Evidence from Mountain Communities of Tajikistan”

Kanaiym Kydyralieva (American University of Central Asia) and Syrgak Kydyraliev (American University of Central Asia)

“Evaluating Investment Projects with Significant Environmental Impact in Central Asia”

Niels Thevs (World Agroforestry Center), Victor Martinez (University of Greifswald), Volker Beckmann (University of Greifswald), Sabir Nurtazin (Al-Farabi Kazakh National University), Ruslan Salmuzauly (Al-Farabi Kazakh National University) and Azim Balbagyssov (Al-Farabi Kazakh National University)

“Ecosystem Services of the Ili Delta, Kazakhstan, and Willingness to Pay for Their Protection by Inhabitants of Almaty: An Interview-based Study”

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**PO-10 ♦ Political Values**

**Schedule:** Sun., July 2, 9:00-10:45; **Location:** Room 220

**Chair:** Emilbek Dzhuraev (American University of Central Asia)

**Discussant:** Dina Sharipova (KIMEP University)
Sayed Nooroddin Alavi (Kabul University)

“An Evaluation Study on Rogers’ Peasant Sub-culture Theory in the Rural Areas of Afghanistan: Ghaza Villages around Kabul Province”

Selma Akylidiz (Middle East Technical University)

“Reflections of Nationalism and the Role of Language Policies in Post-Soviet Azerbaijan”

Barbara Junisbai (Pitzer College) and Azamat Junisbai (Pitzer College)

“Political Context and Political Values: Comparing Democratic Attitudes in Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan”

PO-11 ♦ Author-Critic Forum: Two books on the History and Current Reality of Civil Society in Central Asia and Russian Federation by Charles Buxton

Note: Mixed language (Russian, English)

Schedule: Sun., July 2, 9:00-10:45; Location: Room 309

Moderator: Irina Chernykh (Kazakh Institute for Strategic Studies under the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan)

Catherine Poujol (Institut Français d’Etudes de l’Asie Centrale, Bishkek)

Kanykey Jailobaeva (University of Edinburgh)

Alexander Wolters (OSCE Academy in Bishkek)

Georgy Mamedov (Bishkek School of Theory and Activism)

Charles Buxton (International NGO Training & Research Centre (INTRAC))

AN-12 ♦ Institutional Change in Central Asia: Economic and Social Aspects

Schedule: Sun., July 2, 9:00-10:45; Location: Room 410

Chair: Svetlana Jacquesson (American University of Central Asia, Central Asian Studies Institute)

Discussant: Peter Finke (University of Zurich)

Eliza Isabaeva (University of Zurich)

“Right to Housing in Bishkek”

Dinara Abildenova (University of Zurich)

“Wedding Celebrations in Kazakhstan”

Meltem Sancak (Bilgi University)

“Central Asian Migrants in Istanbul: State Politics and Social Adaptations”

HI-13 ♦ Discussion of the Walking History Tour of Bishkek

Schedule: Sun., July 2, 9:00-10:45; Location: Room 434

Moderator: Yuri Boyanin (La Trobe University)

IR-09 ♦ Border Problems and Security Strategies

Schedule: Sun., July 2, 9:00-10:45; Location: Room 435

Chair: Aliya Tskhay (Academy of Public Administration under the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan)

Discussant: Marc von Boemcken (Bonn International Center for Conversion)

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“Central Asia: The Power of Weak States”

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Noemi Maria Rocca (University of Coimbra)
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ED-08 ♦ Internationalization of Education

Schedule: Sun., July 2, 11:15-13:00; Location: Room T16 (Basement)

Chair: Tamo Chattopadhay (Bard College)
Discussant: Zumrad Kataeva (Higher School of Economics, Moscow)
Nazgul Mingisheva (Karaganda State Medical University)
“Internationalization of Higher Education in Kazakhstan: The Case of the Medical University”
Svetlana Zhanabayeva (International Information Technology University) and Meirimkul Tuleup (Almaty University of Power and Telecommunications)
“Innovative Methods of Teaching English and Kazakh for Professional Purposes at Technical Universities of Kazakhstan”
Riyaz Ahmad Sheikh (University of Kashmir Hazratbal Srinagar)
“Internationalization and Ex-Soviet Uzbek Higher Education Scenario: A Global Perspective”

PO-12 ♦ Institutions of Political Inclusion

Schedule: Sun., July 2, 11:15-13:00; Location: Room 220

Chair: Rustam Burnashev (Al-Farabi Kazakh National University)
Discussant: Alisher Khamidov (Newcastle University)
Bakhtitter Igamberdiev (International Ataturk-Alatoo University)
“Development of Inclusive Institutions in Russian Federation as a Source of Stability and Efficient Economic Development”
Akmaljon Abdullayev (University of World Economy and Diplomacy)
“Grassroots Activism through Social Networking Websites in Modern Uzbekistan”
Serik Beimenbetov (Kazakh-German University, Almaty) and Markus Kaiser (Kazakh-German University, Almaty)
“Incorporation of Kazakh Ethnic Returnees in Kazakhstan: The Role of Repatriate Organizations”
Mahabat Baimyrzaeva (Middlebury Institute of International Studies)
“The Role and Levers of Culture Change in Kyrgyzstan’s Public Sector Reforms”

AN-13 ♦ Ethnic Diversity in Kyrgyzstan and Implications for Pluralism
Note: Mixed language (Russian, English)
Schedule: Sun., July 2, 11:15-13:00; Location: Room 410
Chair: Louise Bechtold (Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology)
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Gulrano Ataeva [Гулраъно Атаева] (Medecins Sans Frontieres)
“Isfana: The Land of Diversities [Исфана: земля многообразия]”
Janyl Bokontaeva [Жаныл Боконтаева] (Issyk-Kul State University)
“History of the Establishment and Development of Ethnic Entrepreneurship in the Town of Karakol [История становления и развития этнического предпринимательства в г. Каракол]”
Amantur Japarov [Амантур Жапаров] (Institute of History, National Academy of Sciences of the Kyrgyz Republic)
“The Deported Karachays in Kyrgyzstan: Experience of Integration [Депортированные карачаевцы в Кыргызстане: опыт интеграции]”
Ideat Temirbek uulu [Идеат Темирбек уулу] (Kyrgyz State History Museum)
“Integration Issues of the Ethnic Kyrgyz in Kyrgyzstan: The Example of the Kyrgyz who Moved from Tajikistan [Вопросы интеграции этнических кыргызов в Кыргызстане: на примере переселившихся из Таджикистана кыргызов]”

HI-14 ♦ The Kazakh Steppe and the Russian Empire: Social Changes in Process of the Reforms (19th-Early 20th Centuries)
Note: Mixed language (Russian, English)
Schedule: Sun., July 2, 11:15-13:00; Location: Room 434
Chair: Gulmira Sultangalieva (Al-Farabi Kazakh National University)
Discussant: Tenlik Dalayeva (Abai Kazakh National Pedagogical University)
Ulzhan Tuleshova (Al-Farabi Kazakh National University)
“Entry of Kazakhs into Privileged Estates of the Russian Empire”
Bakhytzhan Malikov [Бахытжан Маликов] (Al-Farabi Kazakh National University)
“The Volost Rulers as Intermediaries between the Russian Government and Nomadic Society”
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IR-10 ♦ From Integration of Experts towards Integration of the Region
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Chair: Sardor Salimov [Сардор Салимов] (Independent Scholar)
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“Five States and/or One Region? National-regional Dualism in Central Asia”
Sanat Kushkumbayev [Санат Кушкумбаев] (Kazakhstan Institute for Strategic Studies under the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan)
“Central Asia: External Construction of the Region”
Tamerlan Ibraimov [Тамерлан Ибраимов] (Centre for Legal and Political Studies, Bishkek) and Abdugani Mamadazimov [Абдугани Мамадазимов] (Tajik National University)
“Silk Democracy in Central Asia: Political Commons and Peculiarities of the Region’s Countries”
Elmira Nogoibayeva [Эльмира Ногойбаева] (Polis Asia, Bishkek)
“The State and Islam in Central Asia”


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Moderator: Didar Kassymova (KIMEP University)

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“New Approaches to Formation of Central Asian Community History and the Establishment of Common Cultural Paradigms”

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“Global and Regional Values along the Silk Road: Logistics Movement of Knowledge and Culture”

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The Central Asian Studies Institute

The Central Asian Studies Institute (CASI) is the research unit that helped co-organize the Joint ESCAS-CESS Conference. It was established in 2011 with the mission of promoting the study of Central Asia locally and internationally. The Institute pursues this goal by encouraging and supporting individual and group research projects, organizing seminars and conferences, and by developing academic programs focused on Central Asia.

CASI was and remains AUCA’s main research hub on Central Asia. Since its creation, the Institute — helped by the reputation of the University itself but also by its staff, namely the CASI director and research coordinators — is a preferred destination for well-established or young scholars on Central Asia from some of the best universities in the world and, more recently, for some of the key events in the field of Central Asian studies, or in related fields. CASI contributes greatly — through its website and Facebook wall — to the visibility of research within AUCA and to the reputation of AUCA as a research-friendly university. Last but not least, since its inception, CASI has defended its commitment to high-quality research conducted along international standards.

CASI has hosts seminars, talks, and workshops centered on critical regional concerns. Visiting and affiliated scholars provide lectures on a wide range of topics, focusing on everything from reading literature ethnographically to the political economy of the Eurasian Economic Union. Few academic research centers can boast of such a talented group of affiliated researchers studying topics as diverse as the politics of ethnic handicrafts in Soviet Kyrgyzstan and the realities of “miracle truths” in post-Soviet proselytism.

Additionally, CASI runs successfully a Master of Arts program in Central Asian Studies (MACAS). Meant to make a Western graduate education realistic and affordable for Central Asian students, the program is also designed to allow foreign students the possibility of studying Central Asia in Central Asia: it combines AUCA’s extensive expertise on the region with a complete immersion in the culture of Bishkek, a city in which Soviet and Central Asian heritages collide with the newly introduced traditions of the West.

For information about CASI, see: https://auca.kg/en/casiabout/ and https://www.facebook.com/CentralAsianStudiesInstituteAuca
Feeling at Home at AUCA

Dear Conference Participants,

We are glad to welcome you on our campus and our “new home,” as we still call it. If you want to learn more about our campus, see the short description on the next page. We hope you will enjoy the campus the way we do, and we want to share with you some simple rules that we have adopted on campus.

**We care about security:** Please have a valid ID when you came to campus. As importantly, though many of us will be traveling, avoid suitcases or large backpacks when coming to the conference. This will make security checks longer, and will create difficulties with storing them during the conference.

**We sort garbage:** Please do not leave garbage in the rooms. Use the garbage boxes in the corridors and dispose of your garbage correctly. The paper and plastic we collect by sorting our garbage is sold and the revenue is used to support various environmental initiatives.

**Smoke-free campus:** Though we do not encourage smoking, we have a smoking corner. It is indicated on the map of the campus, if not ask security. Smoking outside of the smoking corner is strictly forbidden, parking lots and the garden included.

**Green campus:** We do our best to make it green, and it is not easy. Please avoid walking, sitting or picnicking on the grass in the courtyard.

**Table manners:** Simple and tasty food can be bought at very decent prices at the *Kitchenette*, on the ground floor. *Kitchenette* will be open throughout the duration of the conference. Please put away your dishes after your meal. Also, we would kindly ask you, especially during lunch time, to have your lunch and then free up the table, so that other conference participants can sit and eat lunch. There is plenty of space in and outside of the building where you can socialize and have discussions.

**Cash-free campus:** Exceptions will be made for conference participants but we encourage everyone who can do it to support our policy by using a bank card (Visa or Mastercard) when buying food or drinks on campus.

If you want to have lunch off campus, there are plenty of cafes nearby along Aaly Tokombaev Street (you should turn left once you reach the street from the campus). The most famous (and most expensive) ones are *Barashek* (78 Aaly Tokombaev St.) and *Ormon Khan* (just behind Barashek.)

*There will be plenty of AUCA representatives and assistants on campus during the conference, and you can recognize them by their special name tags. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to turn to them.*
A Note on the AUCA Campus

The new AUCA campus was designed to demonstrate new building practices for Central Asia, where building codes are essentially unchanged from Soviet building codes of the 1970s. Constructing a 21st-century building presented a host of challenges but, we are proud to say, that we created an exceptionally innovative campus that we hope will be a model for Central Asia.

We created a teaching and learning space that is efficient in terms of its footprint by insisting that every space in the building serves multiple purposes. We designed a 175,000 sq. foot building, which provides the functionality normally provided in three or four separate buildings on many U.S. campuses, but created an environment designed to allow and maximize the greatest positive of a campus — the serendipitous engagement of students, faculty, and administrators in a semi-formal context.

We designed and incorporated a host of innovative building techniques to ensure that our building is something to learn from, not merely to learn in. To demonstrate AUCA’s commitment to energy conservation and the use of renewable energy sources, we incorporated a geothermal heating and cooling system, the first of its kind in a public building in Central Asia. Had we built to the code set forth by the Kyrgyz State Agency on Construction and Architecture, the building would consume an estimated 4,189,561 kWh of electrical energy for heating and cooling per year, but by using a renewable energy source such as geothermal we will reduce our electrical energy consumption to approximately 600,000 kWh per year. This decision required a significant up-front investment, because the Kyrgyz government keeps energy prices artificially low.

To practice innovative sustainability, we created little waste during construction and leveraged every available resource. The design and construction of the campus building and site incorporated the rocks unearthed in the excavation of the basement and foundations into the exterior cladding. Future plans include installing the first efficient underground drip irrigation system in the area; and, learning from our partner school in the United States, Bard College, we plan to create a sustainable farm on our campus, including the first hydroponic greenhouse in Kyrgyzstan, powered by our geothermal system.

AUCA is committed to environment leadership and education and intends to share our campus, its plans and our experience to anyone in the region who wants to learn from we have done.
The European Society for Central Asian Studies (ESCAS) seeks to support the study of Central Asia — Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, and adjacent regions of the Caucasus, Russia, China, Afghanistan and Iran. Its main activity is a biennial conference hosted in one of the European countries or in Central Asia. In 1985 a group of scholars from the Netherlands, Germany, France, Great Britain, and Denmark, working within Central Asian Studies decided to establish informal cooperation with the purpose of promoting joint research and interdisciplinary studies among European scholars on Central Asia. Since that first event, biennial conferences have been held in a dozen countries, most recently in Cambridge, Astana, and Zurich. ESCAS XV will be at the American University of Central Asia in Bishkek.

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Information about ESCAS, including how to become a member, may be found at: www.escas.org
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The CENTRAL EURASIAN STUDIES SOCIETY’s purpose is to promote high standards of research and teaching, and to foster communication among scholars through meetings and publications. The Society works to facilitate interaction among senior, established scholars, junior scholars, graduate students, and independent scholars in North America and throughout the world. The Society’s activities include an Annual Conference, a biennial Regional Conference, and information distribution resources, among others.

The CENTRAL EURASIAN STUDIES SOCIETY is a not-for-profit organization incorporated in Massachusetts, USA.

We invite anyone who shares these interests to become a member and participate in our activities. To become a member of CESS or join the mailing list for occasional announcements concerning CESS activities, visit the website or contact the address below.

CESS publications, the Membership Directory, past conference programs, and other information are available online at: www.centraleurasia.org.

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**Plenary 1**

**Thursday**

June 29 16:15-18:00

Keynote Speech by Paolo Sartori on “The Secular that Never Was: Untangling the Meaning of Islam in Soviet Central Asia”
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