

Overview of the Conference Schedule

October 14 - Thursday

Arrival to the conference Thursday afternoon and evening. Details about Thursday registration and informal activities will be made available on this page later.

October 15 - Friday

Registration opens at 8:00 am at the Indiana Memorial Union (IMU).

Sessions begin at 9:00 am and continue through 5:45 pm.

The lunch break runs from 12:45 to 2:00 pm. Lunch options include eating places in the IMU as well as a wide variety of cafes and restaurants in the vicinity of the IU campus (see corresponding page on the CESS 2004/Indiana University website).

From 6:00 to 8:00 pm there will be an informal catered reception/dinner. Dinner tickets are free to registered conference attendees, but must be reserved in advance as space is limited to 350 attendees.

October 16 - Saturday

Registration opens at 8:00 am in the IMU.

Sessions begin at 9:00 am and continue through 5:45 pm. The 4:00 session will be devoted to a Plenary Session (keynote speaker to be announced later).

The lunch break runs from 12:45 to 2:00 pm as on Friday.

October 17 - Sunday

Sessions will begin in the IMU at 9:00 am and continue through 12:45 pm. (Registration will open at 8:30 am).

Departure on Sunday afternoon and evening.

Thematic List of Panels

Note that the thematic designation ("Politics", "Society", etc.) of panels is somewhat imprecise, since we have worked to make panels interdisciplinary and cross-cutting thematically, while at the same time seeking coherence of the panel. Therefore, you can expect to find papers and panels of interest in sections other than your primary field.

Plenary Session

[TBA]

Economy

Human Capital and Economic Development in Central Asia

Resource Management in Central Asia

Transnational and Regional Energy Issues

Economic Policies and Regional Integration

History and Culture

World Historical Approaches to Central Eurasian History

Aspects of Kazakh Steppe History, 18th c. - Early 20th c.

Oral History and Collectivization in Uzbekistan

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Roundtable: Re-Orienting the 'Turks' in Academe: Where Is the Fit?

Constructing a Soviet Central Asian Biography

Historical Perspectives on Education

Georgian Cultural Roots

Political Elites in Historical Analysis

New Interpretations in Central Asian History

Internationalism in Historical Perspective

The Uses of History

Language, Policy and Identity

Jadidism Today: Contemporary Interpretations of Jadidism in Eurasia

Soviet and Colonial Legacies

Customary Law in the Caucasus

Politics

Distortions in the Discourse of Danger: Small Arms and Conflict Prevention in Central Asia

Exporting Stability and Instability: What's Emerging from the Southern Tier FSU?

Xinjiang: Policies, Politics, Places and Projects

Roundtable: Georgia's Recent Transition: Lessons for the Caucasus and Central Asia?

Varieties of Authoritarianism

Conflict in the Caucasus

International Organizations and Local Responses

Islam and Politics

Islamism and Nationalism in Central Asia and the Caucasus

The Politics of Perception

State Building and Citizenship

Building Post-Soviet Institutions

Transnational Identities

International Relations: Turkish Perspectives

Regional and International Security

Political Ecologies of Eurasia I

Political Ecologies of Eurasia II

Politics and Media in Central Asia and the Caucasus

Society

Gender Issues in Central Asia: Empirical Studies in Uzbekistan

Interregional Aspects of Afghan State, Society, and Economy

Clans and Families in the Caucasus

Interpretations of Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan: Social Theory and Its Applications

Russians in Central Asia and Central Asians in Russia: A Mirror of National Identity and Statehood

Christianity in Central Asia

Roundtable: Research Ethics and Central Asian Studies: Practices and Challenges

Art, Death and Money

The International Contexts of Education

Education Participation and Planning

Ethnic Politics and the Causes of Separatism

Religion and Identity

NGOs and Civil Society

Evaluating US Programs in Central Asia

Inclusion and Exclusion: Ethnic Minorities and the State

Charisma and Sources of Authority

Socio-Economic and Cultural change

Societal Processes in Central Asia

The Political and Cultural Values of Youth

Contemporary Education Reform Issues in Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan

PLENARY SESSION

Saturday, 4:00-5:45 pm

[TBA]

ECONOMY

Human Capital and Economic Development in Central Asia

Saturday, 9:00-10:45, Persimmon Room

Chair: [TBD]

Discussant: [TBD]

Kathryn H. Anderson (Vanderbilt University; kathryn.andersonvanderbilt.edu),
Patrick R. Foley (Washington University) and Kakhramon A. Yusupov (Vanderbilt
University)

"Health and Market Productivity in the Kyrgyz Republic"

Charles Becker (Duke University; cbeckerecon.duke.edu), Ai-gul Seitnova
(Pragma Corporation; agseitenovahotmail.com) and Dina Urzhumova (Pragma
Corporation)

"Mortality Recovery and Stabilization in Kazakhstan"

Luba Fajfer (United States Agency for International Development;
lfajferusaid.gov)

"Education Policy in Central Asia: Challenges for Development"

Meike Meurs (American University; mmeursamerican.edu) and Samira Satarkulova
(American University)

"Decentralization and Development in Transition Economies: The Kyrgyz Case"

Resource Management in Central Asia

Friday, 2:00-3:45, Oak Room

Chair: [TBD]

Discussant: Eric Sievers (Baker & McKenzie LLP; eric.w.sieversbakernet.com)

Aida Alymbaeva (Winrock International, Arlington, VA, USA;
aidarochesteryahoo.com)

"Development of Water User Associations in Kyrgyzstan: Successes and Failures"

Jenniver Sehring (University of Giessen; jenniver.sehringzeu.uni-giessen.de)
"Water Policy in Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan"

Dorle Hellmuth (Catholic University of America; 56hellmuthcua.edu)
"Kazakhstan's Water Battles"

Najia Badykova (The George Washington University; najia_shyadoo.com)
"Economic and Political Aspects of Central Asia Gas Export"

Arman Kashkinbekov (JSC National Company KazMunaiGaz; arman@yahoo.com)
"The Republic of Kazakhstan: Oil Prosperity or Sickness?"

Transnational and Regional Energy Issues
Saturday, 11:00-12:45, Oak Room

Chair: [TBD]

Discussant: [TBD]

Stacy Closson (London School of Economics; s.clossonlse.ac.uk) and Eka
Metreveli (Georgia Foundation for Strategic and International Studies)
"Sub-state Energy Alliances across a Weak State: The Case of Samsa-Javakheti,
Georgia"

Djarkinay Musaeva (Kyrgyz State National University; jarkinajfreenet.kg)
"The Prospects of Economic Reform in Kyrgyzstan: The Challenge of Time"

Pinar Ipek (University of Pittsburgh; pinaripekyahoo.com)
"Azerbaijan Government's Policy on Multinational Oil Corporations and Change
of Power in Azerbaijan"

Askarali Karimov (Indiana University School of Public and Environmental
Affairs; akarimovindiana.edu)
"Transboundary Water Allocation Mechanisms as a Key Component in Regional
Security of Central Asia"

Economic Policies and Regional Integration
Sunday, 9:00-10:45, Sassafras Room

Chair: [TBD]

Discussant: [TBD]

Jonathan Vahid Gandomi (University of Arizona; jongandomiyahoo.com)
"Economic Integration in the Former Soviet Union: The Eurasian Economic
Community"

Oybek Shukurov (University of World Economy and Diplomacy; sh_oybekyadoo.com)
"Problems and Prospects for Central Asian Economic Integration Processes"

Komuna Djuraeva (University of World Economy and Diplomacy;
komuna.djuraevacer.uz)
"The Current Situation of the Monetary Policy of the Central Bank and the
Banking System of Uzbekistan"

HISTORY AND CULTURE

World Historical Approaches to Central Eurasian History
Sponsored by the World History Association

Friday, 4:00-5:45, State Room

Chair: Marc Gilbert (North Georgia College and State University;
mgilbertngcsu.edu)

Discussant: David Christian (San Diego State University; dgchristmail.sdsu.edu)

James Millward (Georgetown University; millwarjgeorgetown.edu)
"Xinjiang in World History"

Douglas Northrop (University of Michigan; douglasnorthropmindspring.com)
"Connections, Encounters, Disasters: Central Asian Earthquakes in Global
Perspective"

Scott Levi (University of Louisville; sclevi9earthlink.net)
"The Farghana Valley at the Crossroads of World History: The Tyrant 'Alim Khan
(r. 1798-1810)"

Victoria Clement (Ohio State University; vsclemyahoo.com)
"Local Histories/Global Designs: Turkmen Alphabet and Language Reform, 1881-
2003"

Aspects of Kazakh Steppe History, 18th c. - Early 20th c.
Friday, 2:00-3:45, State Room

Chair: Adeb Khalid (Carleton College; akhalidcarleton.edu)

Discussant: Tomohiko Uyama (Hokkaido University; uyamaslav.hokudai.ac.jp)

Gulnar Kendirbai (Columbia University; gk2020columbia.edu)
"Tsarist Policies of Islam in the Kazak Steppe (18th-19th Centuries)"

Allen J. Frank (Independent Scholar; afrank7129aol.com)
"An Overview of Sufi Networks on the Kazakh Steppe: 1780-1917"

Svetlana Zavgorodnyaya (S. Seifullin Kazakh Agricultural University;
s_zavgorodniayamail.ru)
"What Was the Kazakh "Nomadic Elite" in the 19th Century?"

Virginia Martin (University of Alabama in Huntsville; martinviemail.uah.edu)
"Kazakh Sultans as Colonial Administrators: Preliminary Research on Their
Power and Status, 1820s-1860s"

Oral History and Collectivization in Uzbekistan
Friday, 11:00-12:45, State Room

Chair: [TBD]

Discussant: Shoshana Keller (Hamilton College; skellerhamilton.edu)

Shaxnoza Gayupova (History Institute of the Uzbekistan Academy of Sciences; shaxnozahonyandex.ru)

"Recovering Spiritual Outlooks and Knowledge in Ferghana"

Marianne Kamp (University of Wyoming; mkampuwo.edu)

"Images of Private Property in Uzbek Oral Histories of Collectivization"

Elyor Karimov (History institute of the Uzbekistan Academy of Sciences; ekarimovyandex.ru)

"Oral History and Written Sources of Khorazm at the Beginning of 20th Century: Policy, Economy, Culture"

Nadejda Ozerova (History Institute of the Uzbekistan Academy of Sciences; nadejda29yandex.ru)

"Nationalization Policy in Uzbekistan and Its Consequences (1917-1940)"

Russell Zanca (Northeastern Illinois University; rzancaneiu.edu)

"Collectivization – What Was in It for Me?"

Georgian Culture: Past and Present

Friday, 2:00-3:45, Maple Room

Chair: Stephen Rapp (Georgia State University; hisshrlangate.gsu.edu)

Discussant: Cornelia Horn (University of St. Thomas; cbhornstthomas.edu)

Bert Beynen (Des Moines Area Community College; gkbeynendmacc.edu)

"The Lion-Leopard Fight in Shota Rustavel's The Knight in the Panther-Skin"

Kevin Tuite (Universite de Montreal; tuitekjanthro.umontreal.ca)

"Political and Social Significance of Highland Shrines in Post-Soviet Georgia."

Dodona Kiziria (Indiana University; kiziriaindiana.edu)

"Paradox of Toponyms in the City of Tbilisi"

Julie Christensen (George Mason University; jchristegmu.edu)

"Recent Documentaries from Georgia"

Aida Abuashvili Lominadze (University of Washington; iveriel@yahoo.com)

"The Development of a National Ethics in Georgian Literature"

Roundtable: Re-Orienting the 'Turks' in Academe: Where Is the Fit?

Saturday, 11:00-12:45, Persimmon Room

Chair: Erika H. Gilson (Princeton University; ehgilsonprinceton.edu)

Marianne Kamp (University of Wyoming; mkampuwo.edu)

Edward J. Lazzerini (Indiana University; elazzeriindiana.edu)

Roberta Micallef (University of Utah; roberta.micallefmail.hum.utah.edu)

Sylvia Önder (Georgetown University; ondersgeorgetown.edu)

Uli Schamiloglu (University of Wisconsin-Madison; uschamilfacstaff.wisc.edu)

Constructing a Soviet Central Asian Biography
Friday, 9:00-10:45, Persimmon Room

Chair: John Perry (University of Chicago; j-perryuchicago.edu)

Discussant: Xavier Hallez (L'Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales;
xnjhallezyahoo.com)

Ali Igmen (University of Washington; igmenu.washington.edu)
"Four Daughters of Tököldösh: From Kyrgyz Village to Soviet Stage"

Daniel E. Schafer (Belmont University; schaferdmail.belmont.edu)
"Abdulkhai Kurbangaliev: The Peculiar Life of a Bashkir Counterrevolutionary"

Michael Rouland (Stanford University; roulandmstanford.edu)
"Confronting a Paradigm: Mukhtar Auezov as Soviet Intellectual"

Historical Perspectives on Education
Sunday, 9:00-10:45, Walnut Room

Chair: Shoshana Keller (Hamilton College; skellerhamilton.edu)

Discussant: [TBD]

Timothy May (North Georgia College and State University; tmmaywmalumni.com)
"Jamuqa and the Education of Chinggis Khan"

Agnès Kefeli (Arizona State University; kefeliasu.edu)
"Traditional Primary Islamic Education and Conversion to Islam on the Middle
Volga, 1800-1880"

Shawn Lyons (University of Virginia; stl8mvirginia.edu)
"Old School, New School: A Jadid Reformist's Last Comment on Education"

Georgian Cultural Roots
Sunday, 11:00-12:45, Sassafras Room

Chair: [TBD]

Discussant: [TBD]

Florian Muehlfried (University of Hamburg, Germany; kaukasusuni-hamburg.de)
"The 'True Academy': Georgian Banquets and the Construction of National
Identity"

Stephen H. Rapp, Jr. (Georgia State University, Atlanta; srappgsu.edu)
"The Iranian Basis of Early Medieval Georgian Kingship"

Karina Vamling (Malmoe University; karina.vamlingimer.mah.se)
"Subordinate Clauses in Megrelian Texts from the Early Soviet Period"

Political Elites in Historical Analysis
Saturday, 2:00-3:45, Persimmon Room

Chair: [TBD]

Discussant: [TBD]

Rustamjon Urinboev (University of World Economy and Diplomacy;
r_urinboev@yahoo.co.uk)
"Political Imitation of Central Asia Elites"

Irina Yurievna Morozova (International Institute for Asian Studies;
imorozovafmg.uva.nl)
"The Transformation of Political Elites in Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan and Mongolia,
1924-1953: A Comparative Historical Analysis"

Yesim Bayar (McGill University; ybayarhotmail.com)
"From Empire to Nation: Formation of National Identity in Early Republican
Turkey"

New Interpretations in Central Asian History
Saturday, 11:00-12:45, Sassafras Room

Chair: [TBD]

Discussant: [TBD]

Scott Bailey (University of Hawaii at Manoa; scottbaihawaii.edu)
"Placing Central Asia in World Historical Context: Theoretical and Conceptual
Considerations in the Historiographical Literature"

Dinara Doubrovskaja (Institute of Oriental Studies Russian Academy of Sciences;
distanzamok.net)
"The Concept of the Western Lands (Hi-Yu) in the Political Thinking of the
Chinese"

Pete Rottier (University of Wisconsin; prottierwisc.edu)
"The 1905 Revolution and the Development of a Kazak Political Nationalism"

Internationalism in Historical Perspective
Sunday, 9:00-10:45, Maple Room

Chair: [TBD]

Discussant: [TBD]

Adam Andrew Wake Fergus (New College, University of Oxford;
adam.fergusnew.ox.ac.uk)
"Empires for the Twentieth Century?: The Eurasianist Movement and the Origins
and Development of Its Geopolitical Concepts of Russia, 1921-1935"

Ablet Kamalov (Al-Farabi Kazakh National University; Institute of Oriental
Studies; abletkyahoo.com)

"The East Turkistan Republic (1944-1949) and International Diplomacy"

Anya King (Indiana University; anyakingindiana.edu)

"Central Eurasia and the Silk Road"

Manu Mittal (Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India;

mittal_manuhotmail.com)

"Beyond the Silk Route: Indian and Central Asian Links through the Ages"

Elena Aleksandrovna Khamaganova (Independent Scholar; almutpmail.ru)

"On the Visits of the Extraordinary Embassy of Prince E. E. Ukhtomsky to Peking and Urga and the First Tibetan and Mongol Missions to Russia"

The Uses of History

Friday, 11:00-12:45, Maple Room

Chair: [TBD]

Discussant: [TBD]

Wolfgang Schlott (University of Bremen, Research Institute for Eastern Europe; schlottosteuropa.uni-bremen.de)

"Searching for Historical Sources: Ingush Historiography and Its Dilemmas after 1991"

Talgat Ismagambetov (Kazakh National Technical University; is_v2001mail.ru)

"Multi-ethnic Consolidation in Kazakhstan: Contradictions between History and Modernity"

Uli Schamiloglu (University of Wisconsin-Madison; uschamilwisc.edu)

"(Re)Claiming the Tatar Literary Past: Philology, Chronology, and Ideology in the Construction of Tatar Literary History"

Language, Policy and Identity

Friday, 4:00-5:45, Sassafras Room

Chair: [TBD]

Discussant: [TBD]

Luke O'Callaghan (Dublin City University, Ireland; lyukanmail.ru)

"War of Words: Kazakhstan's Language Policy Post-Independence"

Yosay Wangdi (Grand Valley State University; yosay15yahoo.com)

"Language and Identity"

Juldyz Smagulova (KIMEP, Almaty; zhuldyzkimep.kz), Eleonora Suleimenova (Kazakh State National University al-Farabi; esuleimhotmail.com) and Dana Akanova (University of Chicago; d-akanovauchicago.edu)

"Language Conflict and Language Planning in Kazakhstan"

Jadidism Today: Contemporary Interpretations of Jadidism in Eurasia

Saturday, 2:00-3:45, State Room

Chair: [TBD]

Discussant: Edward J. Lazzerini (Indiana University; elaazeri@indiana.edu)

Hisao Komatsu (University of Tokyo; komatsul.u-tokyo.ac.jp)

"A Precursor of the Jadids in Russian Turkistan: A Consideration of the Tuhfai Tai'ib"

Leila Chérif-Chebbi (Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris; leila.chewanadoo.fr)

"Official and Dissenting Views on Islamic Reformism in China"

Stephane Dudoignon (CNRS / Marc Bloch University, Strasbourg; dudoignonaol.com)

"Jadidism Revisited: The Case of Tajikistan since the 1970s"

Adeeb Khalid (Carleton College; akhalid@carleton.edu)

"Contemporary Uzbek Views of Jadidism"

Soviet and Colonial Legacies

Friday, 2:00-3:45, Persimmon Room

Chair: [TBD]

Discussant: [TBD]

Saulesh Yessenova (University of British Columbia; sesenovahotmail.com)

"Narratives of Migration: Unveiling Colonial Legacy in Post-Soviet Kazakhstan"

David MacFadyen (University of California, Los Angeles; dmacfady@humnet.ucla.edu)

"Selling the Empire: Soviet Promotional Rhetoric within Uzbek Culture"

Erdin Beshimov (University of Bradford; e.beshimov@brad.ac.uk)

"Communicative Problems in Normative Innovation in Post-Soviet Society"

Customary Law in the Caucasus

Sunday, 11:00-12:45, Maple Room

Chair: Moshe Gammer (Tel Aviv University; moshegapost@tau.ac.il)

Discussant: Michael Reynolds (Harvard University; mreynoldswcfia.harvard.edu)

Walter Comins-Richmond (Occidental College; richmondoxy.edu)

"The Role of Customary Law in Ethnic Relations in the Northwest Caucasus"

Irina Babich (Institute of Ethnology and Anthropology, Russian Academy of Science; babich@bk.ru)

"Islam and Legal Systems (Adat and Sharia) in the Northwest Caucasus: 18th-20th Centuries"

Virginia Nordin (University of Kentucky; nordin@uky.edu)

"The Meaning of Customary Law and Customary Law in the Georgian Caucasus"

[TBD]

POLITICS

Distortions in the Discourse of Danger: Small Arms and Conflict Prevention in Central Asia

Friday, 9:00-10:45, State Room

Chair: [TBD]

Discussant: Chad Thompson (Aga Khan Humanities Project; thompsonakhp.org)

John David Heathershaw (London School of Economics and Political Science; j.d.heathershawlse.ac.uk)

"The Paradox of Tajik Peace-building: The Case of Small Arms"

Stina Torjesen (University of Oxford, St. Antony's College; stina.torjesenpolitics.ox.ac.uk)

"Distortions in the Discourse of Danger: The Case of Small Arms Proliferation in Kyrgyzstan"

Emilbek Juraev (American University- Central Asia; ejuraevmail.auca.kg)

"Orientalism Revisited? Central Asia, Dangerous..."

Madeline Reeves (University of Cambridge; madeleinereevesyahoo.com)

"Locating Danger: Konfliktologiia and the Search for Fixity in the Ferghana Valley Borderlands"

Exporting Stability and Instability: What's Emerging from the Southern Tier FSU?

Friday, 9:00-10:45, Oak Room

Chair: [TBD]

Discussant: Deborah Klepp (US Dept. of State; kleppdndu.edu)

Daniel Burghart (National Defense University; burghartdndu.edu)

"Roses or Thorns?: The Implications of Georgia's Rose Revolution for Regional Stability in the Caucasus and Central Asia"

Theresa Sabonis-Helf (National War College/National Defense University; sabonishelftndu.edu)

"Power, Influence and Stability: Russia, Energy, and the Southern Tier 'Near Abroad' "

Paul Christensen (Boston College; christpjbc.edu)

"Help Wanted?: Labor Migration, Political Economy, and Security in Russia and Central Asia"

Saltanat Sulaimanova (American University; saltaamerican.edu)

"Irregular Labor Migration from Central Asia to the United States"

Xinjiang: Policies, Politics, Places and Projects

Saturday, 9:00-10:45, Walnut Room

Chair: Linda Benson (Oakland University; bensonokland.edu)

Discussant: Jonathan Lipman (Mount Holyoke College; jlipmanmtholyoke.edu)

Gardner Bovington (Indiana University; gbovingdindiana.edu)

"Thinking Theoretically about Resistance in Xinjiang"

Meryem Kirimli (Cankaya University; kirimlicankaya.edu.tr)

"State Policies versus the Power of Global Society: The Case of the Uyghur Autonomous Region in China"

Arienne M. Dwyer (University of Kansas; anthlinguistku.edu)

"Developments in Language Policy in Xinjiang"

Stanley Toops (Miami University; toopsswmuohio.edu)

"The Impact of the Western Development Programs upon Xinjiang"

Roundtable: Georgia's Recent Transition: Lessons for the Caucasus and Central Asia?

Sunday, 11:00-12:45, State Room

Chair: Amanda Wooden (Northeastern Illinois University; a-woodenneiu.edu)

Christoph Stefes (University of Colorado, Denver; cstefescarbon.cudenver.edu)

"The Legacies of Transition: Georgia's State Collapse and Democracy"

Nate Van Dusen (IFES and American University; vtnateyahoo.com)

"Political Culture and the Shaping of Georgia's Second Transition to Democracy"

Julie George (University of Texas, Austin; jageorgemail.utexas.edu)

"De Facto and De Jure: The Future of Center-Periphery Relations in Georgia"

Maggie Osdoby Katz (Harvard University; maggie_osdoby_katzksg05.harvard.edu)

"Social Institutions and Nationalism: The Moscow-Tbilisi Connection and the Orthodox Church's Role in State-building in Georgia"

Varieties of Authoritarianism

Saturday, 9:00-10:45, Dogwood Room

Chair: Laura Adams (Princeton University; lladams2earthlink.net)

Discussant: [TBD]

Vahram Ter-Matevosyan (University of Bergen; termatevosyaho.com)

"Reconsidering Kemalism: Military Power and the Rise of Political Islam in Turkey"

Edward Schatz (Southern Illinois University; schatzsiu.edu)

"Varieties of Central Asian Authoritarianism"

Neema Noori (Columbia University; nn88columbia.edu)

"Delegating Coercion: The Institutional Roots of Authoritarianism in Uzbekistan"

Conflict in the Caucasus
Friday, 11:00-12:45, Oak Room

Chair: Robert Bruce Ware (Southern Illinois University Edwardsville;
rwaresiue.edu)

Discussant: [TBD]

Avinoam Idan (University of Haifa; Truman Research Institute, The Hebrew
University of Jerusalem; avdannetvision.net.il)
"The Geographic Factor and the Conflicts in Georgia"

Michael Reynolds (Harvard University; mreynoldswcfia.harvard.edu)
"Myths and Mysticism: A Longitudinal Perspective on Islam and Conflict in the
North Caucasus"

[TBD]

International Organizations and Local Responses
Saturday, 9:00-10:45, Oak Room

Chair: [TBD]

Discussant: [TBD]

Komila Rakhimova (OSCE Centre in Tashkent; arcyqizyadoo.co.uk)
"Trafficking in Human Beings: Assessment of International Efforts to Engage
the Uzbek State and Civil Society in Preventive Strategies"

Leila Baishina (UNDP Kazakhstan; leilabmail.fulbrightweb.org)
"Development of National Human Rights Institutions in Central Asia: Current
Trends"

Byambajav Dalaibuyan (Mongolian State University of Education;
byambajavmsue.edu.mn)
"The Role of International NGOs in Post-Communist Mongolia"

Islam and Politics
Saturday, 11:00-12:45, State Room

Chair: [TBD]

Discussant: [TBD]

Pınar Akçalı (Middle East Technical University; akcalimetu.edu.tr)
"Many Faces of Post-Soviet Islam in Central Asia: Blurred Boundaries, New
Approaches"

Jamshid Umarov (Tashkent Islamic University; sayqaluzyadoo.com)
"Religion in Central Asia: Political Threat or Spiritual Value?"

Bayram Balci (Institut Français d'Etudes Anatoliennes Istanbul;
balci_bayramyadoo.fr)
"Between Sunna and Shia: Islam in Post-Soviet Azerbaijan"

Wassilios Klein (Universität Bonn; wassilios.kleint-online.de)
"The Relevance of the Muftis in Central Asian States of the CIS for Religious Tolerance"

Islamism and Nationalism in Central Asia and the Caucasus
Sunday, 9:00-10:45, State Room

Chair: [TBD]

Discussant: [TBD]

Gunes Murat Tezcur (University of Michigan; gunesumich.edu)
"Whither Islamism in Iran?: Evidence on Mass Political Attitudes"

Sofie Sunden (Sodertorn University College; sofie.sundensh.se)
"Islamicization in Process: Understanding Politicization of Religion in Post-Soviet Uzbekistan and Azerbaijan"

Michael Dennis (Miami University; dennismpmuohio.edu)
"From the Sickle to the Crescent: The Construction of Militant Islamic Identities in Chechnya"

Nicholas Don Corbett (University of Manitoba; nick.corbettsympatico.ca)
"Steps to Statehood: Contemporary Nationalism in Uzbekistan"

The Politics of Perception
Friday, 4:00-5:45, Maple Room

Chair: [TBD]

Discussant: [TBD]

Gabriele Rasuly-Paleczek (Institute for Social and Cultural Anthropology, University of Vienna; gabriele.rasulyunivie.ac.at)
"Slave Hunters and Slave Eaters: Representations of the Turkic Peoples of Afghanistan in Western Travelogues"

Jonathan Samuel Miner (University of South Carolina; jsnimrodaol.com)
"The Importance of Moral Entrepreneurs in Emerging Global Prohibition Regimes: The Case of Turkey"

Jonathan Zartman (University of Denver; jkzartmanmsn.com)
"Management of Images and Durable Peace"

State Building and Citizenship
Sunday, 11:00-12:45, Dogwood Room

Chair: [TBD]

Discussant: [TBD]

Carol J. Riphenburg (College of DuPage; riphenbucdnet.cod.edu)
"Constitutional Engineering and Governance in Afghanistan"

Galima Eshmukhamedova (Academy of Management under the President of the Kyrgyz Republic; galimaamp.aknet.kg)
"Political and Administrative Relations between Central and Local Levels and Globalization Impact"

Jan Malekzade (United Nations Tajikistan Office for Peacebuilding; malekzadeun.org)
"State-building Processes in Central Asia: Afghanistan and Tajikistan"

Robert Bruce Ware (Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville; rwaresiue.edu)
"Russian Hegemony in Dagestan"

Building Post-Soviet Institutions
Sunday, 9:00-10:45, Dogwood Room

Chair: [TBD]

Discussant: [TBD]

Janna Khegai (Catholic University of Leuven; janna.khegaisoc.kuleuven.ac.be)
"Tribalism and Institution-building in the Post-Soviet Central Asia: Successful Interaction?"

Viktor Badaker (University of Kentucky; vbadakerhotmail.com)
"Corruption and Environment: Kazakhstan as a Case Study"

Mahabat Baimyrzaeva (University of Southern California; baimyrzausc.edu)
"Institution-building Reform Strategies in Kyrgyzstan: Theoretical Underpinnings, Effects, and Alternatives"

Suhrob Shoev (Tajik State University of Law, Business and Politics; suhrob_shyahoo.com)
"Stages of Government Reform in Tajikistan"

Transnational Identities
Saturday, 2:00-3:45, Oak Room

Chair: [TBD]

Discussant: [TBD]

Larissa Rafaelevna Ousmanova (Institute for North East Asia Research, University of Shimane, Japan; ousmanovayahoo.com)
"Russian Tatar Émigré Communities in East Asia in the First Half of the 20th Century"

Matteo Fumagalli (University of Edinburgh; m.fumagallisms.ed.ac.uk)
"Uzbek Political Mobilization in Tajikistan and the Kyrgyz Republic"

Brenda Shaffer (Harvard University; brenda_shafferharvard.edu)
"Thinking Beyond Citizenship: Relations between Ethnically-defined States and Co-ethnics Abroad"

International Relations: Turkish Perspectives

Friday, 11:00-12:45, Walnut Room

Chair: [TBD]

Discussant: [TBD]

Robert Olson (University of Kentucky; hispostauky.edu)
"Turkey-Iran Relations, 1979 to 2004: An Interpretative Analysis"

Kamer Kasım (Abant İzzet Baysal University; kamerkasimyahoo.com)
"Turkish-Russian Relations: Cooperation and/or Competition between the Two Regional Powers"

Brunelli Michele (Research Centre on Southern Systema and Wider Mediterranean; michele.brunelliunicatt.it)
"2004: The Asian Projection of Turkey: Military Empathies"

Gonca Oğuz (Gebze Institute of Technology; goncaoguzhotmail.com)
"The New Face of Strategic Partnerships after the Cold War Era: The Case of Turkey and Iran"

Regional and International Security
Saturday, 9:00-10:45, State Room

Chair: Daniel Burghart (National Defense University; burghartdndu.edu)

Discussant: [TBD]

Anna Lisa Ghini (Independent Scholar; alghininetvigator.com)
"The Geopolitical Situation of Xinjiang"

Enayatollah Yazdani (Australian National University; enayatollah.yazdanianu.edu.au)
"The Impact of the Events of the September 11, 2001 on US Engagement with Central Asia"

Bek-Myrza Tokotegin (Bogazici University, Istanbul, Turkey ; tokoteginyahoo.com)
"Political Islam in Central Asia: The Batken/Ferghana Case in Light of September 11"

Kamiljon Akramov (RAND Corporation; akramovrand.org)
"Security and Development in Central Asia: Implications for Multilateral and Bilateral Aid Policies"

Political Ecologies of Eurasia I
Friday, 4:00-5:45, Dogwood Room

Chair: Kyle T. Evered (Illinois State University; ktevereilstu.edu)

Discussant: Nazif Shahrani (Indiana University; shahraniindiana.edu)

Caroline Upton (University of Cambridge; huitenyahoo.co.uk)
"'Development' and Devolution: The Politics of 'Community' in Post-Socialist Mongolia"

Diana Ter-Ghazaryan (Florida International University; dterghazaryanyahoo.com)
"The Issyk-Kul Nature Reserve throughout History"

Johan Elverskog (Southern Methodist University; jelverskmail.smu.edu)
"The Environment and Mongolian History, 1550-1750"

Olena Smyntyna (Odessa I. I. Mechnikov National University; smyntynapaco.net,
smyntynamail.ru)
"Political Ecology in Post-Soviet Space Formation: Searching for Concepts and
Methods"

Political Ecologies of Eurasia II
Saturday, 2:00-3:45, Dogwood Room

Chair: [TBD]

Discussant: Caroline Upton (University of Cambridge; huitenyahoo.co.uk)

Kyle T. Evered (Illinois State University; ktevereilstu.edu)
"Varied Geopolitics of Baku-Ceyhan: A Political Ecology Perspective on
'Pipelines as Development' in Turkey"

Matthias Schmidt (University of Erlangen-Nuremberg; mschmidtgeographie.uni-
erlangen.de)
"Changing Interests, Actors and Institutions and Their Transformed Impact on
Natural Resources in Southern Kyrgyzstan"

Natalia Druz (Energy Efficiency and Cleaner Production Center; natdruzmail.ru)
"Energy Efficiency and Cleaner Production Issues in Kazakhstan: One of the
Ways for the Sustainable Development"

Politics and Media in Central Asia and the Caucasus
Friday, 9:00-10:45, Dogwood Room

Chair: [TBD]

Discussant: [TBD]

Eric Freedman (Michigan State University; freedma5msu.edu)
"Coverage of Central Asian Free Press, Free Speech and Political Freedom
Issues by Independent News Websites"

Heather Fernuik (Georgetown University; hf28georgetown.edu)
"The Voice of Violence: Civil Ramifications of Institutional Repression in
Azerbaijan"

Barbara Junisbai (Indiana University; junisbaiindiana.edu) and Azamat Junisbai
(Indiana University; junisbaiindiana.edu)
"Kazakhstan's Democratic Choice Movement: A Case Study"

Ronald Cluett (Pomona College; ronaldcluett@hotmail.com)
"Caucasus Caucuses: Understanding the Azeri Elections"

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Gender Issues in Central Asia: Empirical Studies in Uzbekistan
Friday, 4:00-5:45, Persimmon Room

Chair: Diana May Pearce (University of Washington; pearceu.washington.edu)

Discussant: [TBD]

Dinara Alimdjanova (Tashkent Center of Gender Studies; adinarafreenet.uz)
"The Status of Women's and Gender Studies in the Transition Period in Muslim Countries in Central Asia"

Lyudmila Kim (National University of Uzbekistan; lyudmilakimalbatros.uz)
"Traditionalism in the Perceptions of Gender Roles in Modern Uzbekistan: Adherence to Double Standards"

Elvira Ganeeva (National University of Uzbekistan; elviraalbatros.uz)
"Gender Aspects of Ethnic Identity and Intercultural Communications: An Empirical Study in Uzbekistan"

Marietta Karamyan (National University of Uzbekistan; mariettaalbatros.uz)
"Gender Aspects of Health Beliefs and Behaviors: An Empirical Study in Uzbekistan"

Interregional Aspects of Afghan State, Society, and Economy
Saturday, 2:00-3:45, Walnut Room

Chair: Margaret Mills (Ohio State University; mills.186osu.edu)

Discussant: Nigel Allan (University of California, Davis; njrallanucdavis.edu)

Robert Nichols (Richard Stockton College; robert.nicholsstockton.edu)
"Pashtun Migration for Labor, c. 1970-2000"

Sana Haroon (School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London; sana_haroon@yahoo.com)
"Afghan State-building and Frontier Defense: The Contradictions in the Career of Maulana Saifur Rehman"

Shah Mahmoud Hanifi (James Madison University; hanif2smjmu.edu)
"Currencies, Markets, and Routes as Commercial Dimensions of State Formation in Afghanistan"

Anne Brodsky (UMBC, University of Maryland, Baltimore County; brodskyumbc.edu)
"The Risks and Benefits of Afghan Women's Successes in Forging Alliances"

Clans and Families in the Caucasus
Saturday, 9:00-10:45, Sassafras Room

Chair: [TBD]

Discussant: [TBD]

Christian Dettmering (Freie Universität Berlin; christian.dettmeringgrude.de)
"Reassessing Chechen and Ingush (Vainakh) Clan Structures"

Ekaterina Sokirianskaia (Chechen State University; pphsoe01phd.ceu.hu)
"Clan Structures in the Socio-Political Life of Contemporary Ingushetia and Chechnya: Myths and Realities"

Lubov Solovieva (Institute of Ethnology and Anthropology of the Russian Academy of Sciences; solovevaiea.ras.ru)
"The Role of Clan Structures among the Adygs"

[TBD]

Interpretations of Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan: Social Theory and Its Applications
Friday, 11:00-12:45, Sassafras Room

Chair: Saulesh Yessenova (University of British Columbia; sesenovahotmail.com)

Discussant: Zhanara Nauruzbayeva (Stanford University; zhanarastanford.edu)

Aigerim Diykanbaeva (Turkish-Kyrgyz Manas University; aguka3yahoo.com)
"The Traces of Shamanism in Kyrgyz Legends"

Nazgul Mingisheva (Karagandy State University; nazgulmyahoo.com)
"A Structural Analysis of Kazakh Fairytales"

Anzhela Indzhigolyan (Karagandy State University; anzhela_i2002mail.ru)
"On the Socializing Impact of the Internet: The Example for Kazakhstan Students"

Sergei Zolotukhin (Kazakh Economic University; sazolotnursat.kz)
"Dynamics of Development of Social Relations in the CIS"

Russians in Central Asia and Central Asians in Russia: A Mirror of National Identity and Statehood
Sunday, 9:00-10:45, Room

Chair: [TBD]

Discussant: Michael Rouland (Georgetown University; roulandmstanford.edu)

Jeff Sahadeo (Carleton University; jeffsahadeopigeon.carleton.ca)
"Central Asians in the Center of Russia: Navigating Multiethnicity in Soviet and Post-Soviet Urban Worlds"

Marlene Laruelle (French Institute for Central Asian Studies; marlenelaruelleyahoo.com)
"The Cossacks Renewal in Central Asia: An Analysis of Contemporary Identity Reconstructions"

Sebastien Peyrouse (French Institute for Central Asian Studies; sebpeyrouseyahoo.com)
"Between Russia and Central Asia: Russians in Kazakhstan and the Question of Emigration"

[TBD]

Christianity in Central Asia
Friday, 4:00-5:45, Oak Room

Chair: Jonathan Lipman (Mount Holyoke College; jlipman@mount-holyoke.edu)

Discussant: [TBD]

Tomohiko Uyama (Hokkaido University; uyamaslav.hokudai.ac.jp)
"The Tsarist Government's Attempts at Christianizing Central Asian Nomads"

Linda Benson (Oakland University; bensonoakland.edu)
"Protestant Evangelism in Xinjiang, 1900-1939"

Mathijs Pelkmans (Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology;
pelkmanseth.mpg.de)
"Missionary Encounters in Kyrgyzstan: Dynamics of Religious Conversion and Anti-conversion"

[TBD]

Roundtable: Research Ethics and Central Asian Studies: Practices and Challenges
Friday, 4:00-5:45, Walnut Room

Chair: Chad D. Thompson (Aga Khan Humanities Project; thompsonakhp.org)

Discussant: K. Anne Pyburn (Indiana University, Bloomington;
apyburn@indiana.edu)

Medina Aitieva (American University in Central Asia; medinaitiev@yahoo.com)

Sarah S. Amsler (London School of Economics and Political Science;
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Norma Jo Baker (Aga Khan Humanities Project; bakeraakhp.org)

Yasmin Lodi (American Political Science Association; lodiy@hotmail.com)

Martha Merrill (School for International Training (SIT); martha.merrill@sit.edu)

Bermet Tursunkulova (Civic Education Project; cepcadcd@delcat.kg)

Art, Death and Money
Saturday, 2:00-3:45, Sassafras Room

Chair: [TBD]

Discussant: [TBD]

Rysbek Alimov (University of Istanbul, School of Social Sciences;
alimoff@yahoo.com)

"Turgesh Inscriptions from Kochkor"

Turbat Tsagaan (Mongolian State University of Education; ts_turbatmongol.net)
"The Origin of Xiongnu Archaeological Culture Based on Funeral Rites"

Anja Heather Joje Reid (Curtin University, Perth, Australia;
anja.reidstudent.curtin.edu.au)
"Promissory Notes of Modernity?: Mongolian Philately and Cultural Self-
representation"

Izabella Horvath (DePaul University; ihorvath3cs.com)
"A Preliminary Study of Iconographic Ambiguity of Certain Images in Central
Eurasian Decorative Art"

The International Contexts of Education
Friday, 2:00-3:45, Walnut Room

Chair: [TBD]

Discussant: Rachel Cooke (U.S. Embassy, Bishkek; cookerlstate.gov)

Eleonora Faizullaeva (Independent Scholar; efaizullaeva20022002yahoo.com)
"Gender Education in the Newly Independent States and Mongolia"

Jyldyz Aknazarova (Osh State University; akjyldyzmail.ru)
"The Joining of Kyrgyzstan Higher Education Institutions to the Bologna
Process"

Maral Nurtazina (Gumilyov Eurasian National University, Astana, Kazakhstan;
maral0204mail.ru)
"Higher Education in Kazakhstan: Perspectives and Development"

Education Participation and Planning
Saturday, 11:00-12:45, Walnut Room

Chair: Rachel Cooke (U.S. Embassy, Bishkek; cookerlstate.gov)

Discussant: [TBD]

Nazira Tiuliundieva (Academy of Management under the President of the Kyrgyz
Republic, Institute of State and Municipal Administration;
tulundievahotmail.com)
"Gender Inequalities in Education in Kyrgyzstan"

Christopher Whitsel (Indiana University; cwhitselindiana.edu)
"Educational Participation in Tajikistan"

Zamira Akobirova (University of Missouri-Kansas City; zamirabukharayahoo.com)
"Uzbekistan: What Do We Need in Organization and Administration of the System
of Higher Education?"

Gooly Mamadiyeva (International Management Training Center; mguli2002mail.ru)
"Issues and Prospects of Improving Distance Learning Education in Uzbekistan"

Ethnic Politics and the Causes of Separatism
Saturday, 11:00-12:45, Maple Room

Chair: [TBD]

Discussant: [TBD]

Henry Hale (Indiana University; hhaleindiana.edu)
"A Cause Without a Rebel: Kazakhstan's Unionist Nationalism and Theories of Ethnic Conflict"

Aktam Jalilov (Indiana University; aktamjyahoo.com)
"Ethnic-political Aspects of Central Asian Stability"

Felix Chang (University of Michigan Law School; fbchangumich.edu)
"Xinjiang: The Disappearing Frontier of Chinese Communism"

Gregory Tomasin (University of Washington; tomasinu.washington.edu)
"Murder, Justice, Rebellion and Retribution: Semirech'e Oblast' in the Final Decade of Tsarist Rule"

Religion and Identity
Friday, 9:00-10:45, Walnut Room

Chair: [TBD]

Discussant: [TBD]

Vernon Schubel (Kenyon College; schubelkenyon.edu)
"My Baglama Gently Weeps: The Transmission of Mystical Theology in Contemporary Alevi Music"

Sultonbek Mirzoshoevich Aksakolov (Institute of Ismaili Studies; saksakoloviis.ac.uk)
"Understanding and Maintaining Religious Identity in Post-Soviet Tajikistan: A Case Study of the Ismaili Community in the Dusti District of Tajikistan"

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NGOs and Civil Society
Friday, 11:00-12:45, Persimmon Room

Chair: [TBD]

Discussant: [TBD]

Alisher Abidjanov (National University of Uzbekistan; abidjanov-ayandex.ru)
and Laura Adams (Princeton University; lladams2earthlink.net)
"GONGOs in Uzbekistan and the Development of Civil Society"

Hisayo Katsui (Institute of Development Studies at Helsinki University; hisayo.katsuihelsinki.fi)
"Lives of Disabled People and Their NGO Activities in Transitional States"

Najam Abbas (Institute of Ismaili Studies; nabbasiis.ac.uk)

"Dimensions and Dynamics of Tajikistan's Civil Society Discourse"

Evaluating US Programs in Central Asia
Sunday, 11:00-12:45, State Room

Chair: [TBD]

Discussant: [TBD]

Laurence Ariel Jarvik (Johns Hopkins University, Graduate Program in Business & Management; lajarvikearthlink.net)

"Teaching Business Communication in Uzbekistan: Some Lessons Learned"

Charles Krusekopf (Austin College, American Center for Mongolian Studies, National University of Mongolia; ckrusekopfaustincollege.edu)

"Expanding the Field of Mongolian Studies and a Report on the American Center for Mongolian Studies (ACMS) in Ulaanbaatar"

Jamil Hasanli (Baku State University; hjaminazeri.com)

"The Significance of the Children's Encyclopedia in the Formation of the New World View in Azerbaijan"

Inclusion and Exclusion: Ethnic Minorities and the State
Friday, 2:00-3:45, Dogwood Room

Chair: [TBD]

Discussant: [TBD]

Alexander Diener (Pepperdine University; alexander.dienerpepperdine.edu)

"Mongolians, Mongols, and Kazakhs: Trajectories of Nationalization in Today's Mongolia"

Dilber Kahraman Thwaites (Independent Scholar; dilberthwaites.com.au)

"An Uyghur Meshrep Dichotomy"

Alan Wheeler (University of Cambridge; waw26cam.ac.uk)

"Where Is 'Home' in a Nomadic 'Homeland'?: State Territoriality and Mobility among the Dukha Reindeer Herders of Mongolia"

Nasriddin Atakulovich Mamanazarov (Center for the Study of Social Opinion; nasridyandex.ru)

"Uzbek Ethnic Minorities in the Socio-political System of Tajikistan: The Case of the Lakays"

Charisma and Sources of Authority
Saturday, 9:00-10:45, Maple Room

Chair: [TBD]

Discussant: [TBD]

Habiba Fathi (French Institute for Central Asian Studies; habiba.fnetcourrier.com)

"Women of Authority in Central Asian Islam as Agents of Identity Preservation and Community Restructuring in the Post-Soviet Period"

Mir Baiz Khan (Independent Scholar; mirbaizkhanyahoo.ca)
"Nasir Khusraw: A Revered Religious Figure"

Frederick De Jong (Utrecht University; frederick.dejonglet.uu.nl)
"Reflections of Imam Shamil and Islamic Law"

Nurten Kilic-Schubel (Miami University (Oxford, Ohio); kilicnkenyon.edu)
"In Search of Her Voice: Women and Poetry in 18th and 19th Century Central Asia"

Socio-Economic and Cultural change
Saturday, 11:00-12:45, Dogwood Room

Chair: [TBD]

Discussant: [TBD]

Rano Turaeva (Independent Scholar; rano.turaevamail.ru)
"The Problem of Trafficking in Uzbekistan after the Collapse of Soviet Union"

Asli Baykal (Boston University; abaykalbu.edu)
"Changing Family and Community Relations in Uzbekistan"

Uran Ergeshbaev (Osh State University; uranbek65mail.ru)
"The Social Economic Consequences Present Migration Processes in the Kyrgyz Republic."

Societal Processes in Central Asia
Saturday, 2:00-3:45, Maple Room

Chair: [TBD]

Discussant: [TBD]

Almagul Djumabaeva (Kyrgyz National University; almagulhotmail.kg)
"Employment and Gender Roles in Kyrgyzstan"

Brent Hierman (Indiana University; bhiermanindiana.edu)
"The State's Influence on Patterns of Internal Migration: A Comparative Examination of Rural-Urban Migration to Astana and Tashkent"

Irina Liczek (New School University, Graduate Faculty for Social and Political Sciences; irina_liczekyahoo.com)
"Cultural Parameters of Gender Policy-making in Contemporary Turkmenistan"

Aigul Abzhalieva (Kazakh National University named after al-Farabi; abzhalievaok.kz)
"Particularities of Urbanization Processes in Kazakhstan"

The Political and Cultural Values of Youth
Sunday, 11:00-12:45, Persimmon Room

Chair: [TBD]

Discussant: [TBD]

Colette Harris (Virginia Tech; colettevt.edu)
"Gendered Tensions: Young People's Struggles between Modernity and Tradition in Tajikistan"

Yasmin Lodi (American Political Science Association; lodiyhotmail.com)
"Confronting, Coping, and Absorbing the Democratizing Western Culture: Values in Flux in Central Asia"

Ghazaleh Nazifkar (Iranian Red Crescent ; g_nazifkaryahoo.com) and Saeid Golkar (University of Tehran; sgolkarut.ac.ir)
"Political Culture of Iranian Youth: Content Analysis of Persian Weblogs between 2001 and 2003"

Contemporary Education Reform Issues in Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan
Sunday, 11:00-12:45, Walnut Room

Chair: Alan DeYoung (University of Kentucky; ajdeyuky.edu)

Discussant: Sarfarozi Niyozov (Institute of Ismaili Studies; fn3872zfastnet.co.uk)

Stephen A. Bahry (Ontario Institute for Studies in Education; sbahryoise.utoronto.ca)
"Curriculum Reform in Central Asia: A Comparison of the Attitudes of Governments and International Funding Agencies"

Todd Drummond (American Councils for International Education; drummondaccels.elcat.kg)
"The National Testing Initiative of the Kyrgyz Republic: Accomplishments, Challenges and Prospects for Sustainability"

Akim Elnazarov (The Institute of Ismaili Studies, London, UK; aelnazariis.ac.uk)
"The Rise of Religious Influence in Post-Soviet Classrooms in Rural Tajikistan"

Rahat Joldoshalieva (The Aga-Khan University; rahatkayahoo.com)
"Researching Practice, Practicing Research: A Case of Four English Language Teachers in Osh, Kyrgyzstan"

Galina K. Valyayeva (University of Kentucky; gvaly0uky.edu)
"Surviving School Reform in the Kyrgyz Republic: Two Case Studies"