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Conference Schedule Summary

Thursday, September 28

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6:00-8:00 pm

Registration - Michigan League, Concourse, 2nd Floor

Reception - Michigan League, Ballroom, 2nd Floor

Friday, September 29

8:00 am-4:00 pm

9:00-10:45 am

10:45-11:00 am

11:00 am-12:45 pm

12:45-2:00 pm

12:45-2:00 pm

2:00-3:45 pm

3:45-4:00 pm

4:15-4:30 pm

4:30-6:00 pm

6:30 pm

Registration - Michigan League, Concourse, 2nd Floor

Session I

Break

Session II

Lunch Break

Executive Board Meeting. Location: Room C.

Session III

Break

Welcome and Award Announcements, Mendelssohn Theatre

Keynote Address: Juan Cole, Mendelssohn Theatre

Dinner - Michigan League, Ballroom, 2nd floor

Saturday, September 30

8:00 am-4:00 pm

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11:00 am-12:45 pm

11:00 am - 1:00 pm

12:45-2:00 pm

2:00-3:45 pm

3:45-4:00 pm

4:00-5:45 pm

6:00-7:00 pm

7:30-9:00 pm

Registration - Michigan League, Concourse, 2nd Floor

Session I

Break

Session II

Publications Committee Meeting. Location: Room C

Lunch Break

Session III

Break

Session IV

CESS Business and Information Meeting, Vandenberg Room.

Distinguished Address: Craig Murray, Auditorium, Natural Sciences Building.

Sunday, October 1

8:00 am-9:00 am

9:00-10:45 am

10:45-11:00 am

11:00 am-12:45 pm

12:45 pm

12:00-1:30 pm

Registration - Michigan League, Concourse, 2nd Floor

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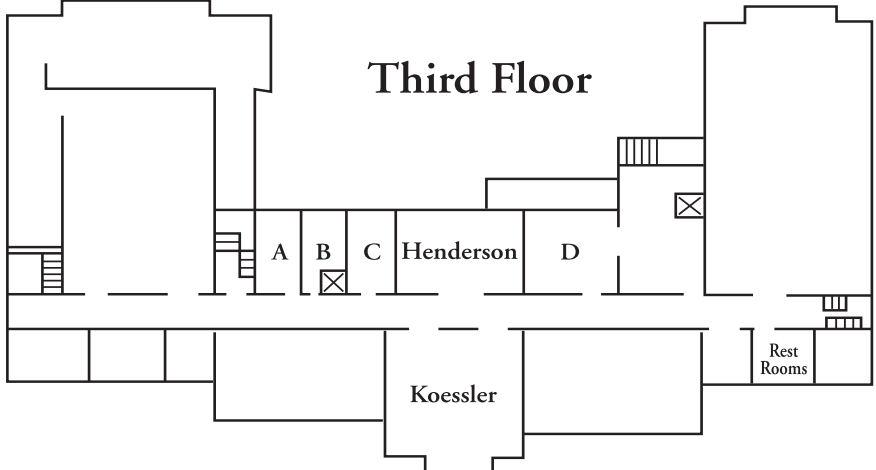
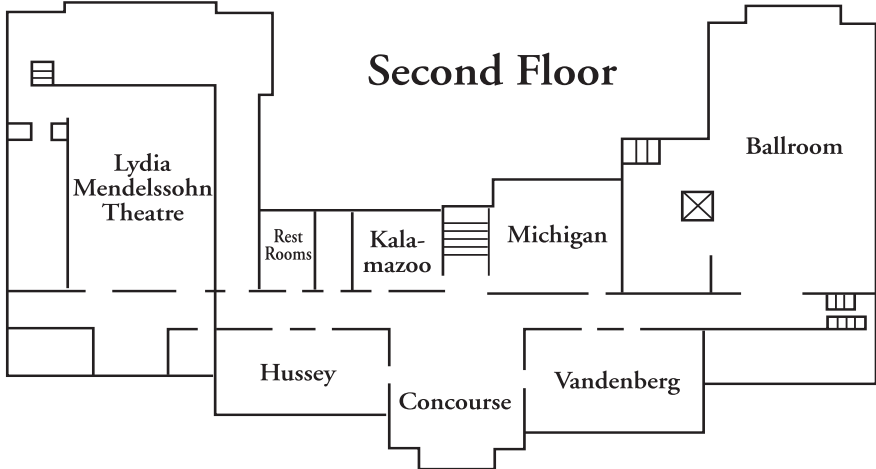
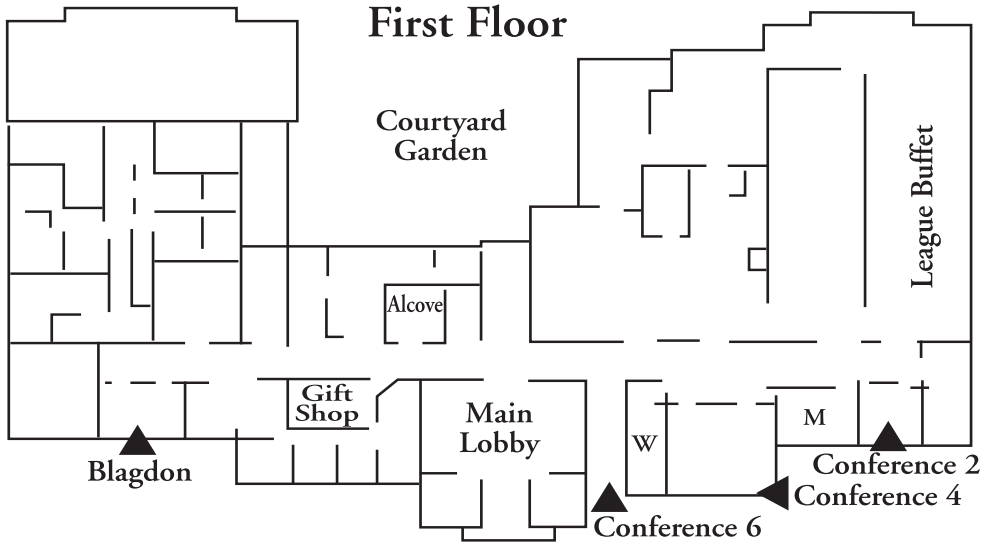
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Maps of Michigan League



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Conference Schedule

Special Addresses and Meetings

Note the following special addresses and meetings held within the framework of the main program:

CESS Welcome and Award Announcements:

Preceding the Keynote Address on Friday at 4:15 pm, Mendelssohn Theatre, Michigan League.

Keynote Address: Juan Cole

"US Foreign Policy and Islamism in Afghanistan and Central Asia," Friday, 4:30-6:00 pm, Mendelssohn Theatre.

CESS Business and Information Meeting:

Saturday, 6:00 pm, Vandenburg Room. Newcomers welcome!

Distinguished Address: Craig Murray

"Uzbekistan and the Challenge of Freedom for Central Asia,"

Saturday, 7:30 pm, Auditorium, Krause Natural Sciences Building (west entrance), 830 N. University.

Friday • Session I • 9:00 am - 10:45 am

HC-15 • Language and Literature

Conference Room 4

Chair: **Walter Slater** (University of Michigan)

Discussant: **Walter Slater** (University of Michigan)

Anna Aydinyan (Yale University)

"Works of P. Sevak and S. Parajanov in the Context of Soviet National Policies and Dissent"

Sahiba Gafarova (Baku Slavic University)

"The Problem of Genre Synthesis in the Azerbaijan Prose"

Malik Hodjaev (Indiana University)

"Lexical Change in Uzbek since the Mid-1980s"

Umida Khikmatillaeva (Indiana University)

"Lexical Change in Uzbek since the Mid-1980s"

John A. Erickson (Indiana University)

"Lexical Change in Uzbek since the Mid-1980s"

Kamal Abdullayev (Baku Slavic University)

"Similarities in World Literature: Azerbaijani and Greek Epics"

SO-07 • The Status of Women in Contemporary Eurasia and Turkey

Kalamazoo Room

Chair: **Irina Liczek** (Niagara University)

Discussant: **Marianne Kamp** (University of Wyoming)

Nancy R. Rosenberger (Oregon State University)

"Female, Single and Older-than-Average in Tashkent"

Meghan Simpson (CEU, Budapest)

"My Second Home is Bangkok: Transnational Women's Organizing, Central Asia to Asia-Pacific"

Elene Medzmariashvili (Tbilisi State University)

"Women in Georgian Politics"

Ayca Alemdaroglu (University of Cambridge)

"The 'Weight' of Gender: Young Women in Turkey"

PO-06 • The Structuration of the Eurasian Energy Sector

Room D

Chair: **Michael D. Kennedy** (University of Michigan)

Discussant: **Pami Aalto** (University of Helsinki)

Gerard Libardian (University of Michigan)

"Politics, Peace, and Pipelines"

David Louis Dusseault (Aleksanteri Institute,

University of Helsinki & Trinity College, Dublin)

"Over a Barrel: Dependency Theory and the Energy Sector in the Russian Energy Sector"

Mikko Palonkorpi (University of Helsinki)

"Energy Security Complex in the Caucasus"

HC-03 • Slaves, Sovereignty, and Millenarianism in Turkic Empires

Michigan Room

Chair: **Shoshana Keller** (Hamilton College, Clinton, NY)

Discussant: **Scott Levi** (University of Louisville)

Taymiya Zaman (University of Michigan)

"Between Myth and Memory: Turko-Mongol Memoirs and the Making of Mughal Kingship, 1526-1707"

Afshon Ostovar (University of Michigan)

"From Market Commodity to Landed Gentry:

The Slave Elites of the Early Delhi Sultanate, 1190-1260"

Ahmed Azfar Moin (University of Michigan)
 “Arguing about the Millennium: Nurbakhsh in Mughal India”

SO-18 • Heritage, Sacred Places, and the State

Koessler Room

Chair: **[TBD]**

Discussant: **[TBD]**

Sonja Luehrmann (University of Michigan)
 “Economics, Religion, or Culture? Pilgrimage and Sacrifice as Problems for Postwar Religious Policy in the Mari ASSR”

Shakhnoza O. Madaeva (The National University of Uzbekistan)
 “The Role of Oral History in Studying the Soviet Period History of Sacred Places and Worship Sites”

Erin Kuns (Indiana University, Bloomington)
 “Fighting for Identity: Cultural Heritage and Ethnic Conflict in Kyrgyzstan”

SO-05 • Anthropological Explorations of the State in Central Asia

Henderson Room

Chair: **Morgan Liu** (Ohio State University)

Discussant: **David Montgomery** (Boston University)

Gulnara Aitpaeva (Aigine Cultural Research Centre, Bishkek)
 “Kinship, Political Participation and Mass Media in Current Kyrgyzstan”

David Gullette (University of Cambridge)
 “We Are the State: Akaev's Vision and the Genealogy of the State”

Madeleine Reeves (University of Cambridge)
 “States of Improvisation: Border Guards, Traders and the Negotiation of ‘State Sovereignty’ on the Kyrgyzstan-Uzbekistan Border”

Chad Thompson (York University)
 “From Karimov to Clastres: Society against the State in Uzbekistan”

PO-14 • Domestic Politics in the South Caucasus

Vandenburg Room

Chair: **Tugrul Keskin** (Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University & Radford University, Radford, Virginia)

Discussant: **Peter Komives**
 (National Democratic Institute for International Affairs)

Arus Harutyunyan (Western Michigan University)
 “Estimating National Identity via Positional Method: Comparing Party Manifestos and Policy Positions in Armenia from 1994 to 2005”

E. Karen Bravo (Indiana University)
 “Smoke, Mirrors and the Joker in the Pack: On Transitioning to Democracy and the Rule of Law in Post-Soviet Armenia”

Haroutiun Khachatryan (Noyan Tapan Information and Analysis Center)
 “Economic Policy of South Caucasus Countries: Differences of Strategy”

Friday • Session II • 11:00 am - 12:45 pm

SO-13 • Higher Education Reform in Central Asia: Prospects and Predicaments

Conference Room 4

Chair: **Tatiana Suspitsyna** (Ohio State University)

Discussant: **William Fierman** (Indiana University)

Martha Merrill (International Partnership for Service-Learning and Leadership)
 “Higher Education or Hijacked Education? The Impact of GATS and For-Profit Higher Education in Central Asia”

Norma Jo Baker (Fanshawe College)
 “Unkept Promises: Knowledge, Learning, and Democracy in Central Asia”

Todd Drummond (Michigan State University)
 “A Review of Selection Examination Reforms in Three Central Asian Republics: Prospects for Long-Term Sustainability”

Galina Valyayeva (University of Kentucky)
 “Standardized Testing for University Admissions in Kazakhstan: A Step in the Right Direction?”

HC-09 • Historical Roles of Islamic Saints in Central Asia

Kalamazoo Room

Chair: **Hisao Komatsu** (The University of Tokyo)

Discussant: **Minoru Sawada** (University of Toyama)

Jun Sugawara (Institute for the Languages and Cultures of Asia and Africa, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies)

“A Historical Source of the Afaqi Khwajas under Qing Rule: On Scroll Prov. 219 of the Gunnar Jarring Collection, Lund University Library, Sweden”

Yasushi Shinmen (Chuo University)

“A Historical Source of the Afaqi Khwajas under Qing rule: On Scroll Prov. 219 of the Gunnar Jarring Collection, Lund University Library, Sweden”

Yayoi Kawahara (Japan Society for the Promotion of Science)

“The Life and Activities of Khwaja Hasan in Western Turkistan”

Akifumi Shioya (The University of Tokyo)

“The Rebellion of Yusuf Khoja Kashghari”

PO-11 • South Asia-Central Asia Relations after 11 September

Room D

Chair: **Ajay Kumar Patnaik** (Jawaharlal Nehru University)

Discussant: **Michael Kennedy** (University of Michigan)

Ajay Kumar Patnaik (Jawaharlal Nehru University)

“Central Asia and India: The Post-Taliban Prospects”

Artie McConnell (Independent Scholar)

“Faultline of Conflict: Terrorism, Geopolitics, and the Fusion of Central and South Asian Security”

Elaheh Koolaee (University of Tehran, Central Eurasia Program)

“The ‘Great Game’ of Energy in Central Asia”

Hikaru Obayashi (Kyoto University)

“Economic Implications of Central Asian Gas Imports to South Asia”

HC-01 • The Iranian-Caucasian Cultural Nexus

Michigan Room

Chair: **Katherine Johnston** (Indiana University)

Discussant: **Katherine Johnston** (Indiana University)

Babak Rezvani (University of Amsterdam)

“Experiences of Pride and Pains in the Making of Iranian Georgians”

Paul Crego (Library of Congress)

“Living on the Edge: Religious, Ethnic, and National Identities in the Republic of Georgia”

Shahyar Daneshgar (Indiana University)

“The Iranian Constitution and the Azerbaijanis’ Rights: Challenges and Causes of Dissent”

Rahilya Geybullayeva (Baku Slavic University)

“Borders within National Literature in Historical Context: Journal ‘Molla Nasreddin’ and Beyond”

SO-14 • Memory, Modernity and Identity

Koessler Room

Chair: **Jeff Sahadeo** (Carleton College)

Discussant: **[TBD]**

Stephen Rapp, Jr. (Georgia State University)

“The Making of the Medieval European Georgian Nation”

Kilic Kanat (Syracuse University)

“Looking to Foreign Policy through History: The Case of Turkish-EU Relations”

PO-15 • Social Capital and Democratization in Central Asia and the Caucasus

Henderson Room

Chair: **Anna Matveeva** (London School of Economics)

Discussant: **Anna Matveeva** (London School of Economics)

Jonathan Wheatley (Independent Scholar)

“Post-revolutionary Georgia: State Building, Democratization and Institutional Change”

Christoph Zuercher (Stanford University)

“Social Capital and the State in Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan: Evidence from a New Survey”

Scott Radnitz (Massachusetts Institute of Technology)

“Elites, Masses, and the Prospects for Democratization in Central Asia”

Martin Spechler (Indiana University)

“Economic Reform in an Authoritarian State: Two Steps Forward, One Step Back in Uzbekistan”

PO-02 • Political Leadership in Eurasia

Vandenburg Room

Chair: **Walikhan Kaisarov** (Parliament of Kazakhstan)

Discussant: **Thomas Wood** (Trinity College)

Almaz Tolymbek (Kent State University)

“Political Leadership Style in Kazakhstan”

Seçil Öraz (Ege University, Institution of Turkish World Studies)

“The Impact of Leadership Patterns in the Democratization Process of Central Asia: The Cases of Kazakhstan and Turkmenistan”

Melissa Burn (George Mason University)

“Who Supports Authoritarianism or Liberalization?”

Farid Shafiyev (Counselor, Embassy of Azerbaijan in Canada)

“The Role of Former Communist Leaders and Post-Soviet Bureaucracy in the CIS Political Landscape”

Friday • Session III • 2:00 pm - 3:45 pm**HC-16 • Medieval Literature and Society**

Conference Room 4

Chair: **Ron Sela** (Indiana University)Discussant: **Nurten Kilic-Schubel** (Kenyon College)**Ferenc Peter Csirkés** (University of Chicago)

“A Pseudo-Nava’i? The Manuscript of a 15th-Century Anonymous Chagatay Romance in Budapest”

Arash Etemad Yousefi (Independent Scholar)

“Descriptions of Cities within the Texts of Early Medieval Muslim Writers”

Khachik Gevorgyan (Yerevan State University, Armenia)

“An Attempt at Classification of Persian Fotovvatnamehs”

Huseyin Yilmaz (Stanford University)

“The Impact of Emigres from Transoxiana on the Formation of Early Ottoman State and Society”

PO-20 • Regional Integration and Global Affairs in Central Asia

Room D

Chair: **Maral Madi** (Queen’s University, Belfast, United Kingdom)Discussant: **Stan Brunn** (University of Kentucky)**Irina Chernykh** (Al-Farabi Kazakh National University, Almaty)

“The Perception of International Terrorism by the Ruling Elites of Central Asian States and Its Impact on Security Policy”

Asad Mahrads (Technical University of Berlin)

“Toward Challenges for Development of the Central Asian Region within the Framework of Iran’s Involvement”

Farkhod Muradov (Columbia University)

“Foreign Policy Changes in Uzbekistan: Where to Go from Here?”

HC-10 • The State of the Humanities in Central Asia

Michigan Room

Chair: **Mark S. Johnson** (Colorado College)Discussant: **Chad Thompson** (York University)**Yasmin Lodi** (The Aga Khan Humanities Project for Central Asia)

“Recycling, Reinventing, or Reviving Humanities Discourses in Central Asia”

Shiraz Hajjani (The Aga Khan Humanities Project for Central Asia)

“Humanities Discourse in Tajikistan”

Robyn Friend

“Humanities Link Project”

S0-17 • The Role of NGOs

Koessler Room

Chair: **Michael D. Kennedy** (University of Michigan)Discussant: **Michael D. Kennedy** (University of Michigan)**Eric Freedman** (Michigan State University)

“Covering Religion-related News and Controversies in the Caucasus: A Case Study of a Western ‘Christian Initiative News Service’” (co-authored with Kuang-Kuo Chang and Richard Shafer)

Mustafa Ozcan (Rhode Island College)

“Educational Reform for Democratic Eurasia”

Karapet Beglaryan

“Public Awareness and Participation in Post-Communist Countries”

PO-01 • Politics and Culture in Xinjiang

Henderson Room

Chair: **Arienne M. Dwyer** (University of Kansas)Discussant: **[TBD]****Ablimit Baki** (Durham University, United Kingdom)

“Language Attitudes, Language Choice and Ethnic Identity among the Uyghur Students in Xinjiang, PR of China”

Amier Saidula (The Institute of Ismaili Studies, London)

“Tajiks of Xinjiang China: Formation of Historical and Cultural Identity”

Ablet Kamalov (Educational Center, Bilim, Central Asia)

“Nazarghoja Abdusemiatov (Uyghur Balisi) as a Founder of the Uyghur National History in Central Asia”

S0-01 • State, Family, and the Crisis of Masculinity/Femininity in Muslim Central and Southwestern Asia

Vandenburg Room

Chair: **Sarah Kendzior** (Indiana University)Discussant: **Marianne Kamp** (University of Wyoming)**Nazif Shahrani** (Indiana University, Bloomington)

“Causes and Conditions of Crisis of Masculinity/Femininity in Contemporary Muslim Central and Southwestern Asia”

Gabriele Rasuly-Paleczek (Institute for Social and Cultural Anthropology, University of Vienna)

“Dislocating Gender, Family and Kinship: The Uzbeks of Afghanistan and Beyond”

Russell Zanca (Northeastern Illinois University)

“Whither Uzbek Women in Independence between State and Patriarchy?”

Shukhrat Vafaev (Samarqand State University)
"Family and Marriage Relations in Uzbekistan"

Venera Torobekova (International Ataturk Alatau University,
Bishkek)
"Poverty and the Gender Relations Crisis in Kyrgyzstan"

Friday • Keynote Address • 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm

Preceding the Keynote Address, the winner of the Best Graduate Student Paper Award will be announced.

Keynote Address: Juan Cole (University of Michigan, Professor, Department of History)
"US Foreign Policy and Islamism in Afghanistan and Central Asia"
Mendelssohn Theatre, Michigan League (entrances are on both the first and second floor of the Michigan League)

Saturday • Session I • 9:00 am - 10:45 am

HC-08 • Poetesses and Heroines of Central Eurasian Poetry

Conference Room 4

Chair: **Babak Rezvani** (University of Amsterdam)

Discussant: **Kathryn Babayan** (University of Michigan)

Ali F. Igmen (University of Wisconsin)

"The Four Daughters of Tököldösh: From Kyrgyz Village to the Soviet Stage"

Kathryn M Johnston (Indiana University)

"An Escape in Form and Theme: Doubling in the Poetry of Farrokhzad"

Nurten Kilic-Schubel (Kenyon College)

"Social and Political Criticism in the Writings of Nineteenth Century Central Asian Women"

Agnes Kefeli (Arizona State University)

"The Passion of Zuleykha: Ideal Women in Al-Rabghuzi's 'Tales of the Prophets'"

SO-02 • Buryatia as a Case Study in Post-Soviet Change and Continuity

Kalamazoo Room

Chair: [TBD]

Discussant: **Alaina Lemon** (University of Michigan)

Melissa Chakars (Indiana University)

"Geser and the Buriats in the Twentieth Century"

Kathryn Graber (University of Michigan)

"Of Vodka and Gold: A Linguistic History of Pan-Mongolianism in Buryatia"

Eleanor Peers (University of Cambridge)

"Continuity and Change in Buryatia's Political Communication: Can Representation Influence Reality?"

Justine Buck Quijada (University of Chicago)

"God Is One: The Continuity of Atheist Discourse in Buryat Religious Revival"

PO-09 • Caspian Energy Deposits: The Eurasian Geostrategic Conundrum

Room D

Chair: **Theresa Sabonis-Helf** (National War College, National Defense University, Washington, D.C.)

Discussant: **Robert Cutler** (Carleton College)

Michael Barry (Mt. Saint Mary's University)

"Oil and Gas Law and Investment into Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan"

Thrassyvoulos (Thrassy) Marketos (Panteion University of Social and Political Studies Athens)

"China's Energy Needs and the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (S.C.O.) in the Post-9/11 Period"

Zahid Anwar (Harriman Institute, Columbia University & University of Peshawar, Pakistan)

"China's Quest for Central Asian Hydrocarbons and Its Implications for South Asia"

HC-14 • Religion and Society

Michigan Room

Chair: **Dilchoda Berdieva** (Miami University of Ohio)

Discussant: **Gottfried Hagen** (University of Michigan)

Elyor Karimov (Institute of History, Uzbek Academy of Sciences)

"Between Traditions and Modernity: Oral History and Written Historical Documents as Sources of Islamic Revival in Post-Soviet Central Asian Republics"

Eden Naby (Independent Scholar)

"Nestorian Crosses: Christian Missionary Remnant or Common Decorative Element among Mongols?"

Guzel Sayfullina (Utrecht University)

"Recital of Religious Texts by Tatar Muslims: Repertoire of the Folk Tradition in the 20th Century"

SO-09 • Identity (Re)Construction in Contemporary

Central Asia

Koessler Room

Chair: **Mir Baiz Khan** (The Ismaili Tariqah and Religious Education Board, Canada)

Discussant: **Sarfarozi Niyozov** (Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, University of Toronto)

Jazira Asanova (Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, University of Toronto)

“Nation Building and Literature Curriculum in Kazakhstan”

Stephen Bahry (Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, University of Toronto)

“Identity or Identities? Language Policy as a Tool for Identity Construction in the Republics of Central Asia: A Comparative Analysis”

Alan J. DeYoung (University of Kentucky)

“On the Problems of Social Upbringing (Vospitaniye) in Contemporary Kyrgyz Secondary Schooling: Three Case Studies”

PO-07 • Understanding the Kyrgyz ‘Revolution’:

Rational Action or Political Discourse?

Henderson Room

Chair: **Thomas Wood** (Trinity College)

Discussant: **Madeleine Reeves** (University of Cambridge)

John Heathershaw (London School of Economics)

“Kyrgyzstan’s Revolution: The ‘Power of Example’ or the Power of Representation?”

Anara Karagulova (Katholische Universitaet Eichstaett-Ingolstadt)

“Constructing Discourse of Danger in Kyrgyzstan: Analysis of Media Content Prior to Parliamentary Elections in 2005” (co-authored with Nick Megoran)

Abduljalil Abdurasulov (London School of Economics)

“Gothic Kyrgyzstan and the ‘War on Terror’: Discourses of Danger and the Collapse of the Akaev Regime”

Vanessa Ruget (Bentley College)

“Political Beliefs in Kyrgyzstan: A Survey of Citizens’ Opinions a Year and a Half after the Uprising”

PO-13 • The State and the Farm in Central Asia

Vandenburg Room

Chair: **Douglas Northrop** (University of Michigan)

Discussant: **Russell Zanca** (Northeastern Illinois University)

Habiba Fathi (French Institute for Central Asian Studies)

“The Role of the Farmer Mullahs in the Process of Land Reforms in the Newly Independent States of Central Asia: An Anthropological Approach”

Marianne Kamp (University of Wyoming)

“Negotiating with Cotton: Uzbek Oral Histories about the Cotton Plan”

Jason Mundy (University of Wyoming)

“Development of Water User Associations in Uzbekistan: Successes and Failures”

Saturday • Session II • 11:00 am - 12:45 pm

SO-08 • Roundtable: Politics and Ethics of Field Research in Central Asia

Conference Room 4

Chair: **Irina Liczek** (Niagara University)

Anara Tabyshalieva (Independent Scholar)

“Collecting Gender-Sensitive Data”

Cynthia Werner (Texas A&M University)

“Victims of Nuclear Testing in Kazakhstan”

Sultonbek Aksakolov (Institute of Ismaili Studies, London)

“Soviet and Post-Soviet Studies on Pamir: Methods of Research and Interpretations”

Sarfarozi Niyozov (Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, University of Toronto)

Tanya H. Merchant Henson (UCLA)

“Representing Self and Others: Ethics and Fieldwork in Uzbekistan”

SO-15 • Health Challenges and Controversies

Kalamazoo Room

Chair: [TBD]

Discussant: **Cynthia Buckley** (University of Texas, Austin)

Askar Tubekbayev (Medical Center ‘Azapty Zhol’)

“Drug Addiction and Medical Treatment of Drug Addicts in Kazakhstan”

Jennifer Franz (University of St. Andrews)

“Child Mortality and Environment in Central Asia”

PO-16 • Prisoner of the Caucasus - Revisited: Current Trends and Future Prospects in the North and South Caucasus

Room D

Chair: **Daniel Burghart** (Joint Military Intelligence College, Washington, D.C.)

Discussant: **Theresa Sabonis-Helf** (National Defense University)

Erin Mark (Georgetown University)
“Self-help in the Caucasus: The Myth of Chechen Exceptionalism”

Blake Puckett (Indiana University)
“Foreign Direct Investment in the Caucasus/CAR: Can the U.S. Compete?”

Richard Giragosian (Independent Scholar)
“The Troubled Trajectory of State-building in the South Caucasus”

HC-13 • Central Eurasia in the Interwar Period

Michigan Room

Chair: **David Mikosz** (IFES Kyrgyzstan)

Discussant: **Jeff Sahadeo** (Carleton College)

Chiara De Santi (European University Institute, Florence, Italy)
“The Red Cross and Red Crescent in Central Asia in the 1920s”

Beatrice Penati (Scuola Normale Superiore, Pisa & EHESS, Paris)
“Is Exile ‘The Nursery of Nationality’? Muslim Nationalities of the Former Russian Empire and Post-war Western Europe, 1919-1929”

Selahattin Harun Yilmaz (Khazar University)
“Georgia-Azerbaijan Relations from 1918 to 1920”

PO-04 • The Future of Uyghur Nationalism in Turkistan/Central Asia

Koessler Room

Chair: **Tugrul Keskin** (Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University)

Discussant: **Dale Wimberley** (Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University)

Arienne M. Dwyer (University of Kansas)
“Nationalism One Word at a Time: Language Purification in the Uyghur Exile Community”

Dilber Kahraman Thwaites (The Australian National University)
“Women of Power in Uyghur Arts and Literature”

Ondrej Klimes (Charles University)
“Creating Modern Uyghur Identity: Adoption of Soviet Ethnic Policy”

Rian R. Thum (Harvard University)
“The Apaq Khoja Shrine in Uyghur Historical Discourse”

PO-03 • Regimes and States in Post-Soviet Central Asia Henderson Room

Chair: **Lawrence Markowitz** (Oberlin College)

Discussant: **Scott Radnitz** (Massachusetts Institute of Technology)

Eric McGlinchey (George Mason University)
“Rethinking Authoritarian Rule in Central Asia”

Kelly McMann (Case Western Reserve University)
“Citizens’ Impact on State Capacity: Building States in Post-Soviet Central Asia”

Edward Schatz (University of Toronto)
“Soft Authoritarian Rule and Agenda Setting in Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan”

SO-12 • Anthropological/Ethnographic Perspectives on Religious Life in Central Asia

Vandenburg Room

Chair: [TBD]

Discussant: **David W. Montgomery** (Boston University)

Baris Isci (Washington University, St. Louis)
“Contested Views of Islam: Discourses on Sacred Places in Kyrgyzstan”

Jennifer Barrett (University of Texas, Austin)
“As Many as Allah Gives: Religion, Health, and Family Planning Decisions in Uzbekistan”

Zeev Levin (Tel Aviv University, Israel)
“Observations on Community Participation and Religious Events among Tashkent Jews”

Saturday • Session III • 2:00 pm - 3:45 pm**HC-02 • Topics in Turkish Syntax and Semantics**

Conference Room 4

Chair: [TBD]

Discussant: **Cigdem Balim** (Indiana University)**Jaklin Kornfilt** (Syracuse University)

“Unusual Scrambling in Turkish: Subscrambling and Asymmetries between Pre-verbal and Post-verbal Scrambling”

Nihan Ketzrez (Yale University)

“Children’s Scope of Indefinite Objects: An Interface Problem?”

Serkan Sener (University of Connecticut)

“P-Stranding and the Anti-Locality Effects in Turkish PPs”

Leyla Eroglu-Zidani (Central Connecticut State University)

“Some Remarks on Comparatives in Turkish”

PO-12 • Roundtable: Kyrgyz-U.S. Relations after the Tulip Revolution

Room D

Chair: **Edward Schatz** (University of Toronto)**Alexander Cooley** (Barnard College, Columbia University)**Thomas Wood** (Trinity College)**Edil Baisalov** (President, Coalition for Democracy and Civil Society)**SO-22 • Koryo Saram [Film on Korean diasporas in Central Asia]**

Kalamazoo Room

Film preview and discussion led by the film’s director

David Chung (University of Michigan) and **German Kim** (Kazakh National University).**HC-12 • Early History**

Michigan Room

Chair: **Eden Naby** (Independent Scholar)Discussant: **Elyor Karimov** (Institute of History, Uzbek Academy of Sciences)**Tamara Chin** (University of Chicago)

“Anti-Expansionist Protest in the Han Dynasty”

Kurban Niyaz (Indiana University)

“Inner Asian Policy of Early Tang, 618-655”

Leslie Gisela Weber (Smithsonian Institution)

“A Close Look at Metal and Cloth: Technical Investigation of Unusual Offerings from a Xiongnu Burial, Gol Mod 2 Cemetery, Mongolia” (co-authored with Harriet F. (Rae) Beaubien)

SO-20 • Gender Regimes in Contestation

Koessler Room

Chair: **Ann Larimore** (University of Michigan)Discussant: **Ann Larimore** (University of Michigan)**Irma Ketskhoverli** (I. Javakhishvili Institute of History and Ethnology, Georgian Academy of Sciences, Russia)

“Problems of Gender Equality in Comparative Analyses: Georgia and Russia”

Aigerim Shilibekova (L.N. Gumilyev Eurasian National University)

“Assessment of UNDP’s Development Projects on Women’s Education: Case of Turkey”

PO-05 • Civil Society, Economics and the State

Henderson Room

Chair: **Uli Schamiloglu** (University of Wisconsin)Discussant: **Christoph Zuercher** (Stanford University)**Laurence Jarvik** (Johns Hopkins University)

“The ‘New Class’: The Rise and Fall of NGOs in Central Asia”

Tamara Nezhina (University of Georgia)

“What Was Old Is New Again: Achieving Effectiveness with Volunteer Programs in Kazakhstan”

Ryan Eddings (Independent Scholar)

“Blocking Civil Society: Political Obstacles to Building Social Trust in Uzbekistan”

Dinissa Duvanova (The Ohio State University)

“Business Interest Groups in Kazakhstan: The Puzzle of Formation”

HC-05 • Precursors of National Identity in Central Asia, 19th to Early 20th Century

Vandenburg Room

Chair: **Virginia Martin** (University of Alabama, Huntsville)Discussant: **Ron Sela** (Indiana University)**Victoria Clement** (University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign)

“Collecting the Fragments: British Sources on Turkmen Tribal Unification, 1860-1885”

Nathan Light (American University, Central Asia)

“Mulla Musa Sayrami on the Relations of Chinese and East Turkestani History”

Daniel Prior (Ohio State University)

“Tribal Chiefs, Epic Poetry, and the Roots of Kirghiz Nationalism”

Steven Sabol (University of North Carolina, Charlotte)

“From Bandit to National Hero: Reinterpreting the Kenesary Kasymov Revolt in Kazakhstan”

HC-11 • Mixing Lyres in the Caucasus: Traditional Poetry and the Coming of Modernity

Conference Room 4

Chair: **Sarah Atis** (University of Wisconsin)

Discussant: **Sarah Atis** (University of Wisconsin)

Rebecca Gould (Columbia University)

“Texts that Wash away Treachery: Titsian Tabidze’s Gunib Cycle and the Redemption of Georgian Guilt”

Byron Lindsey (University of New Mexico)

“Classical Dagestani Poetry in Russian Translation”

Anna Oldfield Senarlan (University of Wisconsin)

“Singing the Past, Calling the Future: The Women Ashiqs of Azerbaijan”

SO-19 • Islam’s Propagation and Absence in Post-Soviet National Space

Kalamazoo Room

Chair: [TBD]

Discussant: [TBD]

Sonia Chinn (Harvard University)

“Weaving National Identities: Central Asian Traditional Crafts versus Islamic Radicalism”

Rachel Harrell-Bilici (University of Michigan)

“Towards a New Islamic Literacy: Hidoyat and the Language of the Uzbek Popular Religious Press”

Anthony Koliha (Social Science Research Council)

“A Diverse Landscape: Islam and Higher Education in Eurasia”

PO-21 • Land Use and Environmental Politics

Room D

Chair: **Kyle Evered** (Michigan State University)

Discussant: **Theresa Sabonis-Helf** (National War College, National Defense University, Washington, D.C.)

Kirsten de Beurs and **Geoffrey Henebry** (South Dakota State University)

“War, Drought and Phenology: Changes in the Land Surface Phenology of Afghanistan since 1982”

Marc Mueller (University of Bonn, Germany)

“Risk in Irrigated Agriculture: The Case of the Region Khorezm (Uzbekistan)”

Brad Dennis (University of Utah)

“The Effect of Earthquakes on Policy in Iran: Physical and Political Vulnerability”

Elena Lioubimtseva (Grand Valley State University)

“Climate Change, Environmental Vulnerability and Adaptations: Assessment of Policy-driven Scenarios for Central Eurasia”

HC-07 • Chinese Turkistan in the Colonial Period

Michigan Room

Chair: **Scott Levi** (University of Louisville, KY)

Discussant: **Scott Levi** (University of Louisville, KY)

James Millward (Georgetown University)

“Early Modern Turkestan and the ‘Decline of the Silk Road’ Thesis”

Takahiro Onuma (Tsukuba University)

“The Political Relationship between the Qing Dynasty and Kazakh Nomads”

David John Brophy (Harvard University)

“Political Rhetoric in Eighteenth Century Xinjiang: A Fresh Look at the Tazkira-i Azizan”

PO-08 • Elites, Identity and Regional Cooperation in Central Asia

Koessler Room

Chair: **Vanessa Ruget** (Bentley College)

Discussant: **John Heathershaw** (London School of Economics)

Anna Matveeva (Independent Scholar)

“Regional Cooperation, or a Lack of It”

Maral Madi (Queen’s University, Belfast, United Kingdom)

“National Elites’ Role in Fostering or Precluding Regional Cooperation in Central Asia: An Analysis of Foreign Policy Formations”

Mark S. Johnson (Colorado College)

“Elite Formation and the Prospects for Regional Cooperation in Central Asian Higher Education”

Mirzohid Rahimov (The Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Uzbekistan.)

“Central Asia: Geopolitical Transformation and Regionalism”

PO-22 • Corruption

Henderson Room

Chair: **Ryan Eddings** (Independent Scholar)

Discussant: **Julie George** (Queens College)

Angela Hawken (Pepperdine University)

“Civil Service Views on Official Corruption and Leadership in Georgia”

Oksana Jensen (American University)

“Recapturing the Society: Political Elites, Corruption, and Civil Society in Post-Soviet Russia, Ukraine, and Uzbekistan”

Jonathan Zartman (Samarkand State Institute of Foreign Languages)

“Squaring the Circle: Preserving Power and Fighting Corruption”

SO-06 • Labor Migration in NIS: Gender Challenges

Vandenburg Room

Chair: **Abdul-Ghaffar Mughal** (Stanford University)

Discussant: **[TBD]**

Cynthia J. Buckley (University of Texas, Austin)

“Who ‘Migrates’? Labor Migration and Family Structure”

Husnora Dodikhudoeva (Institute of Ismaili Studies, London)

“Labor Migration from Tajikistan and Its Impact on Women”

Eleonora Fayzullaeva (University of Washington)

“Labor Migration in Central Asia: Gender Challenges”

Nilufar Rakhmanova (Abt Associates Inc, Project ZdravPlus)

“Access to Health Services for Women of Reproductive Age with Anemia in Uzbekistan”

CESS Business and Information Meeting • 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Vandenberg Room

Saturday • Distinguished Address • 7:30 pm

Distinguished Address: Craig Murray (author and Britain’s former ambassador to Uzbekistan)

“Uzbekistan and the Challenge of Freedom for Central Asia”

Auditorium, Krause Natural Sciences Building (west entrance), 830 N. University.

Sunday • Session I • 9:00 am - 10:45 am

SO-10 • Current Research on Mongolia and Inner Asia

Co-sponsored by the American Center for Mongolian Studies (ACMS), Mongolia Society

Conference Room 4

Chair: **David Chung**

Discussant: **[TBD]**

George Zhao (University of Toronto)

“Korean Women in Mongol Yuan Court: Female Political Influence and Mongol-Koryo Relation during the Thirteenth and Fourteenth Centuries”

Anna Peck (Independent Scholar)

“Scholars versus Missionaries: The Russian Debate over Buddhism in the Transbaikal and Mongolia in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries”

Uranchimeg Tsultem (University of California, Berkeley)

“Uushgiin-Övör: The Agency of Nomads”

Sean Armstrong (University of Michigan)

“Primary Health Care in Rural Mongolia”

SO-03 • Higher Education Reform in Georgia

Kalamazoo Room

Chair: **Maggie Osdoby Katz** (Harvard University)

Discussant: **Alan J. DeYoung** (University of Kentucky)

Hans Gutbrod (Caucasus Research Resource Centers)

“The National Test for Admission and the Student Role”

Timothy Blauvelt (American Councils)

“The National Test for Admission and the Student Role”

R. Michael Cowgill (Georgian American University, Tbilisi, Georgia)

“The Independent Institutions: Their Contribution and Development”

Shota Vashakidze (Rutgers University & Tbilisi State University)

“The Brain Drain: The Georgian Academic Diaspora”

PO-19 • International Economic Organizations and Domestic Politics

Room D

Chair: **Roger Hamburg** (Indiana University, South Bend)

Discussant: **Michael Barry** (Mt. Saint Mary’s University)

Dilchoda Berdieva (Miami University)

“International and Domestic Influences on Minority Policy in Central Asia”

Zhenis Kembayev (Kazakhstan Institute of Management, Economics and Strategic Research)

“Legal Aspects of the Regional Integration in Central Asia”

Juliane Linke (Independent Scholar)

“Striving for WTO Membership: A Study of Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan”

Jonathan Miner (University of South Carolina)

“Turkish EU Membership: A European ‘Pop Star’ Process?”

PO-18 • Identity Politics: Conflict, Islam and Identity

Koessler Room

Chair: **Brian Grodsky** (University of Maryland, Baltimore County)

Discussant: **Larry Markowitz** (Oberlin College)

Fotini Christia (Harvard University)

“Civil War Intra-ethnic Splits: The Uzbek Mutiny and the Intra-Hazara Rift in the 1992-1998 Afghan Civil War”

Vahe Sahakyan (Yerevan State University)

“Nationalistic Movements in the Globalizing World: Identity Problems in the South Caucasus Region”

Caspar Tristan Ten Dam (Queens University, Belfast, United Kingdom)

“The Ways to Rebel: Values, Customs and Insurgencies from Muslim Communities in Collapsed Communist States.”

SO-21 • Film and discussion: Sacred Traditions in Sacred Places [on Ismailis in Badakhshan; sponsored by AKHP]

Henderson Room

SO-11 • Migration, Remittances, and Living Standards in the Newly Independent States

Michigan Room

Chair: **A. Aydin Cecen** (Central Michigan University)

Discussant: **Peter Sinnot** (Columbia University)

Lina Yakubova (Yerevan State University)

“Migrant Labor and Remittances: Assyrians in Armenia and Georgia”

Abdul-Ghaffar Mughal (Stanford University)

“Remittances and Living Standards in Tajikistan”

Gulnora Makhmudova (Business Women's Association of Uzbekistan & Business Women's Association of the Tashkent Region)

“Expanding Micro-crediting for Rural Population: New Financial Institutions in Uzbekistan”

Sunday • Session II • 11:00 am - 12:45 pm

HC-06 • Easterns and Westerns in Post-Soviet Cinema

Conference Room 4

Chair: **Russell Zanca** (Northeastern Illinois University)

Discussant: **Ali F. Igmen** (University of Wisconsin)

Julie Christensen (George Mason University)

“Genghis Khan, Film Star”

Jane Knox-Voina (Bowdoin College)

“National Cinema: American Westerns and Kazakh Easterns”

Ellen Mercer (University of Pittsburgh)

“Shifting Images of Sarts and Uzbeks: From Scientific Racism to the Friendship of the Peoples”

SO-16 • Youth: Looking to the Future

Kalamazoo Room

Chair: [TBD]

Discussant: [TBD]

Diana Arustamyan (Samarkand State University)

“The Problem of Youth in Society”

Robin Bisha (Texas Lutheran University)

“Youth Development Programs as a Means to Sustainable Civil Society in Armenia”

Rustam Nasimov (Ltd. “Otabek”)

“The Criminal Activity of Youth and the Problems of Resocialization”

Ibodullo Fazilov (Private Firm “Bobir Umarovich”)

“The Problem of Involving Youth in Business”

PO-17 • Beyond the Conflicts: Georgia's Emerging “Post-Revolution”

Room D

Chair: **Julie George** (Queens College)

Discussant: **Hans Gutbrod** (Caucasus Research Resource Centres)

Stacy Closson (London School of Economics)

“Post-revolution Georgian Energy Dynamics”

William Eastwood (Indiana University)

“Toward the West and Toward the Past: Understanding the Ethics behind Recent Reforms and Legislation in Georgia”

Maggie Osdoby Katz (Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University)

“Migrating to Development? Policy Challenges and Opportunities for Georgia”

HC-04 • The Kazakhs of Western Mongolia: Dynamics of Cultural Expression

Michigan Room

Chair: **German Kim** (Kazakh National University)

Discussant: **Peter Finke** (Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology)

Saida Daukeyeva (SOAS, University of London)
“Musical ‘Tradition’ and Change among Mongolian
Kazakhs”

Anna Portisch (SOAS, University of London)
“Syrmaq-Makers and the Transmission of Skill: A
Pragmatic Approach”

SO-04 • Roundtable: Mapping a Silk Road Curriculum

Koessler Room

Chair: **Stanley Toops** (Miami University)

Karen Dawisha (Miami University)

Afsaneh Ardehali (Miami University)

Yihong Pan (Miami University)

Elizabeth Wilson (Miami University)

Mary Frederickson (Miami University)

Sante Matteo (Miami University)

PO-23 • Central Asian Politics and Society

Henderson Room

Chair: **Bek-Myrza Tokotegin** (Bosphorus University)

Discussant: **James Lee** (Harvard University)

Brian Grodsky (University of Maryland, Baltimore County)
“Justice Without Transition: The Case of Uzbekistan's
Truth Commission”

Sarah Kendzior (Washington University, St. Louis)

“Uzbek Propaganda on Andijon and the Akromiya
Movement”

Alisher Khamidov (Johns Hopkins University)

“Biding Time after Revolution: Islamic Activism in the
Ferghana Valley”

Tim Moench (University of Alabama)

“Turkmenistan after Turkmenbashi”

Panel Grid for Friday, September 29

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Kalamazoo	SO-07 • The Status of Women in Contemporary Eurasia and Turkey (p. 6)	HC-09 • Historical Roles of Islamic Saints in Central Asia (p. 7)		
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