

**Central Eurasian Studies Society (CESS)  
First Regional Conference (FRC)  
August 4-7, 2008  
Royal Beach, Chocktal, Issyq Kol, Kyrgyzstan**



## **Conference Schedule Summary**

### **Monday, August 4**

- 10.00 First bus departure for İsiq Köl from Dostuk Hotel  
13.00 Second bus departure for İsiq Köl from Dostuk Hotel  
16.00-18.00 Registration, at the main entrance gate of Royal Beach Resort  
18.00-19.00 Dinner  
19.00-20.00 Reception, Terrace outside the Main Cafeteria
- Dr. Nasreen Dhanani, Deputy Director of the University of Central Asia, Kyrgyzstan
  - Dr. Laura Adams, CESS Past-President, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, USA
  - Dr. Gulnara Aitpaeva, Director of Aigine Cultural Research Center, Kyrgyzstan
- 20.00-21.30 Kyrgyz Folk Music by the Ordo Sakhna Theater, CR-I

### **Tuesday, August 5**

- 08.00-11.15 Registration, at the main entrance gate of Royal Beach Resort  
09.00-10.45 Session 1: Keynote Speech by Muratbek Imanaliev, CR-I  
10.45-11.00 Break  
11.00-12.45 Session 2, See the Panel Grid  
12.45-14.00 Lunch  
14.00-15.45 Session 3, See the Panel Grid  
15.45-16.00 Break  
16.00-17.45 Session 4, See the Panel Grid  
17.45-19.30 Dinner  
20.00-21.30 "Kereez" (The Testament) Play by the Sakhna Theater, on the terrace by the Café near the beach

### **Wednesday, August 6**

- 09.00-10.45 Session 1, See the Panel Grid  
10.45-11.00 Break  
11.00-12.45 Session 2, See the Panel Grid  
12.45-14.00 Lunch  
14.00-15.45 Session 3, See the Panel Grid  
15.45-16.00 Break  
16.00-17.45 Session 4, See the Panel Grid  
17.45-19.30 Dinner  
19.30-20.00 Slide lecture by Virlana Tkacz with Altyn Kapalova "The Making of Janyl: Kyrgyz Epic Theater in New York," CR-I  
20.00-20.30 Presentation of the film "Sacred Sites of Kyrgyzstan" by Aigine Cultural Research Center, CR-I  
20.30-21.00 Presentation of the book of Marfua Tokhtakhodjaeva "Memories, Oral Histories, Letters and Diaries of Uzbekistani Women: The 20th Century," CR-I

### **Thursday, August 7**

- 09.00-10.45 Session 1, CR-III  
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## Program

**Tuesday, August 5 - 9.00-10.45**

### **Keynote Speech: Muratbek Imanaliev**

“Central Asia: Where Is It?” Tuesday, August 5, CR-I

**Tuesday, August 5 - 11.00-12.45**

### **PO-4: Ethno-political Identities in Southern Central Eurasia**

Chair: **Didar Kassymova** (Kazakh Institute of Economics, Management and Strategic Research, Kazakhstan; didarkas@yahoo.com)

Discussant: **Khachik Gevorgyan** (Yerevan State University, Armenia; iranist@yahoo.co.uk)

**Babak Rezvani** (University of Amsterdam, Netherlands; b.rezvani@uva.nl):  
*Historical Underpinnings of the (Post-) Soviet and Iranian National and Ethno-Religious Policies*

**Ketevan Khutsishvili** (Tbilisi State University, Georgia; ketevan\_kchutsishvili@posta.ge):  
*Christian-Muslim Relations in Georgia (Past and Present)*

**Chinara Esengul** (Kyrgyz National University, Kyrgyzstan; chinara.esengul@gmail.com):  
*Russia and Central Asian Regionalism: the security dimension*

### **SO-9: Social Networks in Kyrgyzstan**

Chair: **Laura Adams** (Harvard University, USA; lladams2@earthlink.net)

Discussant: **Roland Hardenberg** (University of Tuebingen, Germany; hardenberg@gmx.de)

**Aksana Ismailbekova** (Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Germany; ismailbekova@eth.mpg.de):  
*Patron-Client Relations in the Kyrgyz Context*

**Rebecca Reynolds** (University of Glasgow, UK; rebeccajreynolds@gmail.com):  
*The Role of Social Networks in Facilitating Access to Natural Resources*

**Nathan Light** (Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Germany; light@eth.mpg.de):  
*Networks, Exchange and Rural-Urban Relations in Kyrgyzstan*

**Venerahan Torobekova** (Ataturk Alatau University, Kyrgyzstan; venerahan@gmail.com):  
*Patron-Client or Clan Relations in Post-Soviet Kyrgyzstan?*

## HC-6: Delimitations: Ethnographic and Territorial Classification in the Making of Central Asia

Chair: **Olivier Ferrando** (Institute of Political Sciences, France; olivier.ferrando@sciences-po.org)

Discussant: **John Schoeberlein** (Harvard University, USA; schoeber@fas.harvard.edu)

**Sergey Abashin** (Russian Academy of Sciences, Russia; absergey@gmail.com):  
*Сарты: к истории создания этнографической классификации населения Средней Азии [Sarts: On the History of the Creation of Ethnographic Classification of the Central Asian Population]*

**Asal Khamraeva-Aubert** (IFEAC, Uzbekistan; assale\_kh@yahoo.com):  
*Economic Politics and the Construction of Territorial Limits in Soviet Central Asia: The Case of the Uzbek SSR*

**Maya Peterson** (Harvard University, USA; mpeters@fas.harvard.edu):  
*A Science of Empire: Russian Ethnographic Exploration of Central Asia, 1840-1880*

**Zifa-Alua Auezova** (Leiden University, Netherlands; zauezova@yahoo.com):  
*Loan Idioms in the Self-definition of a Nation: Cases from Kazakh History*

## SO-15: The Family in the Production of the Population in Changing Central Asia

Chair: **Aleksandr Alekseenko** (East Kazakhstan State Technical University, Kazakhstan; alalexeenko@mail.ru)

Discussant: **Tomas Kucera** (Charles University in Prague, Czech Republic; kuceras@volny.cz)

**Zulfia Valitova** (Karaghandan State University; valitova@yandex.ru):  
*Роль социальных сетей в репродуктивном поведении семьи [The Role of Social Networks in Reproductive Behavior of Families]*

**Aigul Yessimova** (International Kazakh Turkish University; ayessimova@gmail.com):  
*Этнорегиональные различия в репродуктивном поведении замужних женщин Казахстана [Ethnic and Regional Differences in the Reproductive Behavior of Married Women in Kazakhstan]*

**Natalya Kadatskaya** (Charles University in Prague, Czech Republic; nkadatskaya@gmail.com):  
*Влияние миграции на семейное поведение [Influence of Migration on Family Behavior]*

**Murat Narkulov** (Charles University in Prague, Czech Republic; 7th\_ocean@topmail.kz):  
*Трудовая миграция как фактор демографического воспроизводства в семьях мигрантов [Labor Migration as a Factor of Demographic Reproduction in Migrant Families]*

**Tuesday, August 5 - 14.00-15.45**

**HC-4: Perspectives on the Past: The Kyrgyz in the 20th Century through Oral Histories**

Chair: **Anvarbek Mokeev** (Kyrgyz-Turkish Manas University, Kyrgyzstan;  
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Discussant: **Jeff Sahadeo** (Carleton University, Canada; jeff\_sahadeo@carleton.ca)

**Ilhan Sahin** (Kyrgyz-Turkish Manas University, Kyrgyzstan; ilsahin40@gmail.com):  
*Peculiarities of Kyrgyz Clan System According to Oral Sources*

**Zuhra Altyмышova** (Kyrgyz-Turkish Manas University, Kyrgyzstan;  
zaltymyshova@yahoo.com):  
*The Fate of Exiles during the Early Soviet Period: The Case of Displaced Kyrgyz  
“Kulaks” in Ukraine*

**Guljanat Kurmangaliyeva Ercilasun** (Kyrgyz-Turkish Manas University, Kyrgyzstan;  
guljanatke@gmail.com):  
*Memories of the Past: Famine in the 1930s and 1940s*

**Konuralp Ercilasun** (Kyrgyz-Turkish Manas University, Kyrgyzstan;  
kercilasun@gmail.com):  
*The Khrushchev and Brezhnev Era: Emergence of the “New Soviet Person”?*

**PO-1: Regionalism and Political Elites in Central Asia**

Chair: **Heidi Kjaernet** (Norwegian Institute of International Affairs, Norway; hk@nupi.no)

Discussant: **Peter Finke** (University of Zurich, Switzerland; p.finke@access.uzh.ch)

**Hayriye Kahveci** (Middle East Technical University, Turkey;  
hayriye.kahveci@gmail.com):  
*The Role of Regionalism in Nazarbayev’s Foreign Policy-making*

**Elmira Nogoibaeva** (International Institute of Strategic Research, Kyrgyzstan;  
elmira\_n@list.ru):  
*Recruitment and Communication Networks in Kyrgyzstan, 2000-2007*

**Irina Morozova** (German Institute of Global and Area Studies, Netherlands;  
morozova@giga-hamburg.de):  
*Regionalism, Elites and Power Models in Present Kyrgyzstan*

**Gokhan Alper Ataser** (Middle East Technical University, Turkey; ataser@metu.edu.tr):  
*Political Elite Formation in Azerbaijan*

## **SO-5: Ethnographies of Moral Reasoning in Kyrgyzstan**

Chair: **Gulnara Aitpaeva** (Aigine Cultural Research Center, Kyrgyzstan; aitgul@yahoo.com)

Discussant: **Maria Elizabeth Louw** (University of Aarhus, Denmark; etnolouw@hum.au.dk)

**Judith Beyer** (Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Germany; beyer@eth.mpg.de):  
*“Uiat Bolot!”: The Role of Moral Reasoning in Kyrgyz Dispute Management Processes*

**Christine Bichsel** (University of Berne, Switzerland; cbichsel@yahoo.com):  
*Catching the Sunlight: Aid Workers and Moral Reasoning in Southern Kyrgyzstan*

**Madeleine Reeves** (University of Manchester, UK; madeleine.reeves@manchester.ac.uk):  
*“You’ll See What Was Written on Your Forehead”: Navigating Luck, Misfortune and Moral Action at a Time of Migration*

**Gulzat Botoeva** (American University of Central Asia, Kyrgyzstan; botoevag@mail.auca.kg):  
*Coping Strategies of the Poor: Gift Giving*

## **SO-7: The Anthropology of Migration**

Chair: **Tsypylma Darieva** (Humboldt University, Germany; tsypylma.darieva@staff.hu-berlin.de)

Discussant: **Emil Nasritdinov** (American University of Central Asia, Kyrgyzstan; emilzn@gmail.com)

**Burul Usmanalieva** (Center for Research and Social Development, Kyrgyzstan; burula@gmail.com):  
*Migration as a Factor of Re-defining the Borders of Citizenship: the Case of Kyrgyzstan*

**Aida Aaly Alymbaeva** (Aigine Cultural Research Center, Kyrgyzstan; alymbaeva@gmail.com):  
*Issues of Rural to Urban Migration in Kyrgyzstan*

**Bhavna Dave** (SOAS, University of London, UK; bd4@soas.ac.uk):  
*Migrants in Kazakhstan: Official Policies and Popular Perceptions*

**SO-6: Urban Central Asia**

Chair: **Jeanne Feaux de la Croix** (University of St. Andrews, UK;  
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Discussant: **Guzel Sabirova** (Ulyanovsk State University, Russia;  
gsabirova@yahoo.com)

**Artyom Kosmarski** (Moscow State University, Russia; kosmarskis@gmail.com):  
*(Post-)Soviet Space in the Urban Focus: Perspectives for Analysis*

**Alima Bissenova** (Cornell University, Kazakhstan; azb3@cornell.edu):  
*The Real Estate and Construction Boom in Kazakhstan*

**Philipp Schroeder** (Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Germany;  
pschroeder@eth.mpg.de):  
*Social Networks in Place: Cases of Integration and Identification*

**Sophie Roche** (Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Germany;  
roche@eth.mpg.de):  
*When Youth Chooses Places: The Youth Bulge and Conflict in Tajikistan*

**SO-14: Gender, Identity and Social Change**

Chair: **Nurgul Asylbekova** (UNDP-Kyrgyzstan; na@dgov.undp.kg)

Discussant: **Marfua Toktakhodjaeva** ("Sharq va Tavsiya" Sociological Center,  
Uzbekistan; marfuast@yahoo.com)

**Muyassar Turaeva** (Independent Scholar, Uzbekistan; mturaeva@gmail.com):  
*Health Outcomes for Suitcase Trader Women in Uzbekistan*

**Eleonora Fayzullaeva** (Embassy of Switzerland in Uzbekistan/Uzbek State World  
Languages University, Uzbekistan; creation@isgp.net):  
*Gender, Education and Women's Rights in a Muslim Context*

**Shahnoza Madaeva** (National University of Uzbekistan; shaxnozahon@yandex.ru):  
*Специфика современной религиозной идентичности женщин в  
традиционных махаллях Узбекистана [The Specificity of Modern Religious  
Identity in the Traditional Mahallas of Uzbekistan]*

**Anzhela Injigolyan** (Karaganda State University, Kazakhstan; anzhela\_i2002@mail.ru):  
*The Professional Identity of Teachers in the Field of Social Science in Central Asia*

**PO-3: The Role of External Players in the Security Nexus of Central Asia and the Southern  
Caucasus**

Chair: **Babak Rezvani** (University of Amsterdam, Netherlands; b.rezvani@uva.nl)

Discussant: **Emil Dzhuraev** (University of Maryland, USA; emil.joroev@gmail.com)

**Daniel Burghart** (National Defense Intelligence College, USA; daniel.burghart@dia.mil):  
*Tamerlane Revisited: The Changing Nature of Central Asia's Security Spectrum*

**Maria Raquel Freire** (University of Coimbra, Portugal; rfreire@fe.uc.pt):  
*Russian Politics towards Central Asia: Supporting, Balancing, Coercing or Imposing?*

**Licinia Simao** (University of Coimbra, Portugal; liciniasimao@gmail.com):  
*Bridges across the Caspian: EU-Azerbaijan Relations with an Eye on Central Asia?*

#### **HC-7: The Evolution of Cultural Landscapes in Central Asia: From Ancient Times Onwards**

Chair: **Alison Venetia Graham Betts** (University of Sydney, Australia;  
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Discussant: **Chad Thompson** (Nipissing University, Canada, chadt@nipissingu.ca)

**Alessandro Mosca** (University of Milan-Bicocca, Italy; ale.m@disco.unimib.it); **Bernardo Rondelli** (University of Milan-Bicocca, Italy; bernardo.rondelli@disco.unimib.it); **Sebastian Stride** (University of Barcelona, Spain; sebstride@yahoo.com); **Stefania Bandini** (University of Milan-Bicocca, Italy; bandini@disco.unimib.it), **Kurt Dopfer** (University of St. Gallen, Switzerland; kurt.dopfer@unisg.ch):  
*Samarqand's Cultural Landscape: A Rule-Based Approach*

**Farhod Maksudov** (Uzbek Academy of Sciences, Uzbekistan;  
farhadmaqsud@yahoo.com):  
*The Evolution of Cultural Landscapes in the Ferghana Valley (from the Bronze Age onwards)*

**Fiona Jane Kidd** (University of Sydney, Australia; fiona.kidd@arts.usyd.edu.au):  
*Treading Softly – Archaeological Explorations in Afghanistan Using Google Earth*

**Ogihara Atsushi** (Waseda University, Japan; aogi@waseda.jp):  
*The Ecological Destruction of the Aral Sea and the Socio-Economic and Health Status of its Residents*

#### **Wednesday, August 6 - 9.00-10.45**

#### **PO-6: Defending or Debunking Democracy**

Chair: **Hayriye Kahveci** (Middle East Technical University, Turkey;  
hayriye.kahveci@gmail.com)

Discussant: **Irina Morozova** (German Institute of Global and Area Studies, Netherlands;  
morozova@giga-hamburg.de)

**Sureyya Sakinc** (Celal Bayar University, Turkey; sureyya.sakinc@bayar.edu.tr):  
*Democratic Decentralization and Local Participative Democracy: An Analysis for Central Asian Countries*

**Shah-Ahmad Mutalov** (National University of Uzbekistan; shmutalov@nuuz.uzsci.net):  
*Democracy in Central Asia: A Theory Application Trial*

**Mariya Y.Omelicheva** (University of Kansas, USA; omeliche@ku.edu):  
*Convergence of Counterterrorism Policies: A Case Study of Kyrgyzstan and Central Asia*



## **HC-1: Roundtable: Issues and Challenges of Teaching Central Asia to Central Asians in English**

Chair **Zifa-Alua Auezova** (Leiden University, Netherlands; zauezova@yahoo.com)

**Jeff Sahadeo** (Carleton University, Canada; jeff\_sahadeo@carleton.ca):  
*Teaching and Learning Local Histories for a Post-Soviet Central Asia*

**Anvarbek Mokeev** (Kyrgyz-Turkish Manas University, Kyrgyzstan; anvarmokeev@yahoo.com):  
*Issues of Teaching the History of Kyrgyzstan at Universities*

**Aftab Kazi** (John Hopkins University, USA; aftabkazi@gmail.com):  
*Teaching Central and Southwest Asia to Students from these Regions: A Personal Experience in Curriculum Development*

**Didar Kassymova** (Kazakh Institute of Economics, Management and Strategic Research, Kazakhstan; didarkas@yahoo.com):  
*Trends and Challenges in Teaching Central Asian History in Kazakhstan*

## **SO-4: Ethnographic Approaches to Islam in Central Asia**

Chair: **Aksana Ismailbekova** (Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Germany; ismailbekova@eth.mpg.de)

Discussant: **John Schoeberlein** (Harvard University, USA; schoeber@fas.harvard.edu)

**Baris Isci** (Washington University, USA; bisci@artsci.wustl.edu):  
*Shifting Alignments of Islamism and Secularism in Bishkek: Secular and Islamist Elites*

**Eren Murat Tasar** (Harvard University, USA; etasar@fas.harvard.edu):  
*Muslim Life in Central Asia, 1943-1985*

**Maria Elizabeth Louw** (Aarhus University, Denmark; etnolouw@hum.au.dk):  
*Being Muslim the Ironic Way: Religion and Irony in Post-Soviet Bishkek*

**Irina Selezneva** (Siberian branch of the Russian Institute of Cultural Studies, Russia; ir\_selez@mail.ru), and **Aleksandr Seleznev** (Omsk State University, Russia; seleznev@hist.omsu.omskreg.ru):  
*Astana: Sacred Places within a Cult of Saints in Siberian Islam*

## **SO-10: Re-assessing Gender in Central Asia**

Chair: **Elmira Köchümkulova** (University of Central Asia, Kyrgyzstan; elmira.kuchumkulova@ucentralasia.org)

Discussant: **Meghan Simpson** (Central European University, Hungary; themeghan@hotmail.com)

**Robin Haarr** (Eastern Kentucky University, USA; robin.haarr@eku.edu):  
*Translating Transnational Knowledge into Local Justice for Battered Women in Tajikistan*

**Kimberly Ann Powers** (Independent Scholar, USA; kapowers84@gmail.com):  
*Beyond the Question of National Identity: Women's Identities and Bride-Kidnapping in the Kyrgyz Republic*

**Medina Aitieva** (American University of Central Asia, Kyrgyzstan;  
medinaitieva@gmail.com):  
*The Development of Scholarship and Politics of Research*

**Saida Daukeyeva** (University of London; sdaukeyeva@yahoo.com)  
*Gender in Dombra Performance among Mongolian Kazakhs*

### Wednesday, August 6 - 11.00-12.45

#### SO-11: Exploring Ethnicity “From Below”: Case-Studies of Ethnic Minorities in Central Asia

Chair: **Bhavna Dave** (SOAS, University of London, UK; bd4@soas.ac.uk)

Discussant: **Peter Finke** (University of Zurich, Switzerland; p.finke@access.uzh.ch)

**Olivier Ferrando** (Institute of Political Sciences, France; olivier.ferrando@sciences-po.org):  
*Diaspora Politics in Central Asia: How Kin-States Diasporize Their Kin-Minorities Abroad*

**Marek Gawecki** (Adam Mickiewicz University, Poland; marek.gawecki@opal.info.pl):  
*Between Patriotism and Pragmatism: Dilemmas of Ethnic Self-Identification of Central Asian Poles*

**Natalya Kosmarskaya** (Russian Academy of Sciences; kosmarskis@gmail.com):  
*When Does Ethnicity Matter and Why? Popular Interpretations of Post-Soviet Change in a Provincial City of Kyrgyzstan*

**Nurgul Asylbekova** (UNDP-Kyrgyzstan; na@dgov.undp.kg) and **Meghan Simpson** (Central European University, Hungary; themeghan@hotmail.com):  
*Prospects for “Diversity Management” in Kyrgyzstan*

#### SO-2: Sacred Sites Pilgrimage throughout Central Asia

Chair: **Laura Adams** (Harvard University, USA; lladams2@earthlink.net)

Discussant: **Jenishbek Junushaliev** (Kyrgyz Academy of Sciences; dzun\_gulmera@mail.ru)

**Gulnara Aitpaeva** (Aigine Cultural Research Center, Kyrgyzstan; aitgul@yahoo.com):  
*Mazar Pilgrimage: Pros and Cons among Kyrgyz Muslims*

**Elyor Karimov** (Uzbek Academy of Sciences; elyorkarimov@gmail.com):  
*The Historical Roots of Politicized Islam and Problems of Sacred Sites in Post-Soviet Uzbekistan*

**Ashirbek Muminov** (Ministry of Education and Science of Kazakhstan; muminov598@yahoo.com):  
*The Old and New Generations of ‘Ulama’ in Central Asia: Disputes on Sacred Places*

**Chagat Almashev** (Foundation of Sustainable Development of Altai, Russia; chagat@mail.ru)  
*Святые места коренного населения – алтайцев в Республике Алтай*  
*[Sacred Sites of Indigenous People of Altai]*

### **HC-3: Kyrgyz Identity: Past and Present**

Chair: **Ilhan Sahin** (Kyrgyz-Turkish Manas University, Kyrgyzstan; ilsahin40@gmail.com)

Discussant: **John Schoeberlein** (Harvard University, USA; schoeber@fas.harvard.edu)

**Belma Aksit** (Maltepe University, Turkey; belma.aksit@maltepe.edu.tr):  
*Formation of the National Kyrgyz Identity in the 20th Century: Introduction to the Study and Opinions of the Elderly on “Kyrgyz Identity”*

**Bahattin Aksit** (Maltepe University, Turkey; bahattin.aksit@maltepe.edu.tr):  
*Modernization in Kyrgyzstan and Affective and Cognitive Dimensions of Kyrgyz Identity*

**Baktybek Isakov** (Kyrgyz-Turkish Manas University, Kyrgyzstan; baktybek2607@gmail.com):  
*From Nomadic Way to Sedentary Way of Life: Settling of Kyrgyz Village Residents: The Case of Residents of Madaniyat Village (From the Project ‘Living History of Central Asian Peoples’)*

### **PO-7: Culture(s) of Government and Governability in Central Asia**

Chair: **Emil Dzhuraev** (University of Maryland, USA; emil.joroev@gmail.com)

Discussant: **Mariya Omelicheva** (University of Kansas, USA; omeliche@ku.edu)

**Vadim Volovoj** (Vilnius University, Lithuania; vadiuchan@yahoo.com):  
*The Revolutionary Approach towards Political Processes in Central Asia*

**Alisher Khamidov** (John Hopkins University, USA; akhamid1@jhu.edu):  
*Resisting Vertical Lines of Power: Regional Elites and the Centre in Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan*

**Alexander Wolters** (European University Viadrina, Germany; alexanderwolters@web.de):  
*Systems Theory and Regime Change: On Divergent Developments in Post-Revolutionary Kyrgyzstan*

**Nicolas-Claude Gosset** (Université Libre de Bruxelles, Belgium; ngosset@ulb.ac.be)  
*The Transformation of Political Dynamics between State and Society in Independent Uzbekistan: a Cross-Perspective Analysis of the Politics of Civil Society, Mahallas and the “Third Sector”.*

**SO-13: Practicing Place and Relatedness**

Chair: **Aida Aaly Alymbaeva** (Aigine Cultural Research Center, Kyrgyzstan; alymbaeva@gmail.com)

Discussant: **Tsypylma Darieva** (Humboldt University, Germany; tsypylma.darieva@staff.hu-berlin.de)

**Roland Hardenberg** (University of Tuebingen, Germany; hardenberg@gmx.de):  
*Reconsidering "Tribes", "Clans" and "Relatedness": A Comparison of Social Categorization in Kyrgyzstan and India*

**Jeanne Féaux de la Croix** (University of St. Andrews, UK; jeannefeaux@yahoo.co.uk):  
*The Role of the Jailoo in the Economic and Social Life of Kyrgyzstan*

**Guzel Sabirova** (Ulyanovsk State University, Russia; gsabirova@yahoo.com):  
*The Construction of Place and the Placing of Food in a Central Asian City*

**Daniyar Karabaev** (Khorog State University, Tajikistan; daniyar.karabaev@gmail.com):  
*The Affection of the Kyrgyz Diaspora for the Eastern Pamir*

**PO-2: Regional Cooperation in Central Asia: Prospects and Challenges**

Chair: **Elmira Nogoibaeva** (International Institute of Strategic Research, Kyrgyzstan; elmira\_n@list.ru)

Discussant: **Marat Kazakbaev** (Kyrgyz-Russian Slavonic University; krsu@krsu.edu.kg)

**Atyrkul Alishева** (Institute for Regional Studies, Kyrgyzstan; atyr\_ifrs@mail.ru):  
*Этносы в политическом пространстве Кыргызстана: устойчивость демократии [Ethnos in Kyrgyzstan's Political Space: The Persistence of Democracy]*

**Janyl Bokonbaeva** (OSCE Academy, Kyrgyzstan; janylb@gmail.com):  
*ЕврАзЭС и Таможенный Союз: проблемы интеграции для стран Центральной Азии (на примере Узбекистана и Кыргызстана) [EurAsEC and Customs Union: Integration Problems for Central Asia (the Cases of Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan)]*

**Asel Murzakulova** (International Institute of Strategic Research, Kyrgyzstan; aselmurza@gmail.com):  
*ШОС ОДКБ: пространство рисков и возможностей [SCO and CSTO: Space of Risks and Opportunities]*

**Anar Musabaeva** (OSCE Academy, Kyrgyzstan; a.musabaeva@osce-academy.net):  
*К пониманию роли и воздействия ОБСЕ и ЕС в Центральной Азии [Towards Understanding the Role and Impact of the OSCE and EU in Central Asia]*

## SO-1: Gender Dimensions of Current Kyrgyz Society

Chair: **Rebecca Reynolds** (University of Glasgow, UK; rebeccajreynolds@gmail.com):

Discussant: **Nathan Light** (Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Germany; nathan.light@gmail.com)

**Baktygul Tulebaeva** (Aigine Cultural Research Center, Kyrgyzstan; tulebaevab@gmail.com):

*Dual Understanding: The Role of Women for the Development of Civil Society in Kyrgyzstan*

**Guljan Kudabaeva** (Aigine Cultural Research Center, Kyrgyzstan; kiguljan@gmail.com):

*International Funding: How Kyrgyz Women Are Strengthening Their Power through NGOs?*

**Zemfira Inogamova** (Aigine Cultural Research Center, Kyrgyzstan; inogamova@gmail.com):

*The Intimacy of Death: Gender Dimensions of Kyrgyz Funeral Ceremonies*

## HC-5: Nation-Building in Central Asia: Conceptual Models and Historical Interpretations

Chair: **Ablet Kamalov** (Central Asia Resource Center, Kazakhstan; akamalov@bilim.kz)

Discussant: **Sergey Abashin** (Russian Academy of Sciences; absergey@gmail.com)

**Joldon Kutmanaliev** (Bishkek Humanities University, Kyrgyzstan; joldon@list.ru):

*The Kyrgyz Nation: Constructed or Primordial? The Ethno-Symbolic Approach to the Study of Nationalism*

**Joomart Sulaimanov** (Osh State University, Kyrgyzstan; sulaimanov@mail.ru):

*Tribalism and Regionalism in the Political Life of the Kyrgyz Republic*

**Yelena Kondaurova** (Kazakh National Conservatory; klenart@yandex.ru):

*The Multi-ethnic Cultural Model in Kazakhstan*

**Radjana Dugarova** (East-Siberian Academy of Culture and Art, Russia; rajana.erke@gmail.com):

*Globalization and Buryat Ethnicity*

**Wednesday, August 6 - 16.00-17.45**

## HC-2: Constructing the Reality of Central Asia

Chair: **Bermet Tursunkulova** (American University of Central Asia, Kyrgyzstan; tursunkulova\_b@mail.auca.kg)

Discussant: **Madeleine Reeves** (University of Manchester, UK; madeleine.reeves@manchester.ac.uk)

**Chad Thompson** (Nipissing University, Canada; chadt@nipissingu.ca):

*Excess: The Construction of Central Asia*

**Abdujalil Abdurasulov** (British Broadcasting Corporation, Kyrgyzstan; abdurasulov@gmail.com):  
*Threat, Tradition or Everyday Life? Discourses of an Islamic Revival in Central Asia*

**Galina Bityukova** (Central Asia Resource Center, Kazakhstan; gbityukova@bilim.kz):  
*When Oil Brings Illusions of Prosperity: Society and Leadership in Kazakhstan*

### **SO-3: Traditionalism and Contemporary Processes in Central Asia**

Chair: **Joldon Kutmanaliev** (Bishkek Humanities University, Kyrgyzstan; joldon@list.ru)

Discussant: **Ablet Kamalov** (Central Asia Resource Centre, Kazakhstan; akamalov@bilim.kz)

**Alexey Zelenskiy** (Kazakh-German University, Kazakhstan; a\_zelenskiy77@mail.ru):  
*Nomadism and Post-Soviet Kazakhstan's Imaginary*

**Zairbek Ergeshov** (Osh State University, Kyrgyzstan; aravan@rambler.ru):  
*Наркоторговля в Кыргызстане: развитие и перспективы [Drug Dealing in Kyrgyzstan: Development and Perspectives]*

**Anara Aldasheva** (Bishkek Humanities University, Kyrgyzstan; anara\_ab@mail.ru):  
*Identity of the Kyrgyz in the Process of Labor Migration*

**Dildora Abidjanova** (University of the World Economy and Diplomacy, Uzbekistan; dildora\_cep@yahoo.com):  
*The Decentralization Process in Uzbekistan and the Changing Role of Mahalla*

**Rufat Bavdinov** (Kazakh Ministry of Education; yaglakar1979@rambler.ru):  
*Traditionalism and Contemporary Processes in Central Asia.*

### **SO-8: Funeral Customs of Central Asia**

Chair: **Zemfira Inogamova** (Aigine Cultural Research Center, Kyrgyzstan; inogamova@gmail.com)

Discussant: **Judith Beyer** (Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Germany; beyer@eth.mpg.de)

**Elmira Köchümkulova** (University of Central Asia, Kyrgyzstan; elmira.kuchumkulova@ucentralasia.org):  
*Islamic in Form, Nomadic in Content: Religious Harmony or Conflict in Kyrgyz Funeral Customs?*

**Kubat Tabaldiev** (Kyrgyz-Turkish Manas University, Kyrgyzstan; tabaldievk@yahoo.com):  
*Эволюция погребального обряда и причины их видоизменений (по данным археологических исследований на Тянь-Шане) [The Evolution of Funeral Rituals and the Reasons for Their Change: Material from Archeological Research in the Tian Shan]*

**Asan Saipov** (Muslim Spiritual Board of Kyrgyzstan; asansaip@mail.ru):  
*Funeral Services for a Deceased Muslim According to the Sharia*

**Tokhir Kalandarov** (Russian Academy of Sciences; tokhir\_k@yahoo.com):  
*Some Aspects of Funeral Rites Among People of the Western Pamir*

## **PO-5: The Resource Curse in Eurasian Petro-States: The Cases of Azerbaijan and Kazakhstan**

Chair: **Anar Musabaeva** (OSCE Academy, Kyrgyzstan; a.musabaeva@osce-academy.net)

Discussant: **Maria Raquel Freire** (University of Coimbra, Portugal; rfreire@fe.uc.pt)

**Heidi Kjaernet** (Norwegian Institute of International Affairs; hk@nupi.no):  
*Displacement in a Booming Economy: IDPs in Azerbaijan – A Flammable Community?*

**Adil Nurmakov** (Competitiveness Research Centre, Kazakhstan; adil.nurmakov@gmail.com):  
*Kazakhstan's Global Competitiveness: Challenges on the Way to the Goal*

**Farid Guliyev** (Jacobs University Bremen, Germany; f.guliyev@jacobs-university.de):  
*Does Resource Dependence Help Authoritarianism Endure? The Cases of Azerbaijan and Kazakhstan*

**Thursday, August 7 - 9.00-10.45**

## **SO-12: Legacies of Cultural Contact**

Chair: **Gulzat Botoeva** (American University of Central Asia, Kyrgyzstan; botoevag@mail.auca.kg)

Discussant: **Natalya Kosmarskaya** (Russian Academy of Sciences; kosmarskis@gmail.com)

**Saule Ualiyeva** (East Kazakhstan State Technical University; ualli@mail.ru):  
*Культурное взаимодействие в межэтнических браках в Казахстане*  
*[Cultural Interaction in Inter-ethnic Marriages in Kazakhstan]*

**Elira Turdubaeva** (Kyrgyz-Turkish Manas University, Kyrgyzstan; elira\_hil@yahoo.com):  
*Television Soap Opera, Ethnicity and Girls' Interpretations*

**Nelli Krasnobaeva** (East-Kazakhstan Serikbayev State Technical University; krneli@yandex.ru):  
*Конфессиональный фактор этнополитической стабильности в Восточном Казахстане*  
*[The Confessional Factor of Political Stabilization in Kazakhstan]*

**Aizat Aisarakunova** (Independent Scholar, Kyrgyzstan; aprilaiza@gmail.com):  
*Globalization within the Kyrgyz Traditional Culture*