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 Ïsïq Köl from Dostuk Hotel
13.00  Second bus departure for Ïsïq 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
20.00-20.30  Presentation of the film “Sacred Sites of Kyrgyzstan” by Aigine Cultural Research Center, CR-I

**Thursday, August 7**
09.00-10.45  Session 1, CR-III
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**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 Khutsishvilli** (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 Alatoo 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; schoeb@fas.harvard.edu)

Sergey Abashin (Russian Academy of Sciences, Russia; absergey@gmail.com):

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; alalexenko@mail.ru)

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

Zulfia Valitova (Karaghanda 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]
HC-4: Perspectives on the Past: The Kyrgyz in the 20th Century through Oral Histories

Chair: Anvarbek Mokeev (Kyrgyz-Turkish Manas University, Kyrgyzstan; anvarmokeev@yahoo.com)

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 Altymyshova (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*
**Tuesday, August 5 - 16.00-17.45**

**SO-6: Urban Central Asia**

Chair: **Jeanne Feaux de la Croix** (University of St. Andrews, UK; jeannefeaux@yahoo.co.uk)

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; alison.betts@usyd.edu.au)

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 Schoebberlein (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; seleznев@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*

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**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 Gaweccki** (Adam Mickiewicz University, Poland; marek.gaweccki@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*

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**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 Alishcheva** (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 Guliye (Jacobs University Bremen, Germany; f.guliye@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; knelli@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