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**PO-01  •  Comparative State Policies on Ethnic Majorities and Minorities**  
Friday, 9:00-10:45, Mortara Boardroom
Chair: TBD (; )
Discussant: TBD (; )
Laman Tasch (Northern Illinois University; laman.tasch@comcast.net)  
“Comparative study of the State Nationality Policy in Russia under Yeltsin and Putin”
Mariya Chelova (Berlin Social Science Center (WZB)/Humboldt University; chelova@wzb.eu)  
“Explaining Regime Outcomes in the Former Soviet Union States: Cleavage Structure, Party Systems, and Voting Patterns”
Arus Harutyunyan (Western Michigan University; arus.harutyunyan@wmich.edu)  
“Untangling the Double-Edged Politics of Remembering, Boundaries and Belongingness”
Anna Martirosyan (University of Missouri, St. Louis (UMSL); annamartirosyan@hotmail.com)  
“War, State Militarization and Contentious Politics of Exclusion in Armenia”

**SO-01  •  Economic and Social Change in Central Asia and the Caucasus**  
Friday, 9:00-10:45, MSFS Conference Room
Chair: TBD (; )
Discussant: TBD (; )
Delia Bachankaeva (Barnard College/Columbia University; db2280@columbia.edu)  
“Marketing and Sustainable Development in the Caucasus: The Case Study of the Kalmyk Republic”
Zohra Ismail (Indiana University Bloomington; zmismail@gmail.com)  
“A Home of Our Own: Emerging Land Conflicts in Gorno-Badakhshan, Tajikistan”
Mettursun Beydulla (Harvard University; beydulla@fas.harvard.edu)  
“Deryabuyi: A microcosm of social change in ‘Xinjiang’”

**PO-02  •  Russia and the Near Abroad**  
Friday, 9:00-10:45, CCAS Boardroom
Chair: TBD (; )
Discussant: TBD (; )
Lyndon Allin (Georgetown University; allinl@law.georgetown.edu)  
“The Ties that Bind: Russia’s Non-military Means of Influence in Abkhazia”
Antje Kastner (German Development Institute; Antje.Kaestner@gmail.com)  
“The domestic sources of change in Russian foreign policy towards the NIS”
Valeriy Dzutsev (University of Maryland; vdzutsev@umd.edu)  
“Russian neoimperialism and its implications in the Northern Caucasus”
Yelda Demirag (Baskent University; demirag@baskent.edu.tr)  
“Eastward Enlargement of NATO and Russia”
Friday ♦ Session I ♦ 9:00 am - 10:45 pm

**SO-02 • Mass Media in Kazakhstan: In Higher Education and Journalism Practice**
Friday, 9:00-10:45, Room ICC 450

Chair: **Maureen Nemecek** (Oklahoma State University; mjnemecek@comcast.net)
Discussant: **Rafis Abazov** (Columbia University; ra2044@columbia.edu)

**Maureen Nemecek** (Oklahoma State University; mjnemecek@comcast.net)
“Journalism Educators in Kazakhstan: teaching, curriculum and practice”

**Sholpan Kozhamkulova** (Kazakhstan Institute of Management, Economics and Strategic Research; sholpank@yahoo.com)

**Stanislav Los** (Kazakh National University; st_los@yahoo.com)
“Arguments For and Against the development of Kazakhstani Internet Journalism”

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**HC-01 • Linguistics, Language and Language Policy**
Friday, 9:00-10:45, Room ICC 662

Chair: **Ron Sela** (Indiana University; rsela@indiana.edu)
Discussant: TBD

**Yukiyasu Arai** (Slavic Research Center, Hokkaido University, Japan; samandabadra@gmail.com)
“The Kalmyk language policy in 1920s”

**Jonathan Washington** (Indiana University; jonwashi@indiana.edu)
“Historical Interactions among Turkic Groups inferred through Constraint-based Linguistic Typology”

**Saruul-Erdene Myagmar** (Mongolian Cultural Center; info@mongolcc.org)
“Meanings of Mongolian Verb bai- (copula) and Its Translation into English”

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**HC-02 • Georgian Studies**
Friday, 9:00-10:45, McGhee Library

Chair: **Julie Christensen** (George Mason University; jchriste@gmu.edu)
Discussant: **John Colarusso** (McMaster University; colarusss@mcmaster.ca)

**Bert Beynen** (Free Library of Philadelphia; beyneng@freelibrary.org)
“Dionysos, Rustam and Tariel: the Symbolism of the Panther Skin”

**Zakharia Pourtskhvanidze** (University of Frankfurt/M, Germany; linguagon@aol.com)
“A New Perspective on Notion of Subject in Georgian”

**Babak Rezvani** (University of Amsterdam; brezvani@fmg.uva.nl)
“The forgotten Caspian Georgians of Iran”

**Lela Samushia** (J.W.G. Goethe University, Frankfurt/Main; lelamarisa@yahoo.de)
“Speech Reporting in Kartvelian”

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

**PO-03 • Ethnic Mobilization and Conflict in Eurasia**
Friday, 11:00-12:45, Mortara Boardroom

Chair: **Miriam Lanskoy** (National Endowment for Democracy; miriaml@ned.org)
Discussant: TBD

**Idil Tuncer Kilavuz** (Marmara University; idiltuncer@marmara.edu.tr)
“Understanding Violent Conflict: A Comparative Study of Tajikistan and Uzbekistan”
Friday ♦ Session II ♦ 11:00 am - 12:45 pm

Caspar Tristan ten Dam (Queens University Belfast; ctendam01@qub.ac.uk)
"Values, Aims, and Methods of Violence by Chechen and Albanian insurgents: Findings and Implications for Future Research of Conflicts on the Eurasian Continent"

Shahyar Daneshgar (Indiana University; sdaneshg@indiana.edu)
"Iran and Challenges of a New Millennium: Ethnic Unrests, an Overview of Events, the Case of Azerbaijan"

Bekmyrza Tokotegin (Institute for Social Science; tokotegin@yahoo.com)
"Europe meets the Caucasus: A Stability and Security Policy for the Caucasus"

PO-04 ● Civil Society/Non-Governmental Organizations
Friday, 11:00-12:45, MSFS Conference Room
Chair: Ayca Ergun (Middle East Technical University; ayer@metu.edu.tr)
Discussant: G. Alper Ataser (Selcuk University; ataser@metu.edu.tr)
Edgar McGee (Ohio University; maqi3@yahoo.com)
"Organizational Culture of Non-government Organizations in Post-soviet Azerbaijan"

Rustamjon Urinboyev (Maastricht University; rustamurin@yahoo.com)
"The role and impact of public administration schools and human rights/civil society groups in democratic governance of multiethnic communities in Uzbekistan"

HC-03 ● Expressions of Social Change and Identity through Literature
Friday, 11:00-12:45, Room ICC 462
Chair: TBD

Rozaliya Garipova (Princeton University; garipova@princeton.edu)
"The Traditional Tatar Ulama and Modernity: An Analysis of the Journal Din ve Maishet"

Danielle Ross (University of Wisconsin, Madison; danielleross@wisc.edu)
"At War with the Tatar Kingdom: Proving a Pan-Islamic Conspiracy Theory, or the Izh-Bubi Trial Re-examined"

Rian Thum (Harvard University; thum@fas.harvard.edu)
"Tazkiras in Practice: the production and use of hagiographical manuscripts in Xinjiang at the turn of the 20th century"

PO-05 ● Development and Poverty in Central Asia
Friday, 11:00-12:45, Room ICC 450
Chair: TBD

Jennifer Brick (University of Wisconsin - Madison; jcbrick@wisc.edu)
"Traditional’ Leadership and Community Development in Rural Afghanistan"

Nicolas-Claude Gosset (Universite Libre de Bruxelles - Belgian National Fund for Scientic Research; ngosset@ulb.ac.be)
"Uzbekistan’s Mahalla Rush: Potentials and Limitations of Development Agencies’ New Architecture of Provision in Grassroots Constituencies"

Kelly McMann (Case Western Reserve University; kelly.mcmann@case.edu)
"Particularistic Politics as an Unexpected Outcome of Market Reform in Central Asia"

Erica Marat (ISDP&CACI; emarat@silkroadstudies.org)
"State Weakness, Organized Crime, and Corruption in Central Asia"
Friday  ♦  Session II  ♦  11:00 am - 12:45 pm

**SO-03  •  Changing Gender Roles and Relations in Central Asia**  
Friday, 11:00-12:45, Room ICC 662  
Chair: TBD ( ; )  
Discussant: Cynthia Werner (Texas A & M; werner@neo.tamu.edu)  
Katalin Fábián (Lafayette College; fabian@lafayette.edu) and Muborak Sharipova (Independent Consultant; muborakopenasia@hotmail.com)  
“Women and Violence in Tajikistan: From Soviet Liberation to Post-Soviet Political and Economic Segregation”  
Noah Tucker (Harvard University; ntucker@post.harvard.edu)  
“Wives, Submit to Your Husbands? The Role of Religion in Movements for Re-Traditionalization of Women’s Roles”  
M. Reid Hamel (University of California, Berkeley; reidh@demog.berkeley.edu)  
“Women’s Labor Force Participation in the Caucasus: A Household-Level Assessment”

**PO-06  •  Challenges Facing Democratic Mongolia**  
Friday, 11:00-12:45, McGhee Library  
Chair: Alicia Campi (The Mongolia Society; monsocacampi@gmail.com)  
Discussant: TBD ( ; )  
Luvsanchultem Myagmarsuren (Indiana University; luvmyagma@yahoo.com)  
“Landlocked Mongolia and the "Third Neighbor" Concept”  
Alicia Campi (The Mongolia Society; monsocacampi@gmail.com)  
“U.S. government Policies towards Mongolia in the Last 20 years--A Review”  
John Williams (Principia College; john.williams@principia.edu)  
“Political Efficacy in Mongolia’s Emerging Democracy”

Friday  ♦  Session III  ♦  2:00 pm - 3:45 pm

**PO-07  •  Islamic Revival Across Eurasia: Religious and Political Trends**  
Friday, 2:00-3:45, Mortara Boardroom  
Chair: Eric McGlinchey (George Mason University; emcglinc@gmu.edu)  
Discussant: Dmitry Gorenburg (AAASS, Harvard University; oenburg@gmail.com)  
Kathleen Collins (University of Minnesota; colli433@umn.edu)  
“The Popular Shift toward Political Islam”  
John Schoeberlein (Harvard University; schoeber@fas.harvard.edu)  
“How the Soviet System Changed Islam in Central Asia”  
Miriam Lanskoy (National Endowment for Democracy; miriaml@ned.org)  
“Islam and the North Caucasus Insurgency”  
Anar Valiyev (Azerbaijan Diplomatic Academy; avaliyev@ada.edu.az)  
“Islam in Azerbaijan: Which Way to Go?”

**PO-08  •  Central Asia: Why So Few Conflicts?**  
Friday, 2:00-3:45, MSFS Conference Room  
Chair: Nancy Lubin (JNA Associates, Inc.; JNA-Associates@earthlink.net)  
Discussant: S. Frederick Starr (Central Asia-Caucasus Institute, Johns Hopkins University; sfstarr@jhu.edu)  
Roger Kangas (National Defense University; kangasr@ndu.edu)  
“Delegitimizing Conflict: An ‘Official Explanation’ of Why So Little Conflict”
Friday  ♦  Session III  ♦  2:00 am - 3:45 pm

**PO-09  •  American Foreign Policy and Neo-Imperialism in Central Asia**

Friday, 2:00-3:45, CCAS Boardroom

Chair: **Tugrul Keskin** (Virginia Tech. University; tugrulk@vt.edu)

Discussant: **Kemal Silay** (Indiana University; ksilay@indiana.edu)

**Ajay Kumar Patnaik** (Jawaharlal Nehru University; patnaik.ajay@gmail.com)

“Export of Democracy: US Geopolitical Moves in Central Asia”

**Azeem Ibrahim** (University of Cambridge; ai242@cam.ac.uk)

“Motivational Drivers of US Policy in Post Soviet Era”

**Tugrul Keskin** (Virginia Tech. University; tugrulk@vt.edu) and **Gary Wood** (Virginia Tech. University; garywood@vt.edu)

“New-Imperialism and Promotion of Democracy in Central Asia: Case of NED and NDI”

**Reed Taylor** (Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University; rtaylor2@vt.edu)

“Hizb ut-Tahrir in Uzbekistan: A Post-Colonial Critique”

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**PO-10  •  Social Welfare in Post-Communist States: Challenges, Dynamics and Implications**

Friday, 2:00-3:45, Room ICC 462

Chair: **Kate Schecter** (The American International Health Alliance; kschecter@aiha.com)

Discussant: **Alexandra Vacroux** (Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars; alexandra.vacroux@wilsoncenter.org)

**Elena Maltseva** (University of Toronto; elena.maltseva@utoronto.ca)

“Policy Implementation in Post-Soviet States: A Comparison of Social Welfare Reform in Russia and Kazakhstan”

**Erica Johnson** (University of Washington; ejj3@u.washington.edu)

“Authoritarian Survival and Social Welfare in Post-Communist States”

**Svetlana Inkina** (University of Washington; svetlana.inkina@gmail.com)

“The Russian Welfare Model: Is there Room for Regional Disparities?”

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**SO-04  •  Majority-Minority Relations in the Caucasus**

Friday, 2:00-3:45, Room ICC 662

Chair: **TBD**

Discussant: **TBD**

**Magomedkhan Magomedkhanov** (Institute of History, Archeology & Ethnography of Dagestan Scientific Center of Russian Academy of Sciences; mkhan@yandex.ru)

“Transformation of identities in Dagestan”

**Ludmila Pravikova** (Pyatigorsk state linguistic university, Russia; pravikova@mail.com)

“Linguistic identity change in the North Caucasus”

“Outlaws in Lawless Land? Torture and the ‘Rule’ in Post-Soviet Chechnya”
Friday ♦ Session III ♦ 2:00 am - 3:45 pm

Salvatore Di Rosa (Research Group, Ghent University, Belgium; Salvatore.Dirosa@Ugent.Be)
"Mobilised Muslim identity and the construction of Islamism in Kabardino-Balkaria”

SO-05 ♦ Roundtable: Rural Development and Restructuring in Central Asia, Past and Present
Friday, 2:00-3:45, McGhee Library
Chair: TBD (; )
Discussant: Marianne Kamp (University of Wyoming; mkamp@uwyo.edu)
Zulfiya Tursunova (University of Manitoba; zulfiya_tursunova@yahoo.com)
“Rural development and livelihood in Uzbekistan”
Sarah Cameron (Yale University; sarah.cameron@yale.edu)
“Clan in Form, Class in Content?: The Kazakh Steppe and Early Soviet Planning, 1923-1928”
Russell Zanca (Northeastern Illinois University; rzanca@neiu.edu)
“Counting Sheep for the New Order: State Measures and Shepherds’ Recollections of Collectivization”
Marianne Kamp (University of Wyoming; mkamp@uwyo.edu)
“Group Work, Individual Pay: Incentives for laborers on Uzbek collective farms in the 1930s”

Friday ♦ Keynote Speech ♦ 4:00 pm - 5:45 pm
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Saturday ♦ Session I ♦ 9:00 am - 10:45 am

PO-11 ♦ Roundtable: Washington Whispers—A View of Central Asia and the Caucasus from the DC Perspective
Saturday, 9:00-10:45, Room ICC 101
Chair: Daniel L. Burghart (NDIC/Georgetown; Daniel.Burghart@DIA.MIL)
Michael Ochs (Helsinki Comission, US Congress; Michael.Ochs@mail.house.gov)
Cory Welt (Georgetown University; cdw33@georgetown.edu)
Roger Kangas (National Defense University; kangasr@ndu.edu)
Steve Levine (Business Week; stevlevine@gmail.com)

PO-12 ♦ Energy, International Relations, and Domestic Policies
Saturday 9:00-10:45, Room ICC 107
Chair: Hayriye Kahveci (Middle East Technical University; hkahveci@metu.edu.tr)
Discussant: Roger P. Hamburg (Independent Scholar; hamburgr@indiana.edu)
Andrea Herschman Kendall-Taylor (UCLA; ahersch@ucla.edu)
“Political Sources of Dutch Disease: Political Time Horizons and Windfall Foreign Savings”
Karlygash Dairabayeva (The George Washington University; karly@gwu.edu)
“Is The ‘Dubai Model’ a New Paradigm for Growth and Investment Strategies for Oil-Based Economies: Case Study Eurasia”
Galiya Abdrakhmanova (Kazakh National University; galiya.abdrakhmanova@gmail.com)
“Central Asia in Three Initiatives for Regional Integration: EurAsEC, SCO, and ECO. Comparative Analysis”
Saturday ♦ Session I ♦ 9:00 am - 10:45 am

**HC-04 • Modern Historiography of Xinjiang and the Uyghurs: Beyond the Chinese Sources**
Saturday, 9:00-10:45, Room ICC 108
Chair: **James A. Millward** (Georgetown University; millwarj@georgetown.edu)
Discussant: **Stanley Toops** (Miami University; toopssw@muohio.edu)
**Jun Sugawara** (Tokyo University of Foreign Studies; sugawara@uighur.jp)
“Waqf Litigation at Kashghar: A Case Study on Islamic Lawsuit Procedure under Chinese Rule”

**Sean Roberts** (Georgetown University; seanrr@gmail.com)
“The Rise of Uyghuristan in the Russian Empire and Soviet Union”

**Nabijan Tursun** (Radio Free Asia; tursunn@rfa.org)
“Uyghur Sources and Perspectives on the Early 20 Century Uyghur”

**PO-13 • The Political Geography of Regions**
Saturday, 9:00-10:45, Room ICC 102
Chair: **TBD**
Discussant: **Babak Rezvani** (University of Amsterdam/ Utrecht University; b.rezvani@uva.nl)
**Pinar Akcali** (Middle East Technical University; akcali@metu.edu.tr)
“An Assessment of Eurasianism in Turkey as a Foreign Policy Option”

**Alla Mirzoyan** (Florida International University; allamir@yahoo.com)
“In Between or Within?: Southern Caucasus as a “Constructed” Region”

**Ikboljon Qoraboyev** (University of Montpellier 1, France; iqboljon@gmail.com)
“Contending Political Rationalities of Central Asian regionalism”

**Asel Dolotkeldieva** (Institute of Political Science (Sciences Po de Paris); adkasymovna@gmail.com)
“Kyrgyz migrant between Russia and Kyrgyzstan: strategies, impacts and dynamics”

**HC-05 • New Perspectives on Russian and Soviet Colonialisms**
Saturday, 9:00-10:45, Room ICC 104
Chair: **Agnes Kefeli Clay** (Arizona State University; akefeli@asu.edu)
Discussant: **TBD**

**Kristin Collins** (The Ohio State University; breyfogle.4@osu.edu)
“Stealing Daughters: Relations between Russia and the Caucasus in the nineteenth century”

**Cloe Drieu** (Inalco / CHDT; cloe.drieu@free.fr)
“How Natives Took Hold of the Camera, and How They Lost It (Uzbekistan, 1931-1936)”

**Eileen Kane** (Connecticut College; ek2497@columbia.edu)
“Imperialism through Islamic Networks: Russia and the Hajj”

**Anaita Khudonazar** (University of California, Berkeley; anaitkin@yahoo.com)
“Between Evropa and Asia: Mirages of Central Asia in Imperial Art of the Nineteenth Century”

**Simo Mikkonen** (Stanford University / University of Jyväskylä; simikko@stanford.edu)
“Leak in the Soviet system of security? People of the Black Sea and Caspian areas as informants to the West during the late 1950s and 1960s”
Saturday ♦ Session II ♦ 11:00 am - 12:45 pm

PO-14 ♦ Roundtable: US Development and Diplomacy Policy in Central Asia and the Caucasus
Saturday, 11:00-12:45, Room ICC 101
Chair: Eric McGlinchey (George Mason University; emcglinc@gmu.edu)
Sada Aksartova (George Mason University; saksarto@gmu.edu)
Cory Welt (Georgetown University; cdw33@georgetown.edu)
Sean Roberts (Georgetown University; seanrr@gmail.com)

SO-06 ♦ Migration in Central Asia in an Era of Globalization
Saturday, 11:00-12:45, Room ICC 107
Chair: Daniel L. Burghart (National Defense Intelligence College; Daniel.Burghart@DIA.MIL)
Discussant: Daniel L. Burghart (National Defense Intelligence College; Daniel.Burghart@DIA.MIL)
Cynthia Buckley (University of Texas, Austin; cbuckley@austin.utexas.edu)
“Migration in Comparative Perspective: What can North America tell us about Eurasia?”
Saltanat Liebert (Virginia Commonwealth University; sliebert@vcu.edu)
“Integration of Central Asian Migrants in the United States”
Urmat Tynaliev (University of Minnesota; lginkg@gmail.com)
“Labor migration from Kyrgyzstan to Russia and its impact on the individual and community development”
Irina Novikova (American University; arina.novikova@gmail.com)
“Does it Matter Where You Come from? Identity Politics and Access to Basic Services Among Internal Migrants in Bishkek”

HC-06 ♦ Local and Regional History of Central Asia
Saturday, 11:00-12:45, Room ICC 108
Chair: Allen Frank (Independent Scholar; afrank7129@yahoo.com)
Discussant: Virginia Martin (University of Wisconsin-Madison; virginiamartin@tds.net)
Elmira Köchümkulova (University of Central Asia; elmira.kuchumkulova@ucentralasia.org)
“The Oral History of Soviet Sedentarization/Collectivization of the Nomadic Kyrgyz in the Aksı Region of Southern Kyrgyzstan”
Jin Noda (The Toyo Bunko; nodajin@d1.dion.ne.jp)
“The History of Eastern Kazakhstan Written by a Tatar Imam: Beyond the Border of the Empires”
Tomohiko Uyama (Hokkaido University; uyama@slav.hokudai.ac.jp)
“Historiography of Local and Regional Studies in Western Kazakhstan: An Alternative to National History?”
Zeev Levin (Tel-Aviv University; levinzv@gmail.com)
“History of Samarkand As Presented in the Historical Museums of the City”

PO-15 ♦ Western Foreign Policy: Central Asia
Saturday, 11:00-12:45, Room ICC 118
Chair: TBD ( ; )
Discussant: TBD ( ; )
Barry Carlson (Air Command and Staff College; barak.carlson@maxwell.af.mil)
“Coordinating international stabilization programs in Afghanistan though improved governance”
Saturday ♦ Session II ♦ 11:00 am - 12:45 pm

Ahadjon Abdurahmonov (University of Wyoming; aabdurah@uwyo.edu)
“Democracy and Human Rights Promotion as a Central Element of the US Foreign Policy towards Uzbekistan”

Eric Freedman (Michigan State University; freedma5@msu.edu) and Navbahor Imamova (Voice of America Uzbek Service; navbahor@hotmail.com)
“The Voice of America’s Uzbek Service: Political Outreach, Visions of America or Propaganda?”

AbduMannob Polat (Independent Consultant/Scholar; AbduMannob@yahoo.com)
“US-Uzbekistan Failures”

HC-07 ♦ Spirituality and Identity in Inner Asia
Saturday, 11:00-12:45, Room ICC 104
Chair: TBD (;
Discussant: TBD (;

Orhon Myadar (University of Arizona; orhon@email.arizona.edu)
“The Myth of Nomads: Demystifying Mongolian Nomadic Identity”

Catherine Kmita (University of Alberta; ckmita@yahoo.com)
“The Inner Mongolian Dance, Andai, As a Therapeutic Form”

HC-08 ♦ Historical Problems in the Mongol Empire
Saturday, 11:00-12:45, Room ICC 106
Chair: TBD (;
Discussant: Ruth Dunnell (Kenyon College; dunnell@kenyon.edu)

Timothy May (North Georgia College & State University; tmmay@ngcsu.edu)
“First Date: When did the Mongols first encounter the Khwarazmian Empire?”

Paul Buell (Western Washington; pbuell@speakeasy.net)
“Admonishing Women in the Secret History of the Mongols”

Florian Schwarz (The University of Washington; fschwarz@u.washington.edu)
“The Mongols, local politics, and cultural production in 13th- and 14th-century Bukhara”

HC-09 ♦ Religion and Material Culture
Saturday, 11:00-12:45, Room ICC 116
Chair: TBD (;
Discussant: Vernon Schubel (Kenyon College; schubel@kenyon.edu)

Nina Chichinadze (Ilia Chavchavadze State University; nchichinadze@yahoo.com)
“Shaping of Religious Space: Veneration of Miracle-working Icons in Medieval Georgia”

Rasul Ejaz (Independent Scholar; ejaz.rasul@lycos.co.uk)
“Sufi Shrines in Central Asia”

Melanie Michailidis (Carleton College; mmichail@carleton.edu)
“Samanid Pottery: High vs. Low Art, or a Multiplicity of Choices?”

Mushegh Asatryan (Yale University; mushegh.asatryan@yale.edu)
“Mufaddal al-Jufi and the Kufan ‘extremists’ in the eighth century”

Saturday ♦ Session III ♦ 2:00 pm - 3:45 pm

PO-16 ♦ Governance: The Impact of Democratization and State-building
Saturday, 2:00-3:45, Room ICC 101
Chair: TBD (;

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**Saturday • Session IV • 2:00 pm - 3:45 pm**

**PO-17 • Political Elites in Central Eurasia**
Saturday, 2:00-3:45, Room ICC 107

Chair: **TBD**
Discussant: **TBD**

- **Dinissa Duvanova** (Princeton University; duvanova@princeton.edu)
  “Do Civil Service Reforms Lead to Better Governance? The Experience of Kazakhstan”
- **Verena Fritz** (World Bank; vfritz@worldbank.org)
  “Transition and state-building in the Southern CIS”
- **Fredrik Matias Sjoberg** (Uppsala University & London School of Economics (LSE); f.m.sjoberg@lse.ac.uk)
  “Explaining Electoral Competitiveness in Kyrgyzstan: Moving Beyond the ‘Clan’ Hypothesis”
- **Maks Kobonbaev** (University of Missouri-St. Louis/World Bank Group; maks_kobonbaev@yahoo.com)
  “Institutional Sources of Corruption in the Baltic and Central Asian States”

- **Sebastian Schiek** (University of Hamburg; sebastian.schiek@web.de)
  “International Organizations and Informality in Kazakhstan”
- **Azamat Sakiev** (Maxwell School, Syracuse University; asakiev@maxwell.syr.edu)
  “Do Leaders Matter for Regimes: Leadership styles of Kyrgyzstan’s Akayev, Kazakhstan’s Nazarbayev, and Uzbekistan’s Karimov”
- **Ayca Ergun** (Middle East Technical University; ayer@metu.edu.tr)
  “Democratization and Political Elite in Post-Soviet Azerbaijan”

**PO-18 • Western Perspectives: Kosovo and the West in Re-shaping the Conflicts in the South Caucasus**
Saturday, 2:00-3:45, Room ICC 108

Chair: **John Mackedon** (Elliott School of International Affairs; mack007@gwu.edu)
Discussant: **John Mackedon** (Elliott School of International Affairs; mack007@gwu.edu)

- **Rainer Ruge** (European Union; rainer.ruge@consilium.europa.eu)
  “Territorial integrity versus the right of self-determination: The Southern Caucasus as seen from a European perspective”
- **Julie George** (Queens College, City University of New York; Julie.George@qc.cuny.edu)
  “The Impact of Regime Type on Eurasia’s Frozen Conflicts”
- **Niklas Nilsson** (Central Asia - Caucasus Institute & Silk Road Studies Program)
  “EU Interest in the South Caucasus: Sufficient to Face Russian Competition?”

**SO-07 • Majority-Minority Relations in Central Asia and Afghanistan**
Saturday, 2:00-3:45, Room ICC 118

Chair: **Babak Rezvani** (University of Amsterdam/ Utrecht University; b.rezvani@uva.nl)
Discussant: **TBD**

- **Regina Faranda** (U.S. Department of State; farandard@state.gov) and **David Nolle** (Independent Scholar; dbnolle@frontiernet.net)
  “Boundaries of Ethnic Identity in Central Asia: Titular and Russian Perceptions of Ethnic Commonalities in Kyrgyzstan and Kazakhstan”
- **Gabriele Rasuly-Paleczek** (University of Vienna; gabriele.rasuly@univie.ac.at)
  “Conflict Settlement and Mediation among the Uzbeks of Northeastern-Afghanistan”
Saturday ♦ Session IV ♦ 2:00 pm - 3:45 pm

Nurgul Sawut (RMIT University, Australia; snurgul@hotmail.com)
“The Comparison between the Uzbek-Kyrgyz in the Southern Kyrgyzstan and the Uyghur-Kyrgyz Relations in the Southern Xinjiang”

HC-10 ♦ Issues of Authority and Cultural Identity
Saturday, 2:00-3:45, Room ICC 106
Chair: Nurten Kilic-Schubel (Kenyon College; kilicn@kenyon.edu)
Discussant: TBD

Gulnara Dadabaeva (KIMEP, Kazakh Institute of Management, Economics and Strategic Research; gdadabaeva@mail.ru)
“Problems of Formation of Cultural Identity in Modern Kazakhstan”

Eva-Marie Dubuisson (University of Michigan; edubuiss@umich.edu)
“Speaking Change and Feeling Authority in Contemporary Kazakh Aitus Poetry”

Jeremy Alan Pine (University of Pennsylvania; jeremypine@gmail.com)
“Niyazov’s Cultural Policy: A tool for Creating a Perpetual State of Exception”

Anna Oldfield (Hamilton College; aoldfiel@hamilton.edu)
“Don’t Get in My Face Like Ashiq Peri’: Life and Legends of Azerbaijan’s ’First’ Woman Minstrel”

PO-19 ♦ Author Meets Critics: Bhavna Dave’s Kazakhstan: Ethnicity, Language, Power
Saturday, 2:00-3:45, Room ICC 116
Chair: Laura Adams (Harvard University; lladams2@earthlink.net)

Bhavna Dave (SOAS; bd4@soas.ac.uk)
Ed Schatz (University of Toronto; ed.schatz@utoronto.ca)
Dmitry Gorenburg (Harvard University; gorenburg@gmail.com)

Saturday ♦ Session IV ♦ 4:00 pm - 5:45 pm

SO-08 ♦ Educational Reforms in Central Asia
Saturday, 4:00-5:45, Room ICC 101
Chair: TBD

Discussant: Victoria Clement (Western Carolina University; vclement@wcu.edu)

Christopher Whitsel (Indiana University; cwhitsel@indiana.edu)
“Family Conditions, Democratic Choice, and Sitting at Home: Investigating Educational Participation in Post-Soviet Tajikistan”

Dildorahon Qurbanova (Andijan College of Economics; dildorahon@inbox.ru)
“Reforms in public education in Uzbekistan: mismanagement or wrong policy? An experimental analysis”

Alan DeYoung (University of Kentucky; ajdey@uky.edu)
“International Struggles over the Political Economy of Higher Education in Kyrgyzstan”

Mieke Meurs (American University; mmeurs@american.edu)
“Birthing After Socialism: Factors Underlying De-medicalization of Birthing in Tajikistan”
Saturday • Session IV • 4:00 pm - 5:45 pm

**HC-11 • Rise, Fall, and Religion on Mongolia’s Western Fringe: Sources on Oirat and Western Mongolian History**

Saturday, 4:00-5:45, Room ICC 107

Chair: **Christopher P. Atwood** (Indiana University (Bloomington); catwood@indiana.edu)
Discussant: **Christopher P. Atwood** (Indiana University (Bloomington); catwood@indiana.edu)

- **Richard Taupier** (University of Massachusetts (Amherst); taupier@research.umass.edu)
  “The Biography of the Oirat Gegen Zaya Pandita”

- **Robin Charpentier** (Indiana University (Bloomington); rcharpen@indiana.edu)
  “The Rise and (Soon to Come) Fall of the Oirats in Emchi Ghabang Shirab’s ‘History of the Four Oirats’”

- **Alice Seddon** (Indiana University (Bloomington); aseddon@indiana.edu)
  “A Voice from the Mountains: The Songs, Poems, and Journals of General Lu”

- **Allen Frank** (Independent Scholar; afrank7129@yahoo.com)
  “The Mongol-Qalmaq Bayani: An Islamic Ethnography of the Mongols”

**HC-12 • Religious History and Identity in Central Asia**

Saturday, 4:00-5:45, Room ICC 108

Chair: **Timothy May** (North Georgia College & State University; tmmay@ngcsu.edu)
Discussant: TBD

- **Janet Kilian-Kivler** (George Washington University; jmkk@gwu.edu)
  “Russian Orthodox Missionaries in Semirechie and Kuldja in the 19th Century”

- **Erik Aasland** (Fuller Graduate Schools; erikkim@eamail.org)
  “Indexing Islam: Ilyas Esenberlin’s Representation of Islam in ‘The Nomads’”

- **R. Charles Weller** (Asia Research Associates; chawel@ara-cahrc.com)
  “Kazakh Islamization: New 16th Century Evidence to Overturn the 19th Century Thesis”

**HC-13 • Imperial Order, Nationalisms and Local Politics in Ottoman Anatolia at the Turn of the 20th Century**

Saturday, 4:00-5:45, Room ICC 118

Chair: TBD
Discussant: TBD

- **Halit Akarca** (Princeton University; hakarca@princeton.edu)
  “Trabzon as a Russian City”

- **Richard Antaramian** (University of Michigan; reantaramian@yahoo.com)
  “The New Nationalism: 19th Century Ottoman Armenian Political Violence and the Armenian Revolutionary Federation”

**SO-09 • Environmental Degradation and Health Problems**

Saturday, 4:00-5:45, Room ICC 104

Chair: **Cynthia Werner** (Texas A & M; werner@neo.tamu.edu)
Discussant: TBD

- **Atsushi Ogihara** (Waseda University; aogi@waseda.jp)
  “Ecological Destruction of the Aral Sea and the Socioeconomic and Health Status of Its Residents”

- **Rusty Butler** (Utah Valley University; butlerro@uvsc.edu), **Alex Stecker** (Utah Valley University; steckeal@uvsc.edu) and **Baktybek Abdrisaev** (Utah Valley University; abdrisba@uvsc.edu)
  “Potential for cooperation between the Northern American Rocky Mountains and mountainous nations of Central Asia under the umbrella of sustainable mountain development”
Saturday ♦ Session IV ♦ 4:00 pm - 5:45 pm

Ashot Khoetsyan (Yerevan State University; akhoetsian@ysu.am)
“Economic and Environmental Predictions for Desertification in Republic of Armenia”

HC-14 ♦ Perspectives on Monuments and Tourism
Saturday, 4:00-5:45, Room ICC 106

Chair: TBD (;
Discussant: TBD (;

Nadejda Ozerova-Waggoner (Independence scholar; nadejda29@yandex.ru)
“Changing public monuments in Uzbekistan: policy and ideology”

Sulhiniso Rahmatullaeva (Independent Scholar; sulhiniso@yahoo.com)
“Samarqand Registan: a Pearl of Medieval Central Asian Urban Architecture”

Stanley Toops (Miami University; toopssw@muohio.edu)
“Landscapes of Silk Road Tourism”

Malahat Farajova (Gobustan National Historical-Artistic Preserve; malahat@mail.ru)
“GIS’ aided modeling for prehistory of Gobustan”

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

PO-20 ♦ State and Society Relations in Central Asia
Sunday, 9:00-10:45, Room ICC 101

Chair: Jonathan Zartman (Air Command and Staff College; jkzartman@msn.com)
Discussant: Askar Abdarakmanov (Institute for World Economy and Politics; askar.abdrakmanov@gmail.com)

Alima Bissenova (Cornell University; azb3@cornell.edu)
“The Roles of the State and Capital in Urban Development in Kazakhstan”

Don Van Atta (Independent Scholar; donvanatta@earthlink.net)
“The Political Economy of Cotton in Tajikistan”

Timothy Moench (Defense Intelligence Agency; moencht@hotmail.com)
“Implications of Turkmen Sultanism”

Jonathan Zartman (Air Command and Staff College; jkzartman@msn.com)
“State Capacity and Outward Orientation in Central Asia”
Sunday  ♦  Session I  ♦  9:00 am - 10:45 am

**PO-21  •  Roundtable: Current Events in Georgia**
Sunday, 9:00-10:45, Room ICC 107
Chair: TBD (;
Julie George (Queens College, CUNY; Julie.George@qc.cuny.edu)
Hans Gutbrod (CRRC -- Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia; hans@crrccenters.org)
Stephen Jones (Amherst Mount Holyoke College; sfjones@mtholyoke.edu)
Svante E. Cornell (Central Asia-Caucasus Institute/Silk Road Studies Program Joint Center, Johns Hopkins University-SAIS/Institute for Security and Development Policy; scornell@silkroadsstudies.org)

**SO-10  •  Not Your Grandfather’s Xinjiang: Understanding the New Realities of ‘Autonomy’ in the Xinjiang Uighur Autonomous Region**
Sunday, 9:00-10:45, Room ICC 108
Chair: TBD (;
Discussant: TBD (;
Jaya Conser Lapham (University of Washington; conserlj@u.washington.edu)
“Balance: The Common Uses of Uighur Medicine in Xinjiang”
Eric Schluessel (Indiana University - Bloomington; eric.schluessel@gmail.com)
“Mother-Tongue Education in Xinjiang, Past and Present”
Arifueya Eri (Georgetown University; ae223@georgetown.edu)
“Silent Awakening: Uyghur Identity and Consumer Culture in 21st Century Xinjiang”
Bradley Jensen Murg (University of Washington; jensmurg@u.washington.edu)
“Autonomy in the Bingtuan?: Institutional Change in the Xinjiang Production and Construction Corps”

**PO-22  •  Rethinking International Relations and Geopolitics**
Sunday, 9:00-10:45, Room ICC 102
Chair: David Montgomery (Boston University; davidwmontgomery@gmail.com)
Discussant: Emil Joroev (University of Maryland; emil.joroev@gmail.com)
Thomas J. Wood (Trinity College; thomas.wood@trincoll.edu)
“Rethinking traditional geopolitics”
John D. Heathershaw (University of Exeter, UK; j.d.heathershaw@exeter.ac.uk)
“Towards a critical geopolitics of Central Asia”
Zahid Anwar (University of Peshawar; ozahid@hotmail.com)
“GWADAR DEEP-SEA PORT EMERGENCE AS REGIONAL TRADE AND TRANSPORTATION HUB: PROSPECTS AND PROBLEMS”
Abdujalil Abdurasulov (BBC News; abdurasulov@gmail.com)
“Pipeline Politics: Constructing National Interests”

**SO-11  •  Reconstructing the State: Public Images and Media Representations**
Sunday, 9:00-10:45, Room ICC 104
Chair: TBD (;
Discussant: TBD (;
Diana Ter-Ghazaryan (Florida International University; dterghazaryan@yahoo.com)
“VISION FOR A NEW YEREVAN: POST-SOVET URBAN TRANSFORMATIONS IN THE ARMENIAN CAPITAL”
Sunday ♦ Session I ♦ 9:00 am - 10:45 am

**Issa Abildayev** (Al-Farabi Kazakh National State University; isa_abildayev@yahoo.com)
“BRANDING KAZAKHSTAN: Problems and Prospects of the Strategy to Promote a Country’s Image Abroad”

**Hans Ibold** (Missouri School of Journalism; hpid26@mizzou.edu)
“Doing Citizenship the Digital Way? Youth and the Internet in Kyrgyzstan”

**Greta Uehling** (InterMedia Survey Institute; uehlingg@intermedia.org)
“Media in Kyrgyzstan after the Tulip Revolution: The ‘Inconvenient Questions’ Television Program”

**HC-16 • Religion and Spirituality in Central and Inner Asia: Past and Present**
Sunday, 9:00-10:45, Room ICC 106

Chair: TBD ( ; )  
Discussant: TBD ( ; )

**Rustam Sabirov** (Moscow State University; golovanoga@yahoo.com)
“Buddhism in contemporary Mongolia: Tibetan or Mongolian?”

**Mark David Luce** (University of Chicago; mdluce@uchicago.edu)
“The Confessional Composition of Umayyad Khurasan”

**Yaacov Ro’i** (Tel Aviv University; john@post.tau.ac.il)
“Muslim Identity and Islamic Practice in Post-Soviet Central Asia”

**PO-23 • Energy Policy and International Politics**
Sunday, 9:00-10:45, Room ICC 116

Chair: TBD ( ; )
Discussant: TBD ( ; )

**Rafael Pumarejo Murphy** (Indiana University; rafael_murphy@yahoo.com)
“A New ‘Great Game’ for Gas: A Cost-Benefit Analysis of Alternate Natural Gas Pipeline Routes for Turkmenistan”

**Hasan Selim Ozertem** (International Strategic Research Organization; hozertem@usak.org.tr)
“Caspian Energy Resources and Russian Foreign Policy in the Region”

**Deniz Tura** (Royal Holloway, University of London; dtura@post.harvard.edu)
“A line with Responsibilities; Regional Sustainable Development Program of British Petroleum along the Baku-Tiblisi-Ceyhan Pipeline”

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

**PO-24 • Islamism in Central Asia**
Sunday, 11:00-12:45, Room ICC 101

Chair: TBD ( ; )
Discussant: TBD ( ; )

**Mariya Y. Omelicheva** (University of Kansas; omeliche@ku.edu)
“Radical Islam in Central Asia: What Explains Variation in Support by Various Ethnic Groups?”

**Peter Sinnott** (Independent Scholar; pjsinnott@aol.com)
“The Road Not Taken: A reappraisal of the December 1991 Karimov-Yoldashev debate”

**Didier Chaudet** (IFRI [French Institute of International Relations]; didier.chaudet@gmail.com)
“Al Qaida in Central Asia? The IMU, the Uzbek regime, and the American War on Terror”
Sunday • Session II • 11:00 am - 12:45 pm

SO-12 • Governance and Civil Society in Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan
Sunday 11:00-12:45, Room ICC 107
Chair: Victoria Clement (Western Carolina University; vclement@wcu.edu)
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Jyldyz Aknazarova (Osh State University; akjyldyz@mail.ru)
“Corporate Governance in the Kyrgyz Republic”
Babken Babajanian (London School of Economics and Political Science;
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“Promoting ‘Good Governance’ in Post-Soviet Kyrgyzstan”
Viktoriya Levinskaya (Westminster International University in Tashkent;
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“Developing of Uzbek Model of Civil Society in Neo-Liberal and Communal Sense”
Dildora Abidjanova (University of the World Economy and Diplomacy;
dildora_cep@yahoo.com)
“Changing role and capacity of Mahalla system in Uzbekistan”
Azamat Junisbai (Indiana University; ajunisba@indiana.edu)
“Understanding Welfare State Attitudes in Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan”

HC-17 • Tolerance Building in the South Caucasus
Sunday, 11:00-12:45, Room ICC 108
Chair: Stephen Jones (Amherst Mount Holyoke College; sfjones@mtholyoke.edu)
Discussant: Stephen Jones (Amherst Mount Holyoke College; sfjones@mtholyoke.edu)
Elmira Suleymanova (Commission for Human Rights of the Republic of Azerbaijan;
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“Conflict Resolution and Sustainable Development”
Paul Crego (Library of Congress; pcre@loc.gov)
“Confidence Building as Part of the Peace Process between Georgians and Abkhazians”
Nana Tsikhistavi (Ilia Chavchavadze Tbilisi State University ; nana_tsikhistavi@yahoo.com)
“Religious Diversity and Public Harmony in South Caucasus”
Elene Medzmariashvili (Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University; lika2medz@yahoo.com)
“Tolerance Building through Education in Georgia”

PO-25 • Foreign Policy in Central Asia
Sunday, 11:00-12:45, Room ICC 102
Chair: TBD (; )
Discussant: TBD (; )
Hayriye Kahveci (Middle East Technical University; hkahveci@metu.edu.tr) and Ayse Gunes Ayata (Middle East Technical University; aayata@metu.edu.tr)
“Foreign Policy Making in Kazakhstan”
Elaheh Koolaee (University of Tehran; elahe.koolaee@gmail.com)
“Iran’s Foreign Policy in Central Asia”
Askar Abdrahmanov (Institute for World Economy and Politics; askar.abdrakhmanov@gmail.com)
“Key Features of Turkmenistan’s Foreign Policy under President Gurbanguly Berdimukhamedov”
Galymzhan Kirbassov (Binghamton University (SUNY); gkirbas1@binghamton.edu)
“A Game Theoretic Approach to Kazakhstan’s Multi-vector Foreign Policy”
Sunday ♦ Session II ♦ 11:00 am - 12:45 pm

PO-26 • Fading Colors of Revolution: Georgia and Kyrgyzstan

Sunday, 11:00-12:45, Room ICC 104

Chair: TBD

Discussant: Julie George (Queens College, CUNY; Julie.George@qc.cuny.edu)

Benjamin Lazarus (Georgetown University; bil3@georgetown.edu)
“The Saakashvili Reforms: Lessons from Georgia’s Fight Against Corruption”

Jason Strakes (Claremont Graduate University; jnight99@cs.com)

Brian Grodsky (University of Maryland, Baltimore County; bgrodsky@umbc.edu)
“Institutionalizing Revolution in Georgia: From Social Movements to Corporate Interests?”

SO-13 • Roundtable: Secondary and Post Secondary Education in the South Caucasus

Sunday, 11:00-12:45, Room ICC 106

Chair: Richard Lussen (The Guivy Zaldastanishvili American Academy in Tbilisi; rel@aat.ge)

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Hans Gutbrod (CRRC -- Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia; hans@crrccenters.org)

HC-18 • Documentary Movie: Shokan Valikhanov

Sunday, 11:00-12:45, Room ICC 116

Chair: TBD

Discussant: TBD

Grigoiy Evseev (Central Asian Geographic Society; director@wd.kz)
“The Adventures of Shokan Valikhanov in Central Asia: what can we learn about him?”

Maureen Nemecek (Oklahoma State University; mjnemecek@comcast.net)
“Discussing History in Kazakhstan: the Case of Documentary about Shokan Valikhanov”
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