

CENTRAL EURASIAN STUDIES SOCIETY



Tenth Annual Conference

October 8-11, 2009
University of Toronto
Toronto, Canada

Dear colleagues and guests,



On behalf of the Conference Committee of the Central Eurasian Studies Society and the University of Toronto, welcome to the Tenth Annual Conference of the Central Eurasian Studies Society! This event marks a special milestone for CESS, and we are particularly gratified that CESS—a transnational association of scholars from its very inception ten years ago—could come to Toronto, the first time its general meeting has been held outside the United States. We hope that CESS will continue to support innovative and productive transnational initiatives in the next ten years and beyond. We also hope that you will find the conference stimulating and that you will use every opportunity to take full advantage of the trans- and interdisciplinary conversations that have become CESS's hallmark.

The CESS Secretariat and Board are continually working to ensure the long-term intellectual and organizational viability of the Society. Plans are under way for the Secretariat to make its next scheduled transition to a new institutional host. Our member survey last winter gave us our first-ever look at the overall views of CESS members on a range of issues. A new feature of the conference that the Board has initiated this year is a Presidential Panel; look for it on the program. The Secretariat has reinstated the Business Meeting to this year's program, and invites all members to take part in discussion of these and other issues facing the Society.

This conference is the product of a collective effort. In addition to the wonderful CESS members who have volunteered their time and energy, staff and volunteers at the University of Toronto—particularly at the Centre for European, Russian, and Eurasian Studies—have contributed tremendously. Special thanks to Nina Boric, Larysa Iarovenko, Edith Klein, Eugenia Madisson, and Jana Oldfield for their extraordinary efforts.

Next year's conference will be hosted by Michigan State University. The call for papers will be issued in a few short months, but take this opportunity to chat with colleagues about possible panel ideas for the 2010 conference. The host for the 2011 conference will be Ohio State University.

The University of Toronto, the Munk Centre for International Studies, and the Centre for European, Russian, and Eurasian Studies welcome you once again to Toronto. We hope that you will enjoy a productive conference and sample some of what our cosmopolitan university and city have to offer.

Edward Schatz, University of Toronto
Victoria Clement, Naval Postgraduate School
Laura Adams, Harvard University

CESS 2008 Conference Co-Chairs

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CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

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at the Munk Centre for International Studies, University of Toronto

Thursday, October 8, 2009

4:00 – 6:00PM Conference registration opens before the welcoming reception

6:00 – 8:00PM Welcoming Reception

Location: Combination Room at the Trinity College, 6 Hoskin Avenue

Friday, October 9, 2009

8:00AM – 4:00PM Conference Registration Open (*Main Lounge in the Munk Centre*)

9:00AM – 3:45PM Conference Panels (Photo and Book Exhibit on going in the Munk Centre cloister area; CESS Silent Auction open in the Munk Centre cloister area)

Location: Consult the conference program and map to reference location of each panel.

4:00PM – 5:00PM Business Meeting (All members are encouraged to attend)

Location: Combination Room, Trinity College, 6 Hoskin Avenue

5:30PM – 5:45PM Welcome, Announcements, and Award Presentations (Open to the public)

5:45PM – 7:00PM Keynote Address by Graham Fuller: "The New Face of Eurasianism"

7:30PM – 9:00PM Conference Dinner (Registered conference participants only; tickets required)

Location: All the activities from 5:30PM-9:30PM will take place at the Isabel Bader Theatre, 93 Charles Street West.

Saturday, October 10, 2009

8:00AM – 6:00PM Conference Registration Open (*Main Lounge in the Munk Centre*)

9:00AM – 5:45PM Conference Panels (Film Screenings at the Combination Room, Trinity College, 6 Hoskin Avenue; Photo and Book Exhibit on going in the Munk Centre cloisters area; CESS Silent Auction until 2:00 in the Munk Centre cloisters area)

2:00PM Silent Auction bidding closes.

4:00PM Silent Auction winners posted; items may be picked up

Location: Consult the conference program and map to reference location of each panel.

Sunday, October 11, 2009

8:00AM – 11:00AM Conference Registration Open (*Munk Centre, Main Lounge*)

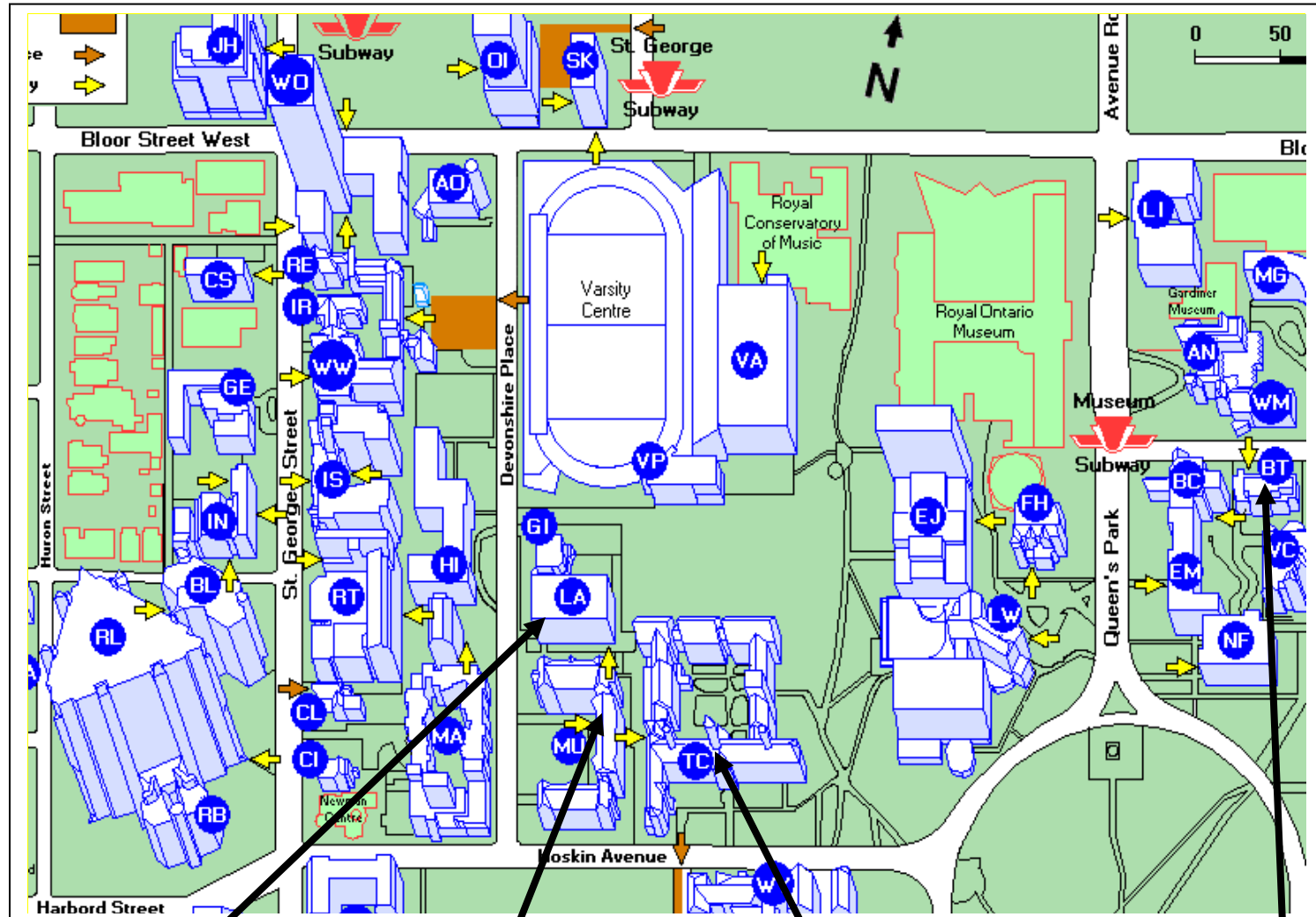
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9:00AM – 12:45PM Conference Panels (Photo and Book Exhibit on going in the Munk Centre cloisters)

Location: Consult the conference program and the enclosed map to reference location of each panel.

Seminar room 023N, in the North House of the Munk Centre, will be available at all times for business meetings of various kinds

LOCATIONS OF CONFERENCE VENUES



Larkin

- Panels: rooms 211, 214, 248, 341

Munk Centre

- Panels: rooms 108N, 208N, 023N
- Registration (Fri, Sa, Sun): Main Lounge, South House
- Book and Photo Exhibit, Silent Auction: Munk Centre Cloisters

Trinity

- Film Screenings: Combination Room
- Registration (Thu only): Combination Room
- Reception (Thu): Combination Room

Isabel Bader Theatre

- Keynote Address (Friday)
- Reception/dinner (Friday)

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Post Office:

Canada Post
704 Spadina (South of Bloor)

Internet Café (nearby):

Net Effect Café - 9 Isabella St. 2nd Fl.
Toronto Canada; Open 24/7

Print Shop (nearby):

Scholar House
416-977-9641 100 Harbord Street (Harbord
and Spadina)

Happening in Toronto this weekend:

Diwali Celebrations Festival
Rogers Centre, October 9 and 10, 2009

Local Restaurant Suggestions:

Coffee and take out (walking distance):

Bar Mercurio

Classical Italian bistro; great coffee, wood-fired pizzas, pasta and specials \$\$; 416-960-3877
270 Bloor Street West; North West corner of Bloor and St. George)

L'Espresso

Nice lounge and patio; premium coffee (espresso, lattes etc); breakfast, lunch and dinner
served; \$\$;416-585-2233; 321 Bloor Street West ; (South-East corner of Bloor and St. George)

Innis Café

On campus eatery; sandwiches, salads, daily specials, freshly squeezed juice; cash only
416-977-7434; 2 Sussex Ave; Sussex and St. George

The Buttery

Relaxed student eatery; first building north from the conference venue; daily specials, pizza, soups and
sandwiches; cash only \$; 14 Devonshire Place

Tim Hortons

Canadian brand; great coffee (no espresso's here), muffins, doughnuts, sandwiches; \$;
416-924-8188; 246 Bloor Street West; Bloor and Bedford

Second Cup

Second Cup is Canadian coffee chain, equivalent to American Starbucks; premium coffee and great
selection of beverages, pastries, sweets and some sandwiches; \$;
416-9207-601 324 Bloor St W; Bloor and Avenue

Lunch and Dinner (walking distance)

Fresh

Gourmet vegetarian and vegan cuisine; organic fresh squeezes juices and shakes; \$-\$\$
416-531-2635; 326 Bloor ST W; Bloor and Spadina

Jamie Kennedy's at the Gardner Ceramics Museum

Jamie Kennedy, one of Canada's most celebrated chefs is recognized as a pioneer of contemporary
Canadian cuisine; open for lunch and dinner; \$\$; 111 Queens Park

416-362-1957

Momo's

Fresh Middle Eastern food & homemade desserts; lively patio; \$
416- 966-6671 196 Robert St; Harbord and Spadina

Pizza Pizza

416-972-1111; \$ 328 Bloor St W; Bloor and Avenue

Real Thailand

This large, dimly lit restaurant serves up classic Thai cuisine and offers diners a choice of table, bar or a small outdoor dining area; \$\$; 416-924-7444; 350 Bloor St W; Bloor and Spadina

Rolu on Bloor

Sushi; \$\$; 416-960-3888; 320 Bloor Street West; Bloor and Spadina

Sammy's Student Exchange – Hart House

Vibrant student eatery in the historic U of T building; Middle Eastern and various other food selection; bar; great value; \$; 416-978-332; 7 Hart House Circle

Shopping Guide:

'Mink Mile'–Holt Renfrew Area and Yorkville

Ritzy Bloor-Yorkville neighbourhood, dubbed the "Mink Mile" — Toronto's closest equivalent to L.A.'s Rodeo Drive or Chicago's Magnificent Mile. The ultimate fusion of historic charm and modern seduction. Many upscale designer shops, such as Gucci, Coco Chanel etc., but also a large number of independent trendy shops. Be sure to check out Canada's one-and-only luxury department store chain Holt Renfrew and its World Design Lab to find avant-garde local designers. Five minute walk from the conference venue or hotel, the area is located on the Bloor Street west, from Avenue to Young Street; and first two streets north of Bloor, Cumberland and Yorkville.

Spadina Chinatown

Toronto's Chinatown is one of the largest in North America. It is centred on the intersection of Dundas Street West and Spadina Avenue, and extends outward from this point along both streets. With the population changes of recent decades, it has come to reflect a diverse set of East Asian cultures through its shops and restaurants, including Chinese, Vietnamese, and Thai. The major Chinese malls in the area are Dragon City and Chinatown Centre. This area is a twenty minute walk going south on Spadina Avenue, to the Spadina and Dundas intersection. Alternatively you can take University subway line, south direction, exit at St. Patrick Station and walk west to Spadina.

Queen West

Toronto's totally hip neighbourhood, much like New York's Soho. A great place to hang out, people watch or shop. Starting just west of University in the downtown core its home to City TV and Much Music as well as funky boutiques showcasing the latest in urban design and fashion. There are many galleries showing contemporary Art as well as a wealth of trendy bars cafes and bistros. Take a cab or a subway for this one; use University line, exit at Osgoode Station and walk five minutes east on the Queen Street.

Questions?

If you have additional questions please ask for the Munk Centre volunteers identifiable by their badges.

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- Central and Inner Asia Studies: Nomadic Cultural Expression
- Armenians and Islam
- Multimedia presentation on Kyrgyz Epics : From Oral Tradition to Contemporary Theatre
- Georgian Social Sciences
- Spies, Settlers and Criminals on the Russian Frontier
- Ethnicity and Language

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- Interpreting Central Asian Society

Saturday, October 10, 9:00 am – 10:45 am

- Politics and Society in Central Asia
- Issues of Post-2001 Central Asia
- Players in the New Geopolitical Game
- Labor and Standard of Living in Central Asia
- Heroes, Perpetrators, and History: Central Asia in the 1930s
- Stable Outside, Fragile Inside? The International Affairs of Central Asia

Saturday, October 10, 11:00 am – 12:45 pm

- Central and Inner Asia Studies: Nomadic Roots
- Social Change in Central Asia: Change and Continuity in Gender Roles and Relations
- Frameworks for Foreign and Domestic Policy
- Islam and Public Institutions
- Roundtable: Towards a Working Paper Series for Central Asian Scholars: A Plan and Critique
- Ethnicity and Conflict in Post-Soviet Space

Saturday, October 10, 2:00 pm – 3:45 pm

- Religious Syncretism
- Georgian Anthropology and Literature
- Responses to Geopolitical Paradigms
- Presidential Panel
- Geography and the Environment

Saturday, October 10, 4:00 pm – 5:45 pm

- States, Markets, and Economic Policy Making in Eurasia
- Educational Challenges in Eurasia
- Language Use in Central Asian Contexts
- Ethnic Minorities and the State
- Roundtable: Washington Whispers II--A view of Central Asia and the Caucasus from the DC Perspective
- Sources of Authoritarianism in Central Asia

Sunday, October 11, 9:00 am – 10:45 am

- Social Inequality in Contemporary Central Asia
- Muslim Institutions in Modern Central Eurasia
- The Art of Empire
- Life on the Edge: Literature, Language and Conflict in the Caucasus
- Politics and Ethnicity in the Soviet Era

Sunday, October 11. 11:00 am – 12:45 pm

- The Diversity of Islam in Eurasia
- The Old Made New: The Use of Traditional Musical Instruments in the 21st Century
- Central and Inner Asia Studies: Nomadic Forms of Economy
- Economic Resources and Changing Landscapes in Central Asia

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Central and Inner Asia Studies: Nomadic Cultural Expression

Friday, 9:00 am – 10:45 am, Munk Centre, Room 108N

Chair: **Hasan Haider Karrar** (Wilfred Laurier University)

Discussant: **Michael Gervers** (University of Toronto Scarborough)

Stephanie Bunn (University of St. Andrews)

“Form and Space in the Nomadic Tent: An Ethno-Historical Study”

Michael William Gregg (University of Pennsylvania Museum)

“Firing Up the Pastoral Economy: Early Pottery Use and Hunting and Herding Practices in the Narrow Geographic Corridor Linking the Middle East with Central Asia”

Paul Byron (University of Toronto)

“Architectural Esoterics as Cultural Expression: The Yingxian Timber Pagoda”

Simon Wickham-Smith (University of Washington)

“A Hidden Buddha: The Expression of Spirituality in Mongolian Literature During the Socialist Era”

Armenians and Islam

Friday, 9:00 am – 10:45 am, Munk Centre, Room 208N

Chair: **Mushegh Asatryan** (Yale University)

Discussant: **Khachik Gevorgyan** (Harvard University, Yerevan State University)

Alyson Wharton (SOAS, University of London)

“The Rise and Eventual Fall of the Balyan Family: The Phenomenon of a Family of Armenian-Ottoman Architects in 19th Century Istanbul”

Roubina Shnorhokian (Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, Canada)

“A Medieval Trans-imperial Chronicle: Preliminary Remarks on the Examples of Het'um of Korykos and Rashid al-Din”

Sona Tajiryan (Yerevan State University)

“Abu Salih Al-Armani's 'History' or 'Chronology' as a Source on the History of Muslim-Christian Relations in 12-13th Centuries Africa”

Multimedia Presentation on Kyrgyz Epics : From Oral Tradition to Contemporary Theatre

Friday, 9:00 am – 10:45 am, Larkin Bldg, Room 211

Chair: **Laura Adams** (Harvard University)

Panelists: **Margaret Morton** (The Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art)
Virlana Tkacz (Yara Arts Group)

Georgian Social Sciences

Friday, 9:00 am – 10:45 am, Larkin Bldg, Room 214

Chair: **Mary Childs** (University of Washington)

Discussant: **Paul Crego** (Library of Congress)

Tinat Bolkvadze (Tbilisi State University)

“The Language Hierarchy of Modern Georgia”

Mariya Y. Omelicheva (University of Kansas)

“Between Commitment and Pragmatism: Promoting and Upholding Democracy”

Zakharía Pourtskhvanidze (Frankfurt Graduate School)

“Split Focus Structure in Georgian”

Spies, Settlers, and Criminals on the Russian Frontier

Friday, 9:00 am – 10:45 am, Larkin Bldg, Room 248

Chair: **Scott Levi** (The Ohio State University)

Discussant: **Robert Johnson** (University of Toronto)

Kristin Collins (The Ohio State University)

“Finding the Guilty Party, Pronouncing Guilt and Saving Honor: Cases of Kidnapping in the Nineteenth Century Caucasus”

Manouchehr Shiva (Bellevue College)

“Ritual, Islamic Law and Empire in the South Caucasus”

Daniel Beben (Indiana University – Bloomington)

“The Assassins in the Great Game: Narrative Discourse and British-Isma'ili Relations during the First Herat Crisis”

Janet Kilian-Kivler (George Washington University)

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Ethnicity and Language

Friday, 9:00 am – 10:45 am, Larkin Bldg, Room 341

Chair: **Victoria Clement** (Western Carolina University)

Discussant: **John Colarusso** (McMaster University)

Stephen Bahry (OISE/UT - University of Toronto)

"The Role of the School in Shift, Loss and Maintenance of Endangered Languages in Northwest China: Sarigh Yughur, Shira Yughur, Tibetan and Mongolian"

Tynarkul Ryskulova (American U of Central Asia)

"Rituals of the Bata Performance: The Role of Language and Speech"

Lyazzat Kimanova (L.N.Gumilyov Eurasian National University)

"Argumentation in Intercultural Communication: Current Dispute of the Alphabet Choice in the Republic of Kazakhstan"

Dana Masalimova (Lev Gumilyov Eurasian National University - Astana, Kazakhstan)

"Language, Identity and Education in Kazakhstan"

Session II: Friday, October 9, 11:00 am – 12:45 pm

Archaeology and Art

Friday, 11:00 am – 12:45 pm, Munk Centre, Room 108N

Chair: **TBA**

Discussant: **Stephanie Bunn** (University of St. Andrews)

Richard Kortum (East Tennessee State University)

"Deer Stones, Khirigsuurs, and Prehistoric Petroglyphs: New Discoveries in the Altai Mountains of Southern Bayan Olgii Aimag, Mongolia"

Abolghasem Dadvar (Alzahra University)

"Studying the Female Motifs on the Persian Seals: Pre-Elamit to the Sasanian Period"

Anil Yilmaz (Celal Bayar University)

"Dispersal of Kipchak influence over the Semirechya (Tien Shan Mountains)"

Leila Papoli Yazdi (Bualisina University)

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The Issues of Quality in Secondary Education in Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Turkmenistan

Friday, 11:00 am – 12:45 pm, Larkin Bldg, Room 214

Chair: **TBA**

Discussant: **Duishon Shamatov** (University of Central Asia)

Alan DeYoung (University of Kentucky)

"University Students' Perceptions of Secondary Education Quality"

Victoria Clement (Western Carolina University)

“Turkish Schools in Post-Soviet Turkmenistan”

Rakhat Zholdoshalieva (University of Toronto)

“Quality of Secondary Education in Rural Contexts of Kyrgyzstan”

Todd Drummond (Michigan State University)

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Institutional Capacity Building and Democracy

Friday, 11:00 am – 12:45 pm, Larkin Bldg, Room 211

Chair: **Brent T. White** (University of Arizona)

Discussant: **Lucan Way** (University of Toronto)

Julie George (Queens College, City University of New York)

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Carol J. Riphenburg (College of DuPage)

“Political Succession in Central Asia”

Mariya Chelova (Social Science Research Center Berlin)

“Persistent Conflict and Polity Competitiveness in the Case of Hybrid Regimes in Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine”

Reconstruction of Afghanistan through Knowledge Sharing Partnerships among International Agencies and Afghan Professionals: Experiences in Capacity Building from the Education, Engineering, Health and Private Sectors

Friday, 11:00 am – 12:45 pm, Larkin Bldg, Room 248

Chair: **Sarfarozi Niyozov**, Ontario Institute for Studies in Education of the University of Toronto (OISE/UT)

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Edward Kissam (JBS International)

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Eva Sajoo (Independent Scholar)

“Education and Gender in Transitional Afghanistan: Access, Equity, and Effective Citizenship—Importance for Rights of Women and Other Vulnerable Groups”

Lauryn Oates (University of British Columbia, AND Canadian Women for Women in Afghanistan)
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Assadullah Oriakhel (SMART Engineering Team [SET] Public/Private Sector Consultants and Construction Engineers Inc.)
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Literature and Empire

Friday, 11:00 am – 12:45 am, Larkin Bldg, Room 341

Chair: **TBA**

Discussant: **Mohamad Tavakoli-Targhi** (University of Toronto)

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End of the Age of Epics?: Historical Role of the Oral Literature in Central Eurasia and the Neighborhoods

Friday, 2:00 pm – 3:45 pm, Munk Centre, Room 108N

Chair: **Tatsuo Nakami** (Tokyo University of Foreign Studies)

Discussant: **Daniel Prior** (Miami University)

Jun Sugawara (Tokyo University of Foreign Studies)

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Kazuyuki Murayama (Wako University)

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Itsuji Tangiku (Wako University)

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Migration from Central Asia and the Caucasus

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Chair: **Kristin Collins** (The Ohio State University)

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“Kurdish Migration From the Ottoman Empire to Russia in the 19th Century”

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“Waves of Georgian Emigration to the US and Canada”

Kursad Aslan (Kent State University)

“Uzbek and Kyrgyz Labor Migrants in Turkey: Determinants of Developmental Outcomes for the Sending Countries”

Art, Music, Poetry

Friday, 2:00 pm – 3:45 pm, Munk Centre, Room 208N

Chair: **Suraya Aghayeva** (Institute of Architecture and Arts of Academy of Sciences of Azerbaijan, Baku)

Discussant: **Simon Wickham-Smith** (University of Washington)

Suraya Aghayeva (Institute of Architecture and Arts of Academy of Sciences of Azerbaijan)

“Birds’ in the Traditional Music of the Middle East”

Aygul Malkeyeva (Independent Scholar)

“Music and Musical Instruments: An Important Component in the Interpretation of Islamic Miniature Paintings”

Fariba Bagheri Abbasi (Iranian Cultural Heritage Handicrafts and Tourism Organization)

“Teacher-Student Training Method In Traditional Arts Workshop During The Islamic Period”

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Ismaili Traditions

Friday, 2:00 pm – 3:45 pm, Larkin Bldg, Room 214

Chair: Shiraz Hajjani, University of Chicago,

Discussant: Shafique Virani, University of Toronto,

Mir Baiz Khan (The Shia Imami Ismaili Tariqah and Religious Education Board Canada)

“Chiragh-i Mustafa: The Prophetic Light in the Central Asian Ismaili Tradition”

Sarfarozi Niyozov (University of Toronto)

Zahra Punja (Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada)

“Ismaili Teachers and Embodied Spirituality: Insights from Central Asia”

Abdulgamad Iloliev (The Institute of Ismaili Studies)

“Pirship in Badakhshan: Its Historical Development and Socio-religious Functions”

Shaftolu Gulamadov (University of Toronto)

“The Futility of Forcing Tajik Ismaili Literature into Sufi and Ismaili Strains”

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Friday, 2:00 pm – 3:45 pm, Larkin Bldg, Room 248

Chair: **Alan DeYoung** (University of Kentucky)

Panelists:

Spogmai Akseer (Ontario Institute for Studies in Education of the University of Toronto)

"Issues and Challenges in NGO-led Educational Efforts and the Role of Customary Practices in Afghanistan: An Afghan-Canadian's View from the Field in 2009"

Mary- Jo Land (McMaster University)

"The Afghanistan Children's Peace Project and 'The Journey of Peace': Rolling Out a School-based, Peace-building Curriculum in Afghanistan in both Ministry of Education and NGO Schools"

Zuhra Teja (Ministry of Education, Province of British Columbia)

"Educating the Mind by Educating the Heart: Impetus for Peace and Civil Society Development in Afghanistan through Social-Emotional Learning and Peace Education"

David Merrell (University of Washington School of Law)

"The Perils of Integrating Statutory, Customary, and Islamic Legal Education in Afghanistan: Issues and Lessons Learned from the Afghanistan Legal Educators Project of the University of Washington"

Michael Sinclair (Ontario Institute for Studies in Education of the University of Toronto)

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Interpreting Central Asian Society

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Chair: **Slavomir Horak** (Charles University in Prague)

Discussant: **Rakhat Zholdoshalieva** (University of Toronto)

Elin Jonsson (Swedish Educational Broadcasting Company "Utbildningsradion") and **Bo Petersson** (Lund University)

"The Symbol of Andijon: Diaspora Groups, Contending Agendas and Implications for Political Developments in Authoritarian Uzbekistan"

Amy Spindler (University of Missouri) and **Hans Ibold** (Indiana University)

"Ethnographic Tools at Work in Central Asia: Risks and Opportunities of Short Term Fieldwork"

Stefan B. Kirmse (Humboldt University, Berlin)

"In the 'Marketplace for Styles and Identities': Youth between Transition, Globalization and Youth Culture in Southern Kyrgyzstan"

Hans Ibold (Indiana University)

Channeling Youth Identities: Future Directions for Media Development in Central Asia

Keynote Address

Friday, 5:30 pm – 7:15 pm, Isabel Bader Theatre

The New Face of Eurasianism

Graham Fuller, Simon Fraser University



Session IV: Saturday, October 10, 9:00 am – 10:45 am

Politics and Society in Central Asia

Saturday, 9:00 am – 10:45 am, Munk Centre, Room 108N

Chair: **Stefan B. Kirmse** (Humboldt University, Berlin)

Discussant: **Nikolai Kovalev** (Wilfrid Laurier University – Brantford)

Elmira Satybaldieva (University of Kent)

“The Aksakals and Their Implications for State Legitimacy in Kyrgyzstan: A Qualitative Study of Local Politics”

Nicolas Gosset (Universite Libre de Bruxelles [ULB] - Belgian Foundation for Scientific Research [FNRS])

“Bajaraman rais” [‘I will manage it boss’], Prosaics of Compliance and the Formation of Civic Selfhood in Rural Uzbekistan”

Issa Abildayev (Kazakh National [State] University after Al-Farabi)

“Branding Kazakhstan: Problems and Prospects of the Strategy to Promote a Country's Image Abroad”

Thomas J. Wood (University of South Carolina, Aiken)

“Political Corruption in Central Asia Revisited”

Dooletbek Saparaliev (Manas Kyrgyz-Turkish University, Bishkek)

“Reflections on New Studies of Ethno-Political History of Kyrgyz People in Post-Soviet Kyrgyzstan”

Issues of Post-2001 Central Asia

Saturday, 9:00 am – 10:45 pm, Munk Centre, Room 208N

Chair: **Eren Murat Tasar** (Harvard University)

Discussant: **Thomas W. Simons, Jr.** (Harvard University)

Noah Tucker (Central Asia Socio-Cultural Analyst at US Central Command)

“Fanatics, Holy Warriors, Con-men, or Saints? Sufism in Afghanistan and Central Asia”

Joshua Foust (Military Analyst) **Why does his affiliation differ from his entry in the contact list?**

"The Challenges of Militarized Counternarcotics in Afghanistan"

Tom Fleming (University of Texas at Austin)

"Central Asian Public Health Systems, and the Challenge of Promoting Effective HIV Prevention in Rural Regions of the Former Soviet Central Asian States"

Elena Maltseva (University of Toronto)

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

Players in the New Geopolitical Game

Saturday, 9:00 am –10:45 pm, Larkin Bldg, Room 211

Chair: **TBA**

Discussant: **Sergei Plekhanov** (York University)

Bek-Myrza Tokotegin (Institute for Social Science) **WHERE?**

"Western Europe and Russia meet the Caucasus: Foreign Policies for the South Caucasus"

Sam Razavi (Universite du Quebec a Montreal [UQAM])

"Iran and Russia: A Pragmatic Relation in Regional Politics"

Vladimir Ivanovitch Yurtaev (Peoples' Friendship University of Russia)

"Iran in Integration Processes in the Central Eurasia"

Labor and Standard of Living in Central Asia

Saturday, 9:00 am –10:45 pm, Larkin Bldg, Room 214

Chair: **Murod Muhammedov** (Samarkand Institute of Economics and Service)

Discussant: **Katalin Fabian** (Lafayette College)

Sarvar Iskhakova (Samarkand Institute of Economics and Service)

"Market Model of Employment and Living Conditions of the Populations"

Dilbar Aslanova (Samarkand Institute of Economics and Service)

"The Labour Income as a Systematic Factor that Influences the Living Conditions of the Population"

Alam Asadov (Samarkand Institute of Economics and Service)

"Regional Distinctions, Standards of Living and Problems it Overcomes"

Umar Iskhakov (Private firm "Bobir Umarovich")

"Increasing of a Standard of Living through Improving of Differentiation of Incomes" **????????????**

Heroes, Perpetrators, and History: Central Asia in the 1930s

Saturday, 9:00 am –10:45 pm, Larkin Bldg, Room 248

Chair: **Benjamin Loring** (Lesley University)

Discussant: **Shoshana Keller** (Hamilton College)

Harun Yilmaz (Oxford University)

"Incorporation of Heroes into National Historiography in Kazakhstan, (1936-1948)"
Matthew Payne (Emory University)

"The Unknown Rebellions: The Collectivization Revolts in Kazakhstan in 1930/1931"
Marianne Kamp (University of Wyoming; mkamp@uwyo.edu)
"Protecting the Kolkhoz against Enemies"

Stable Outside, Fragile Inside? The International Affairs of Central Asia

Saturday, 9:00 am –10:45 pm, Larkin Bldg, Room 341

Chair: **Jason Strakes** (Claremont Graduate University)

Discussant: **Paul Kubicek** (Oakland University)

Dina Spechler (Indiana University) and **Martin Spechler** (Indiana University)

"An International Political Economy Approach to Central Asian Statehood"

Pierre Pahlavi (Canadian Forces College)

"Iran and Central Asia"

Emilian Kavalski (University of Western Sydney)

"India and Central Asia: The Mythmaking of a Rising Power"

Michael Clarke (Griffith University)

"China and the Shanghai Cooperation Organization: The Dynamics of 'New Regionalism,'
'Vassalization,' and Geopolitics in Central Asia"

Session V: Saturday, October 10, 11:00 am – 12:45 pm

Central and Inner Asia Studies: Nomadic Roots

Saturday, 11:00 am –12:45 pm, Munk Centre, Room 108N

Chair: **Simon Wickham-Smith** (University of Washington)

Discussant: **Stephanie Bunn** (University of St. Andrews)

Daniel Prior (Miami University)

"Towards a Prosopography of the Northern Kirghiz Élite"

Kenneth Lymer (Wessex Archaeology [Salisbury, UK])

"Animals, Art, and Early Nomads: The Entanglement of Zoomorphic Imagery in Scytho-Siberian Societies of Central Asia"

Gulnar Alpeissova (L.N. Gumilev Eurasian University)

"Specifics of Music Education of Traditional Musicians in Modern Kazakhstan"

Saulesh Yessenova (University of Calgary)

"Nomad' for Export, Not for Domestic Consumption: Kazakhstan's Arrested Endeavor to 'Put the Country on the Map'"

Social Change in Central Asia: Change and Continuity in Gender Roles and Relations *Saturday, 11:00 am –12:45 pm, Munk Centre, Room 208N*

Chair: **John Schoeberlein** (Harvard University)

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

Katalin Fabian (Lafayette College)

“Changes in The Gender Regime in Tajikistan”

Russell Zanca (Northeastern Illinois University)

“Uzbek Labor Migration: The Human Factor and Failing Political Sovereignty”

Christina Stoltz (American University of Central Asia, Sezim Crisis Center)

“Surveying Local Responses to Domestic and Sexual Violence in Kyrgyzstan”

Frameworks for Foreign and Domestic Policy

Saturday, 11:00 am –12:45 pm, Larkin Bldg, Room 211

Chair: **Thomas J. Wood** (University of South Carolina, Aiken)

Discussant: **Mariya Y. Omelicheva** (University of Kansas)

Jason Strakes (Claremont Graduate University)

“Defending Azerbaijan's Place in the World: Elite Perceptions”

Larissa Smirnova (Duchesne University)

“Energy Policy in Kazakhstan: Petroleum Legislation and Investments Issues.”

Mohiaddin Mesbahi (Florida International University)

“Iran and Eurasia: Foreign Policy and Security Framework”

Robert S. Miller (The ZOR Foundation)

“The IRGC, Iran's Invisible Government: Hierarchical Power and Confrontational Political Structures around the Caspian Region”

Islam and Public Institutions

Saturday, 11:00 am –12:45 pm, Larkin Bldg, Room 214

Chair: **TBA**

Discussant: **Matthew Light** (University of Toronto)

Oya Yegen (Boston University)

“Political Islam and the Military in Turkey”

Alibek Kimanov (L.N. Gumilyov Eurasian National University)

“About the Development of International Legal Relations between the Republic of Kazakhstan and the States of the Arabic World”

Maral Nurtazina (L.N. Gumilyov Eurasian National University)

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“Patterns of Islam Revival Process in Modern Kazakhstan”

Kelly McMann (Case Western Reserve University)

“The Absence of Islamic Social Services in Central Asia”

Roundtable: Toward a Working Paper Series for Central Asian Scholars: A Plan and Critique

Saturday, 11:00 am –12:45 pm, Larkin Bldg, Room 248

Chair: **Edward Schatz** (University of Toronto)

Discussants:

Laura Adams (Harvard University) and **Rustem Kadyrzhanov** (Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Kazakhstan)

Sarfarozi Niyozov (University of Toronto)

Duishon Shamatov (University of Central Asia)

Edward Schatz (University of Toronto)

Ethnicity and Conflict in Post-Soviet Space

Saturday, 11:00 am –12:45 pm, Larkin Bldg, Room 341

Chair: **Julie George** (Queens College, City University of New York)

Discussant: **Sergiy Kudelia** (University of Toronto)

Christopher Waters (University of Windsor)

“International Management of Conflict in the Caucasus”

Kamer Kasim (Abant Izzet Baysal University)

“Global and Regional Implications of the Russian-Georgian Conflict”

Emmanuel Karagiannis (University of Macedonia)

“The Russian-Georgian Conflict in South Ossetia through the Lens of Offensive Realism”

Robert Baumann (U.S. Army Command and General Staff College)

“Bashkir Historiography and Issues of National Identity”

Session VI: Saturday, October 10, 2:00 pm – 3:45 pm

Religious Syncretism

Saturday, 2:00 pm –3:45 pm, Larkin Bldg, Room 211

Chair: **TBA**

Discussant: **Noah Tucker** (Central Asia Socio-Cultural Analyst at US Central Command)

Anna Peck (UNC-Chapel Hill)

“Russian Orthodox Missionaries' Perception of Tibetan Buddhism in the Transbaikal”

Mark Dickens (School of Oriental and African Studies, London)

“Multilingual Christian Manuscripts from Turfan”

Mieste Hotopp-Riecke (Freie Universität Berlin & ICATAT, Berlin)

“Can Tatars be Europeans? Tatar Images in the Context of Euro-Islam Discourse in Middle Eastern Europe”

Georgian Anthropology and Literature

Saturday, 2:00 pm –3:45 pm, Munk Centre, Room 108N

Chair: **Julie A. Christensen** (George Mason University)

Discussant: **John Colarusso** (McMaster University)

Kevin J. Tuite (Universite de Montreal)

“Extreme Banqueting: Positive and Negative Agonism at the Georgian Supra”

Bert Beynen (Independent Scholar)

“Gender Roles in the Lion-Leopard Fight in Shota Rustaveli's 'The Man in the Leopard Skin'”

Andrea Kuzmich (York University)

“Living Ancestry: Narratives of An Idealized Past in the Practice of Traditional Georgian Polyphonic Songs”

Responses to Geopolitical Paradigms

Saturday, 2:00 pm –3:45 pm, Munk Centre, Room 208N

Chair: **Kamer Kasim** (Abant Izzet Baysal University)

Discussant: **Eric Lepisto** (Independent Scholar)

Henrique Schneider (University of Vienna)

“Azerbaijan: a Case Study for EU-US Partnership Strategies”

David Lonardo (Georgetown University)

“South Caucasian Ethnic Lobbies and Damage to National Interests: Azerbaijan, Armenia and US Foreign Policy”

Fatima Ibragimova (Metropolitan College of New York)

“Iran: Challenge to Imperfect World or New Nuclear Era”

Tahereh Ebrahimifar (Islamic Azad University-Central Tehran Branch)

“Iran in Central Asia: Opportunities and Challenges”



Presidential Roundtable:

The July 2009 Urumchi Riots and Perspectives in Han-Uyghur Tensions

Saturday, 2:00 pm –3:45 pm, Trinity College Combination Room

Chair: **James Millward** (Georgetown University)

Panelists:

Sean Roberts (The George Washington University)

Gardner Bovingdon (Indiana University)

Jia Luo (Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, University of Toronto)

Michael Clarke (Griffith Asia Institute)

Geography and the Environment

Saturday, 2:00 pm – 3:45 pm, Larkin Bldg, Room 341

Chair: **Marie L. Campbell** (University of Victoria)

Discussant: **Zohra Ismail** (Indiana University)

Eric Freedman (Michigan State University)

“Environmental Journalists and Ecological Nongovernmental Organizations in Kyrgyzstan and Kazakhstan: Too Rarely Shall the Twain Meet”

Amanda E. Wooden (Bucknell University)

“Environmental Concern, Elite Perceptions, and Natural Resource Dispute Potential in Kyrgyzstan”

Stanley Toops (Miami University)

“The Making of the Atlas of Central Eurasian Affairs”

Session VII: Saturday, October 10, 4:00 pm – 5:45 pm

States, Markets, and Economic Policy Making in Eurasia

Saturday, 4:00 pm – 5:45 pm, Munk Centre, Room 108N

Chair: **Antoinette Handley** (University of Toronto)

Discussant **Martin Spechler** (Indiana University)

Dinissa Duvanova (University of Buffalo, SUNY)

“Regulation or Deregulation? Regulatory Policy towards Small Business in Russia and Kazakhstan”

Eric Lepisto (Independent Scholar)

“Developing Professionals: From Social Capital to Social Cohesion in the Caucasus”

Deniz Tura (Independent Scholar)

“Formal and Informal Financial Institutions and Entrepreneurship: The Case of Bazaars and Microfinance”

Hasan Haider Karrar (Wilfrid Laurier University)

“Markets, Merchants, and Transnational Mercantilism in Greater Central Asia”

Educational Challenges in Eurasia

Saturday, 4:00 pm – 5:45 pm, Munk Centre, Room 208N

Chair: **Christopher Whitsel** (North Dakota State University)

Discussant: **Todd Drummond** (Michigan State University)

Sarfarozi Niyozov (University of Toronto)

“Tensions and Dilemmas of Curriculum Reform in Tajikistan”

Rebecca Bowman (University of Iowa)

"Turkmenistan's Minority Youth: Fleeing for Their Education?"

Martha Merrill (Kent State University)

"International Quality Assessment Standards and Processes: Do They Make Sense for Central Asian Universities?"

Jyldyz Aknazarova (Osh State University)

"The Quality of Higher Education in Central Asia: Perspectives and Development"

Language Use in Central Asian Contexts

Saturday, 4:00 pm –5:45 pm, Larkin Bldg, Room 211

Chair: **TBA**

Discussant: **Uli Schamiloglu** (University of Wisconsin)

Arienne Dwyer (University of Kansas)

"The Localization of the Geser Epic among Turko-Mongol Peoples in Inner Asia"

John A. Erickson (Indiana University)

"Verbs That Take Bare Partitive Ablative Phrases in Uzbek"

Jonathan Washington (Indiana University)

"Insights on Coda Cluster Phonology in Kazakh and Kyrgyz from a Split-Margin Approach"

Oleh Kshanovskyy (Shevchenko National University in Kyiv)

"The Linguistic Data for the History of Turkic Population in Iran"

Ethnic Minorities and the State

Saturday, 4:00 pm –5:45 pm, Larkin Bldg, Room 214

Chair: **TBA**

Discussant: **Bo Petersson** (Lund University)

Slavomir Horak (Charles University in Prague)

"'Battle of Histories': Tajik-Uzbek Historical Cleavages in the Process of Nation-building"

Gregory Fay (Independent Scholar)

"Han Who Learn Uyghur: A Case Analysis in Xinjiang"

Shushanik Makaryan (Washington State University)

"Nation-Building or Toward Supranationalism? Dual Citizenship in Former Soviet Republics"

Luo Jia (OISE/UT)

"The Realities of Tibet: from Language Policy to Practice: The Village is the Key to Maintenance and Revitalization of Tibetan"

**Roundtable: Washington Whispers II:
A View of Central Asia and the Caucasus from the DC Perspective**

Saturday, 4:00 pm –5:45 pm, Larkin Bldg, Room 248

Chair: **Daniel Burghart** (National Defense Intelligence College)

Panelists:

Roger Kangas (Near East South Asia Center, NDU)

Sylvia Babus (Industrial College of the Armed Forces, NDU)

Erica Marat (Independent Scholar)

Sources of Authoritarianism in Central Asia

Saturday, 4:00 pm –5:45 pm, Larkin Bldg, Room 341

Chair: **Edward Schatz** (University of Toronto)

Discussant: **John Schoeberlein** (Harvard University)

Henry Hale (George Washington University)

“Institutions, Authoritarianism, and Revolution in Central Asia”

Barbara Junisbai (Indiana University)

“A Tale of Two Kazakhstans: Where Do the Political Fault Lines Lie?”

Lucan Way (University of Toronto)

“Authoritarian Skill and Regime Trajectories after the Cold War”

Session VIII: Sunday, October 11, 9:00 am – 10:45 am

Social Inequality in Contemporary Central Asia

Sunday, 9:00 am –10:45 am, Munk Centre, Room 208N

Chair: **Daniel Beben** (Indiana University)

Discussant: **Christopher Whitsel** (North Dakota State University)

Weeda Mehran (University of Toronto)

Christopher Whitsel (Indiana University)

“Community Context and Inequality: School Differences and Children's Enrollment in Afghanistan and Tajikistan”

Azamat Junisbai (Pitzer College)

“Determinants of Economic System Legitimacy in Two Formerly Similar Countries: Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan”

Zohra Ismail (Indiana University)

“Power to Critique: The Role of Religion in Addressing Social Inequality in Badakhshan, Tajikistan”

Muslim Institutions in Modern Central Eurasia

Sunday, 9:00 am –10:45 am, Larkin Bldg, Room 211

Chair: **Mohammad Amjad** (Azad University of Iran [Science and Research Campus], Tehran, Iran)

Discussant: **Mustafa Gokcek** (Niagara University)

Taghi Azadarmaki (University of Tehran)

“The Education Institutions in Iran during the Sixteenth to Eighteenth Centuries”

Svetlana Peshkova (University of New Hampshire)

“Approaching Religion and Informal Gendered Leadership in the Ferghana Valley (Uzbekistan)”

Rozaliya Garipova (Princeton University)

“The Orenburg Mohammedan Spiritual Assembly: From a Russian to a Muslim Institution?”

Eren Murat Tasar (Harvard University)

“SADUM's New Ambitions (1950s)”

The Art of Empire

Sunday, 9:00 am –10:45 am, Larkin Bldg, Room 214

Chair: **TBA**

Discussant: **Julie George** (Queens College, City University of New York)

Adalyat Issiyeva (McGill University)

“Capturing the Song of the Steppes or Representing the Intra-Imperial Asian “Others” in the Late-Nineteenth-Century Russian Music Sources”

Nina Chichinadze (Ilia Chavchavadze State University)

“From Cultural Landscape of Georgia: Church Art of Pontic Greeks in Georgia”

Ferenc Peter Csirkes (University of Chicago)

“Reviving the Ancient Garden, Restoring the Archaic Edifice. Imitation as Originality in Fuzuli's Leyla ve Mecnun”

Life on the Edge: Literature, Language and Conflict in the Caucasus

Sunday, 9:00 am –10:45 am, Larkin Bldg, Room 248

Chair: **Bert Beynen** (Independent Scholar)

Discussant: **Julie Christensen** (George Mason University)

Paul Crego (Library of Congress)

“Language Policy and the Local Constitutions of 1978: Georgian and Abkhazian Cases”

Mary Childs (University of Washington)

“Meeting the Guards, Watching the Shore: Negotiating the Georgian-Russian Border in Okudjava's ‘Puteshestvie diletantov’ and Chiladze's ‘Gzaze erti katsi midioda’”

Aida Lominadze (University of Washington)

“The Caucasus in Russian Classical Literature of the 19th Century, and the Reality of Russian Life in the 21st Century”

Michael Armstrong (San Francisco State University)

"The Framing of His Flock: The Karabakh Movement, Armenia's Religious Authority and the Use of Narrative"

Politics and Ethnicity in the Soviet Era

Sunday, 9:00 am –10:45 am, Larkin Bldg, Room 341

Chair: **Alisha Kirchoff** (Social Science Research Council)

Discussant: **Erica Marat** (Independent Scholar)

Vera Vesela (Institute of International Relations)

"On Different Sides of the Border - Central Asian Muhajerin Revisited"

Albert **Kaganovitch** (University of Manitoba)

"Uzbekistan and Refugees from the Nazis (1941-1945): The History of One Soviet Myth"

Charles Shaw (University of California, Berkeley)

"Tamerlane, Stalin, and the Great Fatherland War: The Prehistory and Afterlife of a Soviet Ghost Story"

Session IX: Sunday, October 11, 11:00 am – 12:45 pm

The Diversity of Islam in Eurasia

Sunday, 11:00 am –12:45 am, Larkin Bldg, Room 211

Chair: **Svetlana Peshkova** (University of New Hampshire)

Discussant: **Mohammed Fadel** (University of Toronto)

John Schoeberlein (Harvard University)

"Getting It Wrong: A Systematic Critique of Scholarship of Post-Soviet Islam"

Regina Faranda (U.S. Department of State)

David B. Nolle (Independent Scholar)

"Pillars, Mosques, and Sacred Sites: Exploring the Muslim Religious Mosaic in Post-Soviet Central Asia"

Julia Droeber (University of Aberdeen)

"The 'Muslim Fringe' going Global? Post-Soviet Muslims in the Ummah"

Maria Elisabeth Louw (Aarhus University)

"Exploring Sufism in Post-Soviet Space"

The Old Made New: The Use of Traditional Musical Instruments in the 21st Century

Sunday, 11:00 am –12:45 am, Munk Centre, Room 108N

Chair: **Jeremy Johnson** (University of Michigan)

Discussant: **Tanya Merchant** (University of California, Santa Cruz)

Brigita Sebald (University of California, Los Angeles)

“Instrumentation and Auditory Symbolism: The Panduri in Georgian Pop Music”

Megan Rancier (University of California, Los Angeles)

“Contemporary Kazakh 'Neo-traditional' Music and its Implications for Conceptualizing Kazakh National Identity”

Natasha Kipp (University of Illinois)

“Sound Trafficking: The Balaban in Hollywood, and Beyond”

Central and Inner Asia Studies: Nomadic Forms of Economy

Sunday, 11:00 am –12:45 am, Munk Centre, Room 208N

Chair: **Michael Gervers** (University of Toronto at Scarborough)

Discussant: **Orhon Myadar** (University of Arizona)

Hasan Haider Karrar (Wilfred Laurier University)

“Modernization, Markets, and Shuttle Trade as Alternatives to Pastoral Nomadism in Contemporary Inner Asia”

Bakhtier Shakhnazarov (Independent Scholar)

“Uzbek Migrants to Turkey”

Jake Fleming (University of Wisconsin – Madison)

“Herders, Reformers, and Rescaling Governance in Pastoral Kyrgyzstan”

Economic Resources and Changing Landscapes in Central Asia

Sunday, 11:00 am –12:45 am, Larkin Bldg, Room 248

Chair: **TBA**

Discussant: **Henrique Schneider** (University of Vienna)

Philipp Schroeder (Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology)

“‘Urbanizing’ Bishkek: Interrelations of Migration, Boundaries and Group Size”

Alima Bissenova (Cornell University)

“Housing Dreamworlds and Realities in Kazakhstan's New Capital”

Lesley Johnston (Simon Fraser University)

“Mining Mongolia: Resource Extraction, Climate Change and Vulnerability on the Steppe”

Panel Grids

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