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

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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*)

8:00AM – 9:00AM  Silent Auction winners posted; items may be picked up (*Munk Centre, Main Lounge*)

9:00AM – 12:45PM  Conference Panels (Photo and Book Exhibit ongoing 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*
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)
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**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**
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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- 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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- 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

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- 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
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- 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 Tajiryian (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)
Tinatin Bolkvadze (Tbilisi State University)
“The Language Hierarchy of Modern Georgia”
Mariya Y. Omelicheva (University of Kansas)
“Between Commitment and Pragmatism: Promoting and Upholding Democracy”
Zakharia Pourtshkvanidze (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-Ismaili Relations during the First Herat Crisis”
Janet Kilian-Kivler (George Washington University)
“Russianness on the Semirechie Frontier of the Kazakh Steppe in the 19th Century”
### 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) |
| “Itinerant Smith: An Ethnoarchaeological Model for Explaining Iran- Central Asia Connections in Chalcolithic Period” |

### 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” |
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: Sarfaroz Niyozov, Ontario Institute for Studies in Education of the University of Toronto (OISE/UT)

Panelists:
Edward Kissam (JBS International)
“The Limitations of Macro-Level Institutional Reform: Shifting Resources from Central Government Capacity-Building to Local School Strengthening as an Education Strategy --Last Hope for Afghanistan’s Ministry of Education?”

Jo Ann Intili (JBS International)
“Accelerated Learning: Redeploying a Tool from Crisis Intervention to Drive Affordable Education System Reform in Afghanistan”

Mohammad Saleh Keshawarz (University of Hartford)
“Rebuilding and Modernizing Engineering Education and Training: Experiences and Lessons Learned from a Partnership between University of Hartford and Herat University”

Eva Sajoo (Independent Scholar)
“Education and Gender in Transitional Afghanistan: Access, Equity, and Effective Citizenship—Importance for Rights of Women and Other Vulnerable Groups”

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)
“What Do Elections Tell Us? Understanding Electoral Patterns among Georgian Minorities”

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”
Lauryn Oates (University of British Columbia, AND Canadian Women for Women in Afghanistan)
“Village Libraries as Informal Cultural and Educational Centres in Afghanistan: A Model for Rural Community Empowerment and Civil Society Development”

Assadullah Oriakhel (SMART Engineering Team [SET] Public/Private Sector Consultants and Construction Engineers Inc.)
“Capacity Building of Afghanistan's Private Sector Business People, Investors and Contractors through Canada-Afghanistan Linkages Mediated by Twinning of Afghan-Canadian and Afghan Professionals and Tradespeople”

Rafi Younoszai (Western University of Health Sciences)
“Potential to Rebuild Medical Education and Research in Afghanistan through Student / Faculty Exchanges: Experiences and Resources of Afghan-American Medical Professionals and Others at Western University of Health Sciences (California)”

Chair: TBA
Discussant: Mohamad Tavakoli-Targhi (University of Toronto)

Aysen Bayramli (Beykent University Istanbul)
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Alexander Fedotoff (Center for Asian Studies, Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski)

Eyup Saritas (Istanbul University)
“The Records About The Turks in Some Classical Literary Chinese texts”

Session III: Friday, October 9, 2:00 pm – 3:45 pm

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

Chair: Tatsuo Nakami (Tokyo University of Foreign Studies)
Discussant: Daniel Prior (Miami University)

Jun Sugawara (Tokyo University of Foreign Studies)
“A Heroic Legend of ‘Shahidane Khotan’: Genesis, and Developments of the Abdurrahman Dastani”

Hiroki Sakai (Wako University)
“New Approaches to Turkic Oral Literature in Central Eurasia”

Kazuyuki Murayama (Wako University)
“World War I of the Sardar Khan Muhammad Zarrakzai: A Case from the Brahui War Ballad”

Itsuji Tangiku (Wako University)
“Revaluation of Nivkh Oral Tradition by Nivkh Themselves”

Literature and Empire

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**Migration from Central Asia and the Caucasus**

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

Chair: **Kristin Collins** (The Ohio State University)
Discussant: **Daniel Burghart** (National Defense Intelligence College)

**Keziban Acar** (Celal Bayar University)
“Kurdish Migration From the Ottoman Empire to Russia in the 19th Century”

**Elene Medzmariashvili** (Iv.Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University)
“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”

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**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”

**Sherzad Shafi Babo Barzani** (Salahaddin University)
“The Gender Problem in Forugh Farrokhzad (Iranian Poetess)”

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**Ismaili Traditions**

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

Chair: **Shiraz Hajiani**, 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”

**Sarfaroz Niyozov** (University of Toronto)

**Zahra Punja** (Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada)
“Ismaili Teachers and Embodied Spirituality: Insights from Central Asia”

**Abdulmamad 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”

*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)


**Mary-Jo Land** (McMaster University)


**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)

“Swords into Chalkboards and Training Activity in Afghanistan: Contribution of Provincial Reconstruction Teams (PRTs) in Education, Training and Nation-Building”

Interpreting Central Asian Society  

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

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

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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 (Université Libre de Bruxelles [ULB] - Belgian Foundation for Scientific Research [FNRS])
“Bajaraman rais’ [‘I will manage it boss’], Prospects 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 Yurtayev (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 Smimova (Duquesne University)  
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: Hierarchal 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)  
Ardak Masalimov (L.N. Gumilyov Eurasian National University)  
“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)
Sarfaroz 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 Universitat 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)
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

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)

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

States, Markets, and Economic Policy Making in Eurasia

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

Chair: **Christopher Whitsel** (North Dakota State University)
Discussant: **Todd Drummond** (Michigan State University)
**Sarfaroz Niyozov** (University of Toronto)
   “Tensions and Dilemmas of Curriculum Reform in Tajikstan”
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”

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**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”

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**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)  
“The 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)  
**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”
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