

CENTRAL EURASIAN STUDIES SOCIETY



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MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

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Dear Colleagues and Guests,

On behalf of the Conference Committee of the Central Eurasian Studies Society and the Asian Studies Center and Center for European, Russian and Eurasian Studies of Michigan State University, welcome to the Eleventh Annual Conference of the Central Eurasian Studies Society! We hope 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.



We are pleased to present as this year's plenary speaker Dr. Baktybek Beshimov, who will give a lecture on "Kyrgyzstan's Politics of Ethnic Hatred: How the Roots Were Planted and the Fruit Was Harvested" after our dinner and award presentations on Friday evening. We are also pleased to present a related roundtable discussion on the situation in Kyrgyzstan, the second instalment in our Presidential Panel series, on Saturday afternoon with no concurrently scheduled programming. The Conference Committee is proud to be able to offer two opportunities this year for collective engagement and discussion among all colleagues in attendance at the conference; we hope you will take advantage of both of them. We also encourage all CESS members to take part in the Business Meeting, which will be held before dinner on Saturday.

This conference is the product of a collective effort. In addition to the CESS members who have volunteered their time and energy, staff and volunteers at Michigan State University—particularly at the Asian Studies Center and the Center for European, Russian, and Eurasian Studies—have contributed tremendously. Special thanks to Siddharth Chandra, Zahra Jamal, William Londo, Linda Racioppi, Alane Enyart, Julia Grimm, Leslie Jablonski, Alyssa Meyer, and Kayleigh VandenBussche for their extraordinary efforts.

Next year's conference will be hosted by the Center for Slavic and East European Studies at Ohio State University. The call for papers will be issued in a few short months, so please take advantage of our time together to chat with colleagues about possible panel ideas for the 2011 conference.

Michigan State University welcomes you to East Lansing. We hope that you will enjoy a productive conference and sample some of the wide range of activities and facilities that our campus and community have to offer.

Victoria Clement, Naval Postgraduate School
Edward Schatz, University of Toronto
Norman Graham, Michigan State University

CESS 2010 Conference Co-Chairs

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CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

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Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center

Hosted by The Asian Studies Center and the Center for European, Russian and Eurasian Studies
Michigan State University

Thursday, October 28, 2010

- 5:00 – 7:00PM Conference Registration (Kellogg Center South Lobby)
6:00 – 8:00PM Welcoming Reception (Room: Big Ten C)

Friday, October 29, 2010

Conference breakfast options: Ala carte breakfast available through the State Room, and KC's Lounge within the Kellogg Center. All-you-Can-Eat breakfast available at Brody Square cafeteria (across the street from the Kellogg Center for \$5.50).

- 8:00AM – 4:00PM Conference Registration (Kellogg Center South Lobby)
8:00AM-5:00PM Book Exhibit and Silent Auction (Room 110, Lobby Level)
9:00AM – 5:45PM Conference Panels (Consult the conference program and map to reference location of each panel)
12:45PM-2:00PM Break for Lunch (on your own – see East Lansing information for nearby dining)
6:00PM – 6:45PM Business Meeting: All members are encouraged to attend (Room 62)
6:30PM-7:00PM Cash bar open prior to dinner (Room: Big Ten A)
7:00PM-8:00PM Dinner (Room: Big Ten A)
7:45PM – 8:00PM Welcome, Announcements, and Award Presentations
8:00PM – 9:30PM Plenary Address by Baktybek Beshimov: "Kyrgyzstan's Politics of Ethnic Hatred: How the Roots Were Planted and the Fruit Was Harvested," followed by discussion

Saturday, October 30, 2010

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8:00AM – 4:00PM	Conference Registration (Kellogg Center South Lobby)
8:00AM-5:00PM	Book Exhibit (Room 110, Lobby Level)
8:00AM-11:00AM	Silent Auction (Room 110, Lobby Level)
9:00AM – 5:45PM	Conference Panels (Consult the conference program and map to reference location of each panel)
11:00AM-2:00PM	Directors' Meeting (Auditorium; CESS Board members only)
12:45PM-2:00PM	Break for Lunch (on your own – see East Lansing information for nearby dining)
2:00PM	Silent Auction closes
2:30PM – 4:00PM	Silent Auction winning bids posted at the Registration Area—Please pick up and pay for the items you have won
5:45PM	Dinner (on your own)
7:00PM	Entertainment (TBA) (Auditorium)

Sunday, October 31, 2010

Conference breakfast options: Ala carte breakfast available through the State Room, and KC's Lounge within the Kellogg Center. All-you-Can-Eat breakfast available at Brody Square cafeteria (across the street from the Kellogg Center for \$5.50).

8:00AM – Noon	Conference Registration (South Lobby) Book Exhibit (Room 110, Lobby Level) Silent Auction winning bids posted at the Registration Area —Please pick up and pay for the items you have won
9:00AM – 12:45PM	Conference Panels (Consult the conference program and map to reference location of each panel)
11:00AM – 12:45PM	Conference Committee meeting (Room 105B)

Downtown East Lansing Area Information

Dining Options :

Located within the Kellogg Center

State Room (\$\$\$): M-Sat 6:30a-10pm, Sun 6:30am -2pm. Fine Dining with various menu options.

KC's Lounge (\$\$\$): 10am-10pm. Order from the State Room menu while sitting in the lounge across the way; coffee and alcoholic beverages served. Has a "Grab and Go" Breakfast Option while lunch choices are limited.

Within a 5 minutes walk of Kellogg Center

Brody Square Cafeteria (\$): (located across from the Kellogg Center, open 7 a.m.-Midnight

\$5.50 breakfast: hot and cold options \$8.75 lunch and dinner

Vegetarian/vegan options available, international cuisine, pasta, burgers

Harrison Road House (\$\$): (American) 122 N. Harrison Road: lunch and dinner

Within a 15 minute walk (Downtown East Lansing)

...just a sample, experience more restaurants that East Lansing has to offer by taking a walk down Grand River Avenue and the side streets of Abbot, Albert and M.A.C.

Beggar's Banquet (\$\$\$): "Abbott Avenue. Fine Dining in a Casual Atmosphere" steak, fish, pasta and much more!

Dublin's Square (\$\$): (American/Irish) Abbot Rd., A Flair of Irish Fare

Omi Sushi (\$\$): (Asian): M.A.C. Avenue, Traditional Japanese cuisine, sushi, appetizers.

Altu's Ethiopian Cuisine (\$\$): (African) Albert Avenue, Traditional African Cuisine

Woody's Oasis Bar & Grill (\$\$): (Mediterranean) Grand River Avenue, Humus, Pita, and Wraps, oh my!

Buffalo Wild Wings (\$): (American) 360 Albert Avenue, Buffalo Wings, Burgers- Sports Bar Atmosphere

Noodles And Company(\$): Grand River Avenue, Pasta- Penne, Pad Thai, Macaroni and Cheese – fast service, sit down or take out!

For On-The-Go Dining:

Jimmy John's Sandwiches (\$) and **Domino's Pizza (\$)** are both located in a mini plaza located one block North of the intersection of Harrison and Michigan avenues. (Both are available for delivery)

For those of you further off campus, dining is also available in the Hannah Plaza located on Hagadorn Ave.

Sultans (\$): Middle Eastern Cuisine with a vegetarian friendly option

Sansu (\$\$): A little busier than Omi Sushi downtown, Sansu offers Japanese cuisine and sushi

Sindhu: (\$): Indian cuisine with both an a la carte menu and buffet option.

For On-The-Go Dining:

Hannah Plaza has many on-the-go dining options; **Jimmy John's Sandwiches (\$)**, **Hannah's Coney Island (\$)**, and **Menna's Joint (\$)** offer quality food for those with time constraints!

Business:

Fed- Ex/ Kinko's 626 E. Michigan Ave (517) 332-5855

Michigan State University Student Union

- ATM & Post Office (main floor)
- Wireless Internet and Computer Laboratory
- UCue Billiards and Spartan Lanes Bowling

Activities and Recreation:

Abrams Planetarium – “How to Build a Planet” Friday and Saturday at 8pm. \$3 per adult

Kresge Art Museum, Saturday and Sunday 12-5pm, Admission is Free

East Lansing Farmer's Market- fresh farm grown produce Sunday 10a-3pm located within Valley Court

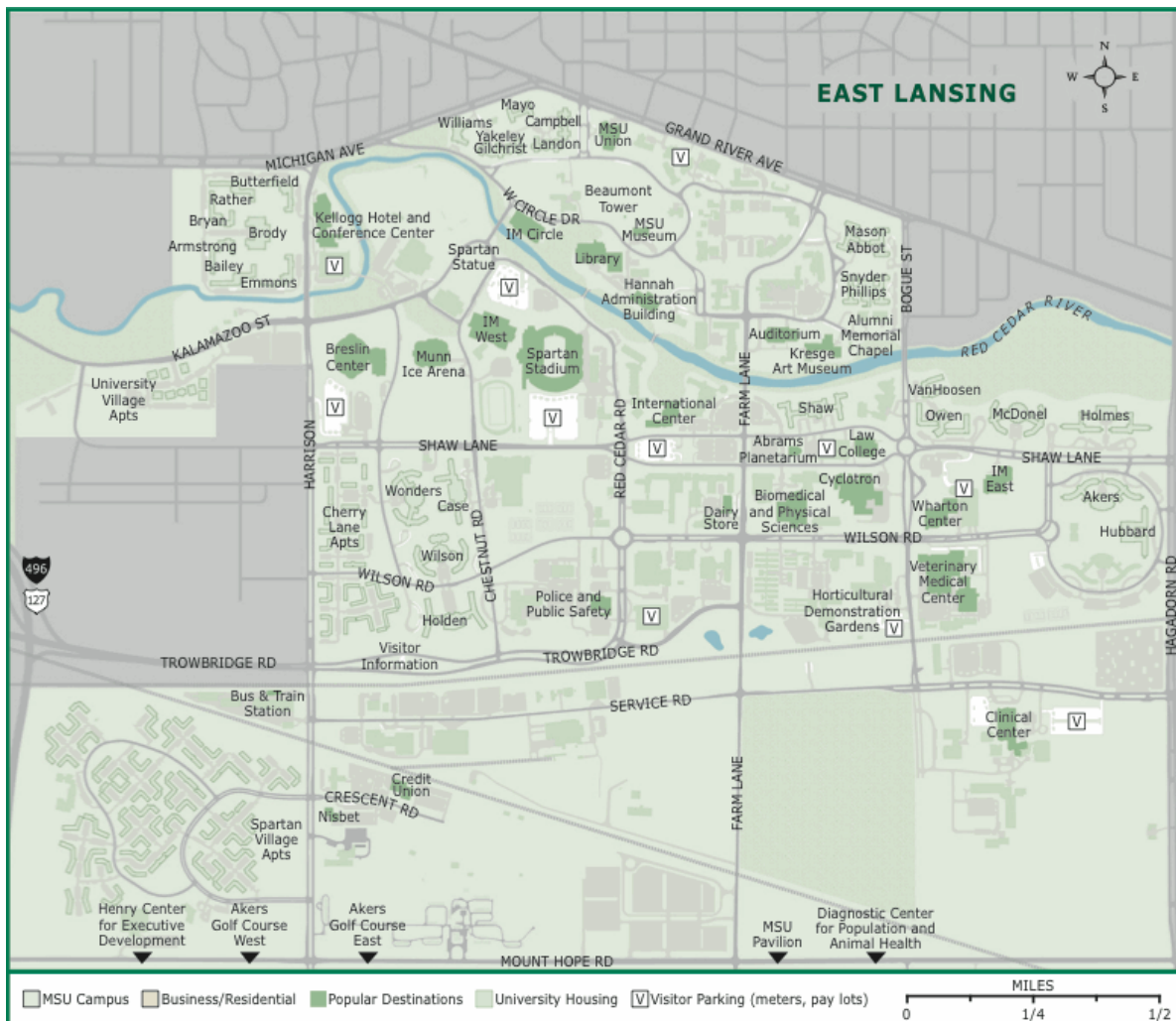
Shopping:

Downtown East Lansing off of Grand River Avenue:

- Student Book Store (SBS), Barnes & Noble, Urban Outfitters

MSU Events Oct. 28-31:

MSU Men's hockey game 10/29 and 10/30 vs Alabama-Huntsville at Munn Ice Arena 7:05pm.



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- Medieval Central Eurasia
- Socio-cultural Continuity and Change of Islamic Practices: Anthropological Approaches

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- Caucasian Anthropology
- Foreign Policy in Central Asia and the Caucasus

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- *Roundtable* – Kazakhstan after Nazarbaev
- Good Culture, Bad Culture: Social Production of Normative Culture
- Religion and Cultural History
- Institutional Complementarities and Institutional Change
- Migration and Transnationalism

Session VIII: Saturday, October 30, 4:00 pm – 5:45 pm

- *Presidential Panel* – Conflict in Kyrgyzstan: The Revolution and the Osh events

Session IX: Sunday, October 31, 9:00 am – 10:45 am

- Regime Type and Central Asia
- Strange Individuals Moving Across Cultures and Regions in Central Eurasia
- Division and Accommodation in Early 20th-Century Xinjiang
- Regional Integration of Post-Soviet Space
- The Culture of Georgia

Session X: Sunday, October 31, 11:00 am – 12:45 pm

- Human Capital and Development
- ~~Production of Normative Cultural Agendas in C. Eurasia~~ **CANCELED**

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Aspects of Central Asian Urban Culture

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Chair: **Stanley Toops** (Miami University)

Discussant: **Morgan Liu** (Ohio State University)

Emily Canning (Brandeis University)

“Language on the Line: The Reification of Ethno linguistic Boundaries in Southern Kyrgyzstan”

Muhsin Hidirov, Munira Radjabova (Samarkand State Architectural and Civil Engineering Institute)

“The History of Forming of Eastern Bazaars”

Rian Thum (Loyola University)

“The Rise of Printing in Chinese Turkestan”

Medieval Central Eurasia

Friday, 9:00 am – 10:45 am, Room 105B

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

Discussant: **Ron Sela** (Indiana University)

Timothy May (North Georgia College & State University)

“Nokhod to Noyan: Chinggis Khan's Social Revolution”

Zakhiriddin Tashmukhamedov (Independent Scholar)

“Uzbek Surnames in Kashmir”

Bert Beynen (OLLI at Temple University)

“Procession: Neo-Platonic elements in Shota Rustaveli's ‘The Knight in the Panther's Skin’”

Socio-cultural Continuity and Change of Islamic Practices: Anthropological Approaches

Friday, 9:00 am – 10:45 am, Michigamme Room

Chair: **Jeanne Féaux de la Croix** (Zentrum Moderner Orient)

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

Toko Fujimoto (National Museum of Ethnology)

“The Revitalization of Commemorative Rituals: Reconsidering Islamic practices in Post-Soviet Kazakhstan”

Haruka Kikuta (Hokkaido University)

“Veneration of Patron Saints by Muslim Artisans in Modern Uzbekistan”

Emi Imahori (Tokyo Metropolitan University)

“Halal and Haram in Post-Soviet Uzbekistan”

Setsuko Yoshida (Shikoku Gakuin University)

“Order, Disorder and Mosques in Rural Kyrgyzstan: Rethinking the Revitalization of Islam”

Session II: Friday, October 29, 11:00 am – 12:45 pm

Crossing Borders

Friday, 11:00 am – 12:45 pm, Room 61

Chair: **M. Jamil Hanifi** (Michigan State University)

Discussant: **Elena Caprioni** (University of British Columbia)

Stanley Toops (Miami University)

“A Political Geography of Xinjiang and the Uyghurs”

Arus Harutyunyan (Western Michigan University)

“Assessing the Instrumental and Ethical Significance of Ethno-Nationalist Type of Identity”

Ayşe Ayata (Middle East Technical University)

“Gender Politics in Transitional Societies: A Comparative Perspective on Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Uzbekistan”

Kazakh Nomads and the Russian Empire in the 19th Century

Friday, 11:00 am – 12:45 pm, Room 62

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

Discussant: **Christopher Atwood** (Indiana University)

Virginia Martin (University of Wisconsin)

“Nomadic Tools of Governance in the Middle Horde Kazakh Steppe”

Gulbanu Izbassarova (Aktobe State University)

“Transformation of Kazakh Society in the 19th Century (Based on Materials of the State Archive of Orenburg Region)”

Jin Noda (Waseda University)

“Kazak Nomadism in the Ili Region under the Russian Administration, 1871-1881”

Zhanar Jampeissova (Gumilev Eurasian National University)

“How Russian Officials Defended Kazakh Tribal Interests During Migrations: A Case Study from the Steppe and Turkestan Regions in the 1890s”

Caucasian Anthropology

Friday, 11:00 am – 12:45 pm, Room 105B

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

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

Tinatini Gudushauri (University of Georgia, Tbilisi)

“Religious-Practical Aspects of Sacral Trees in the Caucasus: A Comparative Analysis of the Material of Georgian and German Authors”

Kevin Tuite (University de Montreal)

“Pshavi and Khevsureti: A Comparative and Contrastive Portrait of Two Communities from the Highlands of Northeastern Georgia”

Foreign Policy in Central Asia and the Caucasus

Friday, 11:00 am – 12:45 pm, Michigamme Room

Chair: **Sherman W. Garnett** (Michigan State University)

Discussant: **Martin Spechler** (Indiana University)

Murad Ismayilov (Azerbaijan Diplomatic Academy)

“Russian Neo-imperialism vs. Western Neo-imperialism in the Region of Post-Soviet Central Eurasia”

Jason Strakes (Centre for the Study of Caucasus and Black Sea Region)

“The Foreign Relations of Nakhchivan and the Southern Caucasus, 1991-2009”

Oktay Tanrisever (Middle East Technical University)

“The Soviet Heritage and the Russian Factor in the Abkhazia Conflict: A Constructivist Perspective”

Hayriye Kahveci (Middle East Technical University)

“Changing Dynamics of Turkish Foreign Policy and Relations with Central Asia and Caucasus”

Lunch – 12:45 pm – 2:00 pm

Session III: Friday, October 29, 2:00 pm – 3:45 pm

Higher Education in Contemporary Kyrgyzstan: Participation and Purposes

Friday, 2:00 pm – 3:45 pm, Room 61

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

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

Martha Merrill (Kent State University)

“National Needs or Political Purposes: Hijacking Higher Education in an Era of Global Rankings”

Todd Drummond (Michigan State University)

“Bias, Equivalence and Validity in High Stakes Testing: The Case of Kyrgyzstan”

Alan DeYoung (University of Kentucky)

“Whatever Happened to the Class of 2010: Seventeen Kyrgyz Lives ‘In Transition’”

Roundtable – Teaching Central Asian History with *Islamic Central Asia: An Anthology of Historical Sources*

Friday, 2:00 pm – 3:45 pm, Room 62

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

Scott Levi (Ohio State University)

Ron Sela (Indiana University)

Ali Igmen (California State University, Long Beach)

Anna Genina (University of Michigan)

Media and Society

Friday, 2:00 pm – 3:45 pm, Room 105A

Chair: TBA

Discussant: **Sarah Kendzior** (Washington University in Saint Louis)

Katy Pearce (University of California, Santa Barbara)

“Convergence Through Mobile Peer-to-Peer File Sharing in the Republic of Armenia”

Eric Freedman (Michigan State University), **Richard Shafer** (University of North Dakota),

Slavka Antonova (University of North Dakota)

“Two Decades of Failure: The Persistence of Authoritarian Press Controls in Post-Soviet Independent Central Asia”

Charting Kazakhstan's Trajectories in a Post-crisis World

Friday, 2:00 pm – 3:45 pm, Room 105B

Chair: **Boris Stremelin** (KIMEP)

Discussant: **Kyle Evered** (Michigan State University)

Boris Stremelin (KIMEP)

“Comparing the Three Trajectories”

Gulnara Dadabayeva (KIMEP)

“Pathways in Nation-building in Post-independence Kazakhstan”

Aigul Adibayeva (KIMEP)

“Foreign Relations of Kazakhstan in a Chaotic System”

Session IV: Friday, October 29, 4:00 pm – 5:45 pm

Representations of Uyghur Identity in Media, Literature, and Popular Culture

Friday, 4:00 pm – 5:45 pm, Room 61

Chair: **Nabijan Tursun** (Independent Scholar)

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

Kara Abramson (Independent Scholar)

“Gender, Uyghur National Identity, and the Story of Nuzugum”

Elena Caprioni (University of British Columbia)

“A Look behind the Facade of Chinese Socialist Multiculturalism through the Words of the New Generation in Xinjiang”

Liang Zheng (University of Colorado)

“In the Eye of Dragon: How China Perceives Its Uyghur Population after 911”

Roundtable – The Political Economy of Central Asia’s New Entrepreneurial Class

Friday, 4:00 pm – 5:45 pm, Room 62

Chair: **Martin Spechler** (Indiana University)

Gul Berna Ozcan (University of London)

Stacy Closson (Patterson School of Diplomacy and International Commerce)

Henrique Schneider (Swiss Federation of Industries)

Visions of Future and Belonging in Central Asia

Friday, 4:00 pm – 5:45 pm, Room 105A

Chair: **Setsuko Yoshida** (Shikoku Gakuin University)

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

Jeanne Féaux de la Croix (University of St. Andrews)

“The Future of Kyrgyz Summer Pastures and Hydropower: Between Paradise and State Capture”

Mateusz Laszczkowski (Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology)

“On a Not-So-Clean Slate: Materiality, Imagination, and the Politics of the Future in Astana”

Anna Genina (University of Michigan)

“Mongolian-Kazakh Returnees: Citizenship, Belonging, and the Kazakh Nation”

David Merrell (University of Washington)

“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”

Poetic Traditions

Friday, 4:00 am – 5:45 am, Room 105B

Chair: **Christopher Atwood** (Indiana University)

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

Eva Marie Dubuisson (University of California)

“The Value of a Voice: Poets and their Patrons in Kazakhstan”

Mir Baiz Khan (ITREB Canada)

“Khowar Poetic Traditions: Chitral’s Unique Cultural Identity”

Elmira Kochumkulova (University of Central Asia)

“Masters of Verbal Art: The Role of Aqyns in Contemporary Kyrgyz Society and Politics”

Welfare, Development, and Local Knowledge

Friday, 4:00 pm – 5:45 pm, Michigamme Room

Chair: **Zahra Jamal** (Michigan State University)

Discussant: **Emine Evered** (Michigan State University)

Zohra Ismail (Indiana University)

“Development, Politics and Religion in post-Soviet Tajikistan”

Christina Stoltz (American University of Central Asia)

“The Legacy of ‘No’: Gender-Based Violence Advocacy and Dueling Positionalities in Central Asia”

Ayxem Eli (University of Tasmania)

“State Welfare, Islamic Charity and Community in Southern Xinjiang”

Atsushi Ogihara, Atsushi Saito (Waseda University)

“Expectation and Possibility of Modern Health Issues and School-based Health Education in the Republic of Kazakhstan”

Plenary Address: Friday, 8:00 pm (After Dinner), Big Ten Room A

Baktybek Beshimov (Harvard University)

“Kyrgyzstan’s Politics of Ethnic Hatred: How the Roots Were Planted and the Fruit Was Harvested”

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Chair: Robert L. Canfield (Washington University)

David Abramson (U.S. State Department)

Noah Tucker (U.S. Central Command)

Sean Roberts (George Washington University)

Nazif Shahrani (Indiana University)

Assessing Coercion: Domestic Politics in Central Asia

Saturday, 9:00 am – 10:45 am, Room 62

Chair: Joseph MacKay (University of Toronto)

Discussant: Sean Roberts (George Washington University)

Farrukh Irnazarov (University of Applied Sciences)

“Transition Strategies of Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan Since Independence: Paradoxes and Prospects”

Nicholas Kunysz (Carleton University)

“Managing Regionalism in Turkmenistan”

Megan Brunton (Carleton University)

“Uzbek Government Discourse on the Events in Andijan: A Model for the Future”

Nicolas Gosset (Université Libre de Bruxelles)

“The Art of Making Do With Navigating Between Voluntary Subjection, Public Dissimulation and Alternative Norms of Everyday Practice, How Does Foucault's Problem of Subjectivity Travel to Post-Soviet Central Asia? (A View from Rural Uzbekistan)”

Caucasian Linguistics

Saturday, 9:00 am – 10:45 am, Room 105A

Chair: John Colarusso (McMaster University)

Discussant: Kevin Tuite (Université de Montreal)

Tinatín Bolkvadze (Ivane Javakishvili State University)

“Nikolai Troubetzkoy's 'Eurasian' Theory and the Soviet Language Policy”

Marika Butskhrikidze (University FAMA)

“The status of /m/ in /m/ + C Clusters in Georgian”

Tamar Makhroblidze (Tbilisi State University)”

“The Ergative Construction in Georgian”

The Aga Khan Humanities Project in Central Asia: Still Relevant?

Saturday, 9:00 am –10:45 am, Room 105B

Chair: **Nasreen Dhanani** (University of Central Asia)

Discussant: **Sharofat Mamadambarova** (University of Central Asia)

Anne Fairman (University of Central Asia)

“Integrated Humanities Curriculum and Higher Education Reform: An Experiment in Liberal Arts Education for Central Asia”

Sunatullo Jonboboev (University of Central Asia)

“Integrated Humanities Curriculum and Education Reform: Counteracting the Tides of Nationalism, Fundamentalism and Anti-Globalism”

Abdurahim Juraev (Aga Khan Humanities Project/Khujand State University)

“Implementing Curriculum Reform in Central Asia through the Aga Khan Humanities Project”

Pre-1917 Kyrgyz and Steppe History

Saturday, 9:00 am –10:45 am, Michigamme Room

Chair: **Elmira Kochumkulova** (University of Central Asia)

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

Tetsu Akiyama (Japan Society for the Promotion of Science)

“Modern Kyrgyz History Re-examined: Aspects of Russian Imperial Rule and Kyrgyz Tribal Leaders”

Ian W. Campbell (University of Michigan)

“Colonial Interlude: The Shcherbina Expedition of 1896-1903”

Jipar Duishembieva (University of Washington)

“The Revolt of the 1916 in the Poems of the Kyrgyz Oral Poets”

Central Asia and the World: An Interdisciplinary Perspective

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

Chair: **Eric Freedman** (Michigan State University)

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

Lyuba Grinberg (New York University)

“From Gardariki to Mawera' n-Nahr: Medieval Russian Cities from Eurasian Perspective”

Eren Murat Tasar (Harvard University)

“The Central Asian Muftiate on the International Stage, 1943-1988 ”

Martin C. Spechler, Dina Spechler (Indiana University)

“Foreign Policy of Uzbekistan: Sources, Objectives and Outcomes, 1991-2009”

Session VI: Saturday, October 30, 11:00 am – 12:45 pm

Constructions/Reconstructions of Muslim Identities across Central Eurasia

Saturday, 11:00 am – 12:45 pm, Room 61

Chair: **Olga Bessmertnaya** (Russian State University for Humanities)

Discussant: **Mustafa Tuna** (Duke University)

Leyla I. Almazova (Tatarstan Academy of Sciences)

“Muslim Philosophical Revival in Contemporary Tatarstan”

Mustafa Gokcek (Niagara University)

“Forms of Identity among Muslims of Russia”

Kimberly Ann Powers (University of Michigan)

“Inscribing Cultural Difference: Imperial Administrator-Ethnographers, Kazakh Marriage Practices, and the Construction of Legal Categories”

Roundtable – The Andijon Massacre Reconsidered

Saturday, 11:00 am – 12:45 pm, Room 62

Chair: **Sarah Kendzior** (Washington University)

Laura Adams (Harvard University)

Sarah Kendzior (Washington University)

Noah Tucker (U.S. Central Command)

Morgan Liu (Ohio State University)

The Current Status of Education and Educational Research in Central Asia and the Caucasus

Saturday, 11:00 am – 12:45 pm, Room 105A

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

Discussant: **Sarfarozi Niyozov** (Ontario Institute for Studies in Education)

Stephen A. Bahry (University of Toronto)

“Establishing Quality Education of Non-Dominant Groups in Central Eurasia: Challenges for Research and Policy”

Duishon Shamatov (University of Central Asia)

“The Impact of International Standardized Tests on Education Quality in Kyrgyzstan”

Tamar Khitarishvili (Bard College)

“Assessing the Economic Returns to Education in Georgia”

David Abramson (U.S. Department of State)

“The Impact of Foreign Religious Education on the Central Asian Islamic Revival”

Local Responses to Change in the Kazakh Steppe, 1905-Present

Saturday, 11:00 am –12:45 pm, Room 105B

Chair: **Kristoffer Rees** (Indiana University)

Discussant: **Virginia Martin** (University of Wisconsin)

Sarah Cameron (Yale University)

“Interrogating Responses to Crisis: The Kazakh Elite and the Kazakh Famine, 1928-1934”

Maya Peterson (Harvard University)

“Crossing Boundaries: Nomadic Responses to Political and Ecological Changes in Semirech'e, 1905-1917”

Wendell T. Schwab (Indiana University)

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Roundtable – Kazakhstan after Nazarbaev

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Chair: **Sean Roberts** (George Washington University)

Edward Schatz (University of Toronto)

Aigul Adibayeva (KIMEP)

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Good Culture, Bad Culture: Social Production of Normative Culture

Saturday, 2:00 pm –3:45 pm, Room 62

Chair: **Nazif Shahrani** (Indiana University)

Discussant: **David W. Montgomery** (University of Pittsburgh)

John Schoeberlein (Harvard University)

“Colonized Culture: Emotion and Normativity in the Analysis of Central Asian Culture after Independence”

Cynthia Buckley (Social Science Research Council)

"U Nas Nyet Seksa: Sexual Orientalism in Approaches to Reproductive Health in Central Asia, 1991-2010"

Laura L. Adams (Harvard University)

"Whose Heritage? Good Culture and Cultural Goods"

Religion and Cultural History

Saturday, 2:00 pm –3:45 pm, Room 105A

Chair: Eren Murat Tasar (Harvard University)

Discussant: **Sarfarozi Niyozov** (University of Toronto)

Roze Adbykulova (Kyrgyz-Turkish Manas University)

"Education in Central Asia at the End of the 19th and Beginning of the 20th Centuries: Co-existence, Contrast and Contradictions of the Madrasa, Jadid and Russian-tuzem schools"

Shafolu Gulamadov (University of Toronto)

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Daniel Beben (Indiana University)

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Chair: **Roman Vakulchuk** (Jacobs University /Private University of Applied Science)

Discussant: **Alexander Libman** (Frankfurt School of Finance & Management/Russian Academy of Sciences)

Manuel Stark (Private University of Applied Science/European Business School)

"The East Asian Developmental State as a Reference Model for Transition Economies in Central Asia: An Analysis of Institutional Arrangements and Exogenous Constraints"

Gerhard Toews (University Oxford)

"Capitalist Variations in OECD, Less Developed and Transition Economies: An Empirical Investigation"

Farrukh Irnazarov (University of Groningen/Private University of Applied Science)

"Institutional Complementarity and Effective Governance in Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan"

Gul Berna Ozcan (University of London)

"Post Soviet Social Stratification and Central Asia's New Entrepreneurs"

Migration and Transnationalism

Saturday, 2:00 pm –3:45 pm, Michigamme Room

Chair: **Manuel Chavez** (Michigan State University)

Discussant: **Sarah Cameron** (Yale University)

Anya Bernstein (University of Michigan)

"Bodies in Flux: Death, Reincarnation, and Border-Crossing in Eurasia"

Yulduz Kutlieva (Carleton University)

"Labour Migration in Dashoguz, Turkmenistan"

Jeff Sahadeo (Carleton University)

"Power, Place, and Person: Stories of Soviet Migration from Southern Peripheries to the Sacred Capital"

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Conflict in Kyrgyzstan: The Revolution and the Osh events

Saturday, 4:00 pm – 5:45 pm, Auditorium

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

Alisher Khamidov (John Hopkins University)

Morgan Liu (Ohio State University)

Michael Hall (Open Society Institute)

Session IX: Sunday, October 31, 9:00 am – 10:45 am

Regime Type and Central Asia

Sunday, 9:00 am – 10:45 am, Room 61

Chair: **Martha Merrill** (Kent State University)

Discussant: **Sylvia W. Babus** (Industrial College of the Armed Forces)

Tomasz Kollat (Adam Mickiewicz University)

"EU Relations with Central Asian Countries: The Examples in Education Area"

Thomas Wood (University of South Carolina)

"Challenges to Democracy Promotion in Central Asia"

Batyrkhan Alibekov (The L.N. Gumilyov Eurasian National University)

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Strange Individuals Moving Across Cultures and Regions in Central Eurasia

Sunday, 9:00 am – 10:45 am, Room 62

Chair: **Kimberly Powers** (University of Michigan)

Discussant: **Ian Wylie Campbell** (University of Michigan)

Olga Bessmertnaya (Russian State University for Humanities)

"Maghomet-Bek Hadjetlachi, a Muslim Double Agent in Late Imperial Russia: Reasons for Trust and Distrust"

Mustafa Tuna (Duke University)

“From Mulla Abbas to a Muslim Intelligentsia: Finding a Place for Reformist Muslim Intellectuals in Late Imperial Russia”

John W. Williams (Principia College)

“Baron Ungern von Sternberg: Don’t Romanticize the Bloody”

Division and Accommodation in Early 20th-Century Xinjiang

Sunday, 9:00 am –10:45 am, Room 105A

Chair: **Jun Sugawara** (Tokyo University of Foreign Studies)

Discussant: **Rian Thum** (Loyola University New Orleans)

Jun Sugawara (Tokyo University of Foreign Studies)

“Debt-Related Contracts in Early Twentieth Century Xinjiang”

David Brophy (Harvard University)

“The Rise and Fall of the Uyghur Revolutionary Union”

Nabijan Tursun (Independent Scholar)

“Emergence of Uyghur Intellectuals in the Early Twentieth Century and Their Role in the Political Lives of Uyghurs”

Regional Integration of Post-Soviet Space

Sunday, 9:00 am –10:45 am, Room 105B

Chair: **Alexander Libman** (Frankfurt School of Finance & Management/Russian Academy of Sciences)

Discussant: **Stacy Closson** (Patterson School of Diplomacy and International Commerce)

Kristin Cavoukian (University of Toronto)

“‘Soviet Mentality’? The Role of Shared Symbolic Vocabulary in Relations between the Armenian State and Russia’s Armenian Diaspora.”

Joseph MacKay (University of Toronto)

“International Politics in 18th and 19th Century Central Asia: Beyond Anarchy in International Relations Theory”

Yelena Zabortseva (University of Sydney)

“Integration Processes in the CIS Region: Challenges and Prospects”

The Culture of Georgia

Sunday, 9:00 am –10:45 am, Michigamme Room

Chair: **TBA**

Discussant: **Tinatin Bolkvadze** (Tbilisi State University)

Manana Sanadze (University of Georgia, Tbilisi)

“Mirian the First Christian King of Kartli and the Issue of His Descent”

Vazha Kiknadze, (Tbilisi State University)

“The Russian Ecclesiastic Policy in Georgia at the Period of Revolution in 1905-1907”

Mariam Orkodashvili (Vanderbilt University)

“Cartels, Elite Manipulations and Mergers Inducing Corruption in Higher Education in Post-Soviet Georgia”

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Human Capital and Development

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Chair: **Kristin Cavoukian** (University of Toronto)

Discussant: **Alisher Khamidov** (John Hopkins University)

Kamer Kasim (Abant Izzet Baysal University)

“Regional Implications of the Reintegration and Reconciliation Process in Afghanistan”

Alexander Libman (Frankfurt School of Finance & Management and Russian Academy of Sciences)

“Is It Really Different? Patterns of Regional Integration in Central Asia”

Yasar Sari (Abant Izzet Baysal University)

“Collective Identity-Conflict Relations: Case of Conflicts in Ferghana Valley”

Henrique Schneider (Swiss Enterprise Institute)

“Privileged Interest: An Account”

Production of Normative Cultural Agendas in C. Eurasia

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Chair: **Olga Bessmertnaya** (Russian State University for Humanities)

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

Farhad Atai (Imam Sadeq University)

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

“Salavat Iulaev: Bashkir History and Modern Symbology”

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