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Conference Program

Venue: Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences Building B, Rooms G107, G108, G109

Thursday, July 29, 2010

08:30-09:30 Registration (*late registration will continue throughout the day*)

09:30-10:00 Opening Ceremony (Room G 108)

10:00-11:00 Keynote Speech (Room G 108) Professor Deniz Kandiyoti, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London

11:00-11:30 Coffee Break

11:30-13:00 Session 1

Central Asia and International Politics I (Room G107)

Chair and Discussant: Zana Çitak (Middle East Technical University, e-mail: zana@metu.edu.tr)

Ajay Kumar Patnaik (Jawaharlal Nehru University, e-mail: patnaik.ajay@gmail.com),
New Geopolitics & India in Central Asia

Thomas J. Wood (University of South Carolina, e-mail: thomasw@usca.edu),
Central Asian Small State Trajectories (Almost) Twenty Years On

Alexander Wolters (European University Viadrina, e-mail: alexanderwolters@web.de),
Informal Deals or World Society? On the Conditions of Politics in Central Asia

Education in Central Asia (Room G109)

Chair and Discussant: Pınar Akçalı (Middle East Technical University)

John Dixon (Kazakhstan Institute of Management, Economics and Strategic Research, e-mail: dixon@kimep.kz), *Applicability of Western-Style Education in Post-Soviet Countries: the Case of Kazakhstan*
Institute of Management, Economics and Social Research (KIMEP)

Ainur Abdrazakova (Turar Ryskulov Kazakh Economic University, e-mail: apainur@gmail.com), *Main trends in the Development of Higher Education in Kazakhstan*

Elena Parubochaya (Volgograd State University, e-mail: elenap82@mail.ru),
Turkish Educational Policy in Central Asia in the Post-Soviet Period

Asuka Kawano (University of Tsukuba, e-mail: kawano.asuka.gf@u.tsukuba.ac.jp),
Community Education in Uzbekistan in Relation to the Mahalla Policy

Saito Atsushi (Waseda University, e-mail: chouhi@ruri.waseda.jp) and Ogihara Atsushi (Waseda University, e-mail: ogihara.a@gmail.com),
Trend and Issues on School Health Education in the Republic of Kazakhstan

13:00-14:00 Lunch

14:00-15:30 Session 2

Central Asia and International Politics II (G107)

Chair: Karin Esposito (Zirve University, e-mail: karushe@yahoo.com)

Elaheh Koolae (University of Tehran, e-mail: ekolae@ut.ac.ir),
IR, Iran and the Caucasus: Peace and Stability

Anita Sengupta (Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies, e-mail: anitasengupta@hotmail.com),
The 'Turkish Model' and the Turkic World

Pınar Akçalı (Middle East Technical University, e-mail: akcali@metu.edu.tr),
Turkey and Central Asia after Two Decades

Discussant: Gökten Doğangün, Middle East Technical University (e-mail: gokten@metu.edu.tr)

Histories of Eurasia I (G109)

Chair: Hayriye Kahveci (Middle East Technical University, e-mail: hayriye.kahveci@gmail.com)

Tinatin Bolkvadze (Tbilisi Ivane Javakhishvili State University, e-mail: tinatin5b@hotmail.com),
The Georgian Literary Language in the Soviet Period

Mustafa Tuna (Duke University, e-mail: mustuna@gmail.com),
'Some Members of the Youth': the Alienation of Muslim Reformists from the Broader Muslim Population in the Late Russian Empire

Svetlana Kovalskaya (L.N.Gumilyov Eurasian National University, e-mail: skovalsk@yahoo.com),
From the Outskirts to the Capital

Discussant: Duygu Ünsal (Middle East Technical University, e-mail: dunsal@metu.edu.tr)

15:30-16:00 Coffee Break

16:00-17:30 Session 3

Civil Society in Eurasia (G107)

Chair and Discussant: Ayça Ergun (Middle East Technical University, e-mail: ayer@metu.edu.tr)

Nurseit Niyazbekov (University of Oxford, e-mail: nurseit.n@gmail.com),
Protest mobilisation in Kazakhstan (1991-2010)

Bakhytnur Otarbayeva (Kazakh-British Technical University, e-mail: botarbayeva@yahoo.com), *Social partnership in Kazakhstan*

20:00 Reception

Economic Transition in Central Asia (G109)

Chair and Discussant: Pınar Akçalı (Middle East Technical University, e-mail: akcali@metu.edu.tr)

Gül Berna Özcan (Royal Holloway, University of London, e-mail: g.ozcan@rhul.ac.uk),
Markets, Governance and Entrepreneurs: The Case of Business Interest Formations in Central Asia

Magnus C. M. Brod (German Institute of Global and Area Studies, e-mail: brod@giga-hamburg.de),
The Economic History of Xinjiang: An Analysis of Actors and Institutions in Xinjiang from 1880 to 2004

Mahabat Baymirzayeva (Monterey Institute of International Studies, e-mail:

mbaimyrzaeva@gmail.com), *Kyrgyzstan's Public Sector Reforms in the Last 20 Years*

Russia, Turkey and Central Asia: Foreign Policy (G108)

Chair and Discussant: Oktay Tanrıseven (Middle East Technical University, e-mail: oktay@metu.edu.tr)

Yaşar Sarı (Abant İzzet Baysal University, e-mail: ysari@yahoo.com),
The Foreign Policy of Kyrgyzstan under Askar Akayev

Sam Hirst (University of Pennsylvania, e-mail: hirst.sam@gmail.com),
Allied Against Europe: Mikhail Frunze and Soviet-Turkish Relations

Friday July 30, 2010

09:30-11:00 Session 4

Migration and Diaspora (G107)

Chair and Discussant: Işık Kuşçu (Middle East Technical University, e-mail: kusc@metu.edu.tr)

Daniel Edward Miller (Georgetown University School of Foreign Service, e-mail: dem57@georgetown.edu), *Remittances and Transition: How Remittances Help and Hurt in Post-Communist Tajikistan*

Didar Kassymova (Kazakhstan Institute of Management, Economics and Strategic Research, e-mail: didar@kimep.kz), *Historical memory and formation of the modern Korean identity in independent Kazakhstan*

Kathryn H. Anderson (Vanderbilt University, e-mail: kathryn.anderson@vanderbilt.edu), *Migration and the Education and Work of Children in Tajikistan, 1999-2007*

11:00-11:30 Coffee Break

11:30-13:00 Session 5

Histories of Eurasia II (G109)

Chair: Ali Iğmen (California State University Long Beach, e-mail: aigmen@csulb.edu)

Maya K. Peterson (Harvard University, e-mail: mpeters@fas.harvard.edu), *The Padishah of the Hungry Steppe: Grand Duke Nikolai Konstantinovich Romanov and Slavic Migration to Turkestan at the Turn of the Twentieth Century*

Nina Chichinadze (Ilia State University, e-mail: nchichinadze@yahoo.com), *“Cultural Borrowings”: Islamic Artistic Tradition and Medieval Georgian Church Art*

Discussant: Leyla Sayfutdinova (Middle East Technical University, e-mail: leylasayf@gmail.com)

Current Challenges to Civil Society in Post-Soviet Central Asia (G108)

Chair and Discussant: Ayça Ergun (Middle East Technical University, e-mail: ayer@metu.edu.tr)

Charles Buxton (International NGO Training & Research Centre, Oxford, e-mail: Charlesb@intrac.kg), *Mainstream and alternative civil society in Central Asia*

Anarkul Moldosheva (Independent scholar, e-mail: Anaramoldosheva@gmail.com), *The women's movement in Central Asia. Between the Davos and Porto Allegre agendas*

Mahabat Murzakanova (Human Rights Center “Citizens Against Corruption”, e-mail: mmahabat@yahoo.com), *Is political culture the biggest factor explaining the divergent political identities in the five ex-Soviet republics of Central Asia?*

Afghanistan (G107)

Chair and Discussant: Oktay Tanrısever (Middle East Technical University, e-mail: oktay@metu.edu.tr)

Zahid Anwar (University of Peshawar, e-mail: ozahid@hotmail.com),
A View of Afghanistan at the Turn of the Century

Craig Naumann (Independent Scholar, e-mail: ccnaumann@yahoo.com),
In Search of a Socially Sustainable Paradigm to Settle the Afghanistan Crisis

Roundtable: The Recent Events in Kyrgyzstan (G108)

Chair: Laura Adams (Harvard University, e-mail: lladams2@earthlink.net)

Y. Emre Gürbüz (Kyrgyz-Turkish Manas University, e-mail: fromemre@gmail.com)

Ali Igmen (California State University at Long Beach, e-mail: aigmen@csulb.edu)

Elmira Kochumkulova (University of Central Asia, e-mail: elmira.kuchumkulova@ucentralasia.org)

Babak Rezvani (University of Amsterdam, e-mail: B.Rezvani@uva.nl)

Gender and Women in Central Asia (G109)

Chair and Discussant: Umut Beşpınar (Middle East Technical University, e-mail: bespınar@metu.edu.tr)

Ayşe Ayata and Ayça Ergun (Middle East Technical University, e-mail: aayata@metu.edu.tr & ayer@metu.edu.tr),
Gender Politics in Transitional Societies: A Comparative Perspective on Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan

Laliyakhon Yakhyaeva (Florida Gulf Coast University, e-mail: lyakhyaeva@fgcu.edu),
Marriage or Education, a Dilemma for Post-Soviet Muslim Countries

Sahiba Gafarova (Baku Slavic University, e-mail: sagiba@mail.ru),
The Topic of Gender in Women's Writings in Azerbaijani Literature

13:00-14:00 Lunch

14:00-15:30 Session 6

Energy Politics in Central Asia and the Caspian Basin (G107)

Chair and Discussant: Hayriye Kahveci (Middle East Technical University, e-mail: hayriye.kahveci@gmail.com)

Stamatia Volou (University of the Aegean, e-mail: svolou@gmail.com),

Energy as a key factor in the Caspian Sea region development: prospects, challenges and opportunities

Daniel Burghart (National Defense Intelligence College, e-mail: Daniel.Burghart@DIA.MIL),

Like Shifting Sands in the Steppe Wind? Central Asia's Changing Energy Politics

Meliha Altunışık (Middle East Technical University, e-mail: maltunis@metu.edu.tr),

Turkey as an Energy Corridor between Europe and Eurasia: Problems and Prospects

Oktay Tanrısever (Middle East Technical University, e-mail: oktay@metu.edu.tr),

Is There a Rivalry between the Nabucco and the South Stream Pipeline Projects?

Şaban Kardas (Sakarya University, e-mail: sabankardas@gmail.com),

Energy Dimension of Turkey-Azerbaijan Relations

15:30-16:00 Coffee Break

Diaspora, Return and Statehood in the Caucasus (G109)

Chair: Erol Taymaz (Middle East Technical University, e-mail: etaymaz@metu.edu.tr)

Esra Kızılbuğa (Middle East Technical University, e-mail: esra_duha@yahoo.com),

The August 2008 War And Challenges for Georgian State Building

Ergun Özgür (Marmara University, e-mail: ergunozgur1@yahoo.com),

The North Caucasian and Abkhaz Diasporas in Turkey

Cemre (Jade) Erciyes (Bazala, e-mail: jadecemre@yahoo.com),
Return Migration to Abkhazia: The implications of Recognition

Discussant: Setenay Nil Doğan (Yıldız Technical University, e-mail: sndogan@hotmail.com)

16:00-17:30 Session 7

Identity, Tradition, and Nation-Building (G107)

Chair: Laura Adams (Harvard University, e-mail: lladams2@earthlink.net)

Gulnar Nadirova (Kazakh National university named after al-Farabi, e-mail: arabkaznu@mail.ru),
The Doctrine of the National Unity of Kazakhstan : New National idea or Nationalist Revenge?

Mustafa Özcan (Rhode Island College, e-mail: mozcan@ric.edu),
The Turkish Melting Pot, Salad Bowl or Marbled Paper: Lessons from the American Experience

Elmira Kochumkulova (University of Central Asia, e-mail: elmira.kuchumkulova@ucentralasia.org),
Ethnography of a Jayloo: Continuity and Change in Kyrgyz Nomadic Traditions

Aigul Zabirowa (Eurasian National University, e-mail: zabirowa@hotmail.com),
Nation-building, Capital and Architecture. The case of Astana

Discussant: Gökten Doğangün (Middle East Technical University, e-mail: gokten@metu.edu.tr)

The Impact of International Actors in Eurasia (G108)

Chair and Discussant: Ayşe Ayata (Middle East Technical University, e-mail: aayata@metu.edu.tr)

Murad İsmayilov (Azerbaijan Diplomatic Academy, e-mail: mismayilov@ada.edu.az),
Russian Neo-imperialism vs. Western Neo-imperialism in the Region of a Post-Soviet Central Eurasia

Anar Somuncuoğlu (Independent Scholar, e-mail: anarsomuncuoglu@yahoo.com),
Transformation of the US Democracy Promotion Policy in Central Asia

Malgorzata Maria Biczyc (Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, e-mail: biczyk@eth.mpg.de),
Implementing Cultural Change. Cultural Evaluation of the EcoSanToiles Project in Kyrgyzstan as a Case of Sanitation Behavior Modernization

Religion and Islam in Eurasia (G109)

Chair and Discussant: Mustafa Şen (Middle East Technical University, e-mail: senmusti@metu.edu.tr)

Noah Tucker (US Department of Defense, e-mail: ntucker@post.harvard.edu),
Combating Sufism? How State Reactions to the Nurcu Movement Define 'Bad Islam'

Bahit Aktaulova (Kazakh National University named after al-Farabi, e-mail: bakhyt1976@mail.ru),
The Role of Various Islamic Trends in Social-Political Life of Kazakhstan

Mir Baiz Khan (ITREB Canada, e-mail: mirbaizkhan@yahoo.ca),
Symbolism of Light in the Central Asian Ismaili Tradition

Karin Esposito (Zirve University, e-mail: karushe@yahoo.com),
The Year of Abu Hanifa in Tajikistan and Tajik government perceptions of Islam