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Welcome Note

The Ellison Center for Russian, East European and Central Asian Studies (REECAS) is honored to host CESS at the University of Washington, where the conference was last held exactly 10 years ago. Since then, CESS has grown considerably and the quality of research our scholars produce continues to improve. However, the field also faces significant challenges, as funding for international and area studies is in decline, and political conditions—both in Eurasia and now the US—pose serious threats for cross-cultural interactions and the kinds of research CESS promotes. It is important that we continue asking the important questions and sharing our knowledge with the broader community, and our annual meeting of CESS will help further those goals.

Seattle is a vibrant global city, and has been at the forefront over the past year in advocating for policies to ensure that America remains open, welcoming, and internationally engaged.

The University of Washington has a long history of engagement with Central Asian Studies and continues to work to advance the field and train the next generation of specialists. In addition to offering Kazakh, Uzbek, and Uighur, the UW boasts the Central Asian Studies Group, a forum for faculty and students to present their research, run by Professor Talant Mawkanuli. The Ellison Center also offers grants specifically for graduate students working or presenting on Central Asia.

One of the builders of the program, Professor Ilse Cirtautas, recently retired after 47 years of service to the university. Professor Cirtautas helped create the Seattle-Tashkent Sister City Association in 1973. The association is thriving today, and hosts an annual Navruz festival for the greater Seattle area. This Friday we will convene a special lunchtime roundtable on Central Asian Studies in recognition of her contributions to the field.

There are also several highlights on the program that we want to point out:

The keynote speaker (Friday night) is Sarah Chayes, a senior fellow at the Carnegie Endowment in Washington D.C. and a former NPR reporter who spent nearly a decade in Afghanistan. She will speak on Central Asia’s place in transnational corruption networks.

The program includes special roundtable discussions addressing the state of scholarship on Central Eurasia: “Fieldwork in Challenging Settings” and “Bridging Central Asian and Caucasus Area Studies,” the second part of a discussion that began at CESS Bishkek.

There will also be author-critic book forums featuring Adeeb Khalid’s *Making Uzbekistan*, Jesse Driscoll’s *Warlords and Coalition Politics in Post-Soviet States*, and Regine Spector’s *Order at the Bazaar: Power and Trade in Central Asia*.

In addition to receptions on Friday and Saturday nights, we have organized an original cultural program that you should be aware of:

- On Friday at 12:45 in HUB 214, “Folktales from the Steppe” will feature three performer-scholars telling folk tales from the female point of view with heroines ranging from a maiden warrior to a shaman. This English-language storytelling event is complementary to the research panel on heroines in oral narratives (Saturday at 8:45).
• Seattle-based Georgian folk-singing group “onefourfive” will perform at the beginning of the Saturday night reception.

• On Saturday we will screen two movies: “Pure Coolness” (Kyrgyzstan, 2007) and “Gift to Stalin” (Kazakhstan, 2008).

Finally, a couple logistical points: Please note that the conference will be held at the Husky Union Building (HUB) Thursday and Friday, then move to Denny Hall Saturday and Sunday. Evening events will take place in nearby Kane Hall.

When you leave the conference venues you will find places to eat and socialize on the “Ave” (University Way), which is less than 10 minutes away on foot. There is a big (American) football game this weekend, so expect to see people walking around and exuding enthusiasm clad in the equivalent of our respective national flags. “Our” people are in purple.

We want to thank the Ellison Center staff for their months of hard work and dedication in organizing this conference: Managing Director Phil Lyon and Outreach Coordinator Valentina Petrova. We also thank CESS Administrative Coordinator Emma Sabzalieva, Ellison Center Program Coordinator Rachel Brown, Near East Section Librarian Mary St. Germain, and numerous student volunteers working this weekend.

A number of sponsors generously contributed to bringing CESS to UW: the Henry M. Jackson Foundation; MIR Corporation; the University of Washington’s Jackson School of International Studies, Centers for South Asian Studies and Global Studies, Simpson Center for the Humanities, College of Arts and Sciences Divisions of Social Sciences and Humanities, and departments of Political Science, History, Slavic Languages and Literatures, and Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations; and the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

On behalf of the CESS conference committee and the University of Washington, we hope you have a successful conference!

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Thursday, October 5
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16:15-17:45 - Formal Welcoming, Awards Ceremony & Keynote Speech, HUB 160 (The Lyceum) ...
18:15-20:00 - Keynote Reception, Kane Hall 225 (The Walker Ames Room)

Saturday, October 7
08.00-16.30 - Registration and Inquiries, Denny Lobby
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18:45-20:00 - Wine & Cheese Reception, Kane Hall 225 (The Walker Ames Room)

Sunday, October 8
08:00-11:00 - Registration and Inquiries, Denny Lobby
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Sarah Chayes
Senior Fellow, Democracy and Rule of Law Program, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace

TRANSNATIONAL KLEPTOCRATIC NETWORKS: THE CENTRAL ASIAN CONNECTIONS

Friday at 16:15 in HUB 160 (The Lyceum)

Sarah Chayes is internationally recognized for her innovative thinking on corruption and its implications. Her work explores how severe corruption can help prompt such crises as terrorism, revolutions and their violent aftermaths, and environmental degradation.

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Before joining Carnegie, Chayes served as special assistant to the top U.S. military officer, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Admiral Mike Mullen. She focused on governance issues, participating in cabinet-level decision-making on Afghanistan, Pakistan, and the Arab Spring, and traveling with Mullen frequently to these regions. Chayes was tapped for the job after her work as special adviser to two commanders of the international troops in Afghanistan (ISAF), at the end of a decade on the ground there.

It was a sense of historic opportunity that prompted Chayes to end her journalism career in early 2002, after covering the fall of the Taliban for NPR, and to remain in Afghanistan to help rebuild the country. She chose to settle in the former Taliban heartland, Kandahar.

In 2005, Chayes founded Arghand, a start-up manufacturing cooperative, where men and women working together produce fine skin-care products. The goal was to revive the region’s historic role in exporting fruit and its derivatives, to promote sustainable development, and expand alternatives to the opium economy. Running Arghand in downtown Kandahar proved to an instructive vantage point for observing the unfolding war.

From 1996 to 2001, Chayes was NPR’s Paris correspondent. For her work during the Kosovo crisis, she shared the 1999 Foreign Press Club and Sigma Delta Chi awards.

Along with Thieves of State, which won the 2016 Los Angeles Times Book Prize, Chayes is the author of The Punishment of Virtue: Inside Afghanistan After the Taliban (Penguin, 2006).
Cultural Program

Storytelling: Folktales from the Steppes
October 6 at 12:45 in HUB 214

It is in the nature of stories to travel, and today folktales from Central Asia arrive in Seattle! Join us for an hour of traditional stories told by professional storytellers and scholars that will open a window into the steppes. Veronica Muskheili (University of Washington, Slavic Languages and Literatures) studies world folktales and their life as performance art. Dana Sherry (Silk Road House) is a respected historian of Russia who now has turned to a life of storytelling. Kira Van Deusen (independent scholar) is a folktale collector and ethnographer; accompanied by her evocative singing, she delights listeners with adventures in worlds we do not see with the eye.

Asema, a Kyrgyz city girl visiting her boyfriend’s family in the countryside is mistaken for a villager and accidentally kidnapped by Sagyn, a young shepherd who was too shy to ask the young girl for marriage.

Film: Pure Coolness
October 7 at 12:35 in Denny 112

A Jewish child deported to Kazakhstan is saved and adopted by Kasym, an old Kazakh railway-man who gives him a name meaning “humble”. Growing up in the small Kazakh village along with other deportees, the boy observes and experiences the Soviet militia’s harassment of the poor peasants and one particular bully cop’s harassment of a local woman. Time passes and old Kasym decides that Sabyr is old enough to go to seek his real parents, but ultimately Saybr discovers it is the village of his unexpected childhood to which he can never return.

Film: The Gift to Stalin
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Performance: Onefourfive, a Georgian Choir in Seattle
October 7 at 18:45 in Kane 225 (Walker Ames Room)

Onefourfive is an nine-member, mixed ensemble singing (mostly) a cappella folk songs from the Republic of Georgia. They will perform the following songs:

- Mok’le Mravalzhamier, a short toasting song from K’akheti meaning “Long Life to You”
- Chven Mshvidoba, a polyphonic toasting song from Guria saying, “Peace to us here, may our hosts be lifted up, a happy host has many guests”
- Jinveloi, a dance song from Ach’ara with chromatic panduri and doli
AN-01 ♦ Contemporary Uyghur Society: Tradition and Transformation

Location: HUB 145

Chair: Arienne M. Dwyer (University of Kansas; anthlinguist@ku.edu)
Discussant: David W. Montgomery (University of Maryland; montgomery@cedarnetwork.org)
Rune Steenburg-Reyhe (Columbia University; rune_s_r@yahoo.dk)
“Star Preachers and Debated Dance in Southern Xinjiang, 2010-2013”
Darren Byler (University of Washington, Seattle; dbyler@uw.edu)
“The Rise of Uyghur Piety”
Aynur Kadir (Simon Fraser University; akadir@sfu.ca)
“Moral Quandaries of Uyghur Youth: Social Media Memes and the Changing Morality of Uyghurness”

CU-01 ♦ The Cultures and Languages of the Caucasus

Location: HUB 238

Chair: Malkhaz Saldadze (University of Washington; Malkhaz.Saldadze@ge.boell.org)
Discussant: John Colarusso (McMaster University; coloruss@mcmaster.ca)
Revaz Abashia (Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University; revazabashia@yahoo.com)
“Reconstructing the Sibilant Spirants and Affricates of the Kartvelian Proto-language”
Alexandra Yatsyk (Institute of Human Sciences, Vienna; ayatsyk@gmail.com)
“Security in the South Caucasus: Russia and Turkey in Adjara and Abkhazia”
Ia Grigalashvili (Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University; ia.grigalashvili@tsu.ge)
“Early Christian Liturgical Practice in the Martyrdom of the Nine Children from Kola”

EN-01 ♦ Energy and Ecology

Location: HUB 337

Chair: Bert Cramer (Independent Scholar, bert.cramer@gmail.com)
Discussant: Amanda Wooden (Bucknell University; amanda.wooden@bucknell.edu)
Alyssa Meyer (Indiana University, Bloomington; meyeraly@gmail.com)
“Climate Change Impacts on Long-Term Energy Access: Looking Toward Solutions”
Murodbek Laldjebaev (University of Central Asia; murodbek.laljebaev@ucentralasia.org)
“Assessment of Energy Poverty in Rural Communities of Khatlon Region, Tajikistan”
Jeanene Mitchell (University of Washington, Seattle; jmm2170@uw.edu)
“Brokering the Local: Civil Society Participation in River Management in Azerbaijan”
Zhyldyz Doolbekova (The Christensen Fund Central Asia; jyldyz.bekbolot@gmail.com)
“Traditional ecological knowledge and practices of ethic Kyrgyz of the Eastern Pamir in ethno-toponyms”

HI-01 ♦ Nomads and Empire: New Perspectives on Central Asian Encounters with Imperial States and Spaces

Location: HUB 332

Chair: Eric Johnson (University of Washington, Seattle; ej.redmond@gmail.com)
Discussant: Virginia Martin (University of Wisconsin-Madison; virginiamartin@tds.net)
Joo-Yup Lee (University of Toronto; jooyup.lee@utoronto.ca)
“The Frontier Spaces in the Qipchaq Steppe and the Kazakhs during the Post-Mongol Period”
Takahiro Onuma (Tohoku Gakuin University; onuma425@mail.tohoku-gakuin.ac.jp)
“Dispatch of the Nusan Mission: The Negotiations between Qing and Ablay in 1757”
Jipar Duishembieva (Evergreen State College; jipard@hotmail.com)
“Let Our People Get on with Their Lives: Threading the Needle Between the Qing and Kokand in Turbulent Times”

HI-16 ♦ 19th and Early 20th Century History

Location: HUB 334

Chair: Marianne Kamp (Indiana University, Bloomington; kamp@indiana.edu)
Discussant: Marianne Kamp (Indiana University, Bloomington; kamp@indiana.edu)
Bakhtiyor Alimdjanov (University of Saint Petersburg; felix_1985@mail.ru)
“Between Disregard and Control of Islam: Activities of V. P. Nalivkin as the 3rd Inspector of Educational Institutions of Turkestan (1889-1896)”
Aminat Chokobaeva (Australian National University; aminat.chokobaeva@anu.edu.au)
“A Small War: The Uprising of 1916 in Semirechie”
Darima Amogolonova (Institute for Mongolian, Buddhist and Tibetan Studies, Siberian Branch, Russian Academy of Sciences; amog@inbox.ru)
“Religion - State - Society: Buddhism in Late-Imperial Russia”

LA-01 ♦ Legality in Russia and Central Asia

Location: HUB 340

Chair: Bradley Murg (Seattle Pacific University; murgb@spu.edu)
Discussant: Diana Kudaibergenova (University of Lund / University of Cambridge; dk406@cam.ac.uk)
Natalia Alenkina (American University of Central Asia; alenkina_n@mail.ru) and Aigerim Azimova (American University of Central Asia; aigerimazimova@gmail.com)
Stephen Chaudoin (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; stephen.chaudoin@gmail.com) and Terrence Chapman (University of Texas, Austin; t.chapman@austin.utexas.edu)
“Contingent Public Support for International Legal Institutions: Evidence from a Survey Experiment in Kyrgyzstan”
Nazim Ziyadov (Antalya International University; nziyadov@gmail.com)
“Russian Constitutionalism and International Law: Comparing Judicial Interpretation Techniques”


Location: HUB 307

Chair: Stanley Currier (IREX, Washington, DC; scurrier@irex.org)
Discussant: Zhibek Tleshova (Academy of Public Administration under the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan; elzhib@yahoo.com)
Olena Levenets (Tallinn University of Technology; olenkalevenets@gmail.com)
“Informal Practices in Healthcare: Case of Ukraine”
Dina Sharipova (KIMEP University; dina.sharipova@kimep.kz)
“Informal Exchanges in Higher and Secondary Education in Kazakhstan”
Natsuko Oka (Institute of Developing Economies, Japan External Trade Organization; na2koka@gmail.com)
“Grades and Degrees for Sale: Informal Exchanges in Kazakhstan’s Education Sector”
Alan DeYoung (University of Kentucky; aldeyoung@gmail.com)
“Teaching and Research in the Republic of Turkmenistan: Negotiating with the Sponsors?”
SESSION 2
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5
16:15 - 18:00

HI-03 ♦ Source Analysis for the Mongol Empire
Location: HUB 332
Chair: Timothy May (University of North Georgia; timothy.may@ung.edu)
Discussant: Daniel Waugh (University of Washington, Seattle; dwaugh@u.washington.edu)
Paul Buell (University of Salzburg; qasqyrbuell@gmail.com)
“Arabic Medicine in the Mongol World: Huihui Yaofang, Muslim Medicinal Recipes”
Christopher Eirksn (University of Pittsburgh; cee18@pitt.edu)
“Diplomatic Correspondence in the Song-Yuan-Ming Transition, 1000-1425 CE”

IR-01 ♦ Environmental Preservation in Central Asia:
The Ili River-Lake Balkhash Ecosystem as a Case Study
Location: HUB 145
Chair: Maigul Nugmanova (Kazakh Ablai Khan University; maigulnugmanova@yahoo.com)
Discussant: Uli Schamiloglu (Nazarbayev University; uschamil@wisc.edu)
Steve Pueppke (Michigan State University; pueppke@msu.edu)
Sabir Nurtazin (Al-Farabi Kazakh National University; sabyr.nurtazin@kaznu.kz)
“The Challenge of Providing Southeastern Kazakhstan with Quality Drinking Water”
Fatima Kukeeva (Al-Farabi Kazakh National University; fturar@mail.ru)
“The Ili River: Is it a ‘Casualty’ of Kazakhstan’s Complicated Relationship with China”
Norman Graham (Michigan State University; ngraham@msu.edu)
“The Sustainability of Fisheries in the Ili Delta-Lake Balkhash Region”

LI-01 ♦ Caucasian Languages
Location: HUB 238
Chair: Mary Childs (University of Washington, Seattle; mchilds@u.washington.edu)
Discussant: Revaz Abashia (Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University; revazabashia@yahoo.com)
John Colarusso (McMaster University; colaruss@mcmaster.ca)
“The Vertical Vowel Systems of North West Caucasian”
Bert Beynen (Temple University; kesaphela@aol.com)
“The Semantic Distinctive Features of the Georgian Verbal Infix -am-”
Maia Tsitsvidze (Institute of Caucasiology, Ivane Javakhishvili State University; caucasiology@gmail.com)
“The Language and Culture of the Georgian-Avar Inscriptions”

PO-01 ♦ Mongolia’s Engagement in Central Eurasia:
Geopolitics, Energy, Transportation and Natural Resources
Location: HUB 340
Chair: Robert Bedeski (University of Victoria, Canada; University of Washington; rbedeski@uvic.ca)
Discussant: Alisia Campi (The Mongolia Society; monsocacampi@gmail.com)
Mendee Jargalsaikhan (University British Columbia; mendee@alumni.ubc.ca)
“Mongolia and Kyrgyzstan in Renewed Geopolitical Settings”
Marissa Smith (De Anza College; marissas23@gmail.com)
“Three Projects of One Belt One Road’s Mongolia/Russia/China Economic Corridor and Three Bilateral Relationships”
Julian Dierkes (University British Columbia; julian.dierkes@ubc.ca)
“The Variety of Governance Models in Mongolia’s Resource Industry”

SC-02 ♦ Roundtable: Bridging Central Asian and Caucasus Area Studies (Part Two)
Location: HUB 334
Chair: Timothy Blauvelt (American Councils / Ilia State University; timothy.blauvelt@iliauni.edu.ge)
John Schoeberlein (Nazarbayev University; john.schoeberlein@nu.edu.kz)
Jeff Sahadeo (Carleton University; jeffsahadeo@cunet.carleton.ca)
The HUB has a Starbucks, a convenience market, a food court, and ATMs in its basement.

SO-02 ♦ Islamic Practices and Entrepreneurship in Russia

Location: HUB 307

Chair: Liliya Karimova (George Washington University; liliyakarimova@gmail.com)
Discussant: Rahimjon Abdugafurov (Emory University; ruabdugafurov@gmail.com)
Rano Turaeva (Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology; r.turaeva@gmail.com)
“Islam and Entrepreneurship in Russia: Women’s Networks in Mosques in Moscow”
Izzat Aman (Independent Scholar; izzataman@mail.ru)
“Halal Businesses of Muslims in Russia”
AN-03 ♦ Burial Traditions and Cultural Identity in Central Asia

Location: HUB 145

Chair: Cyrus Rodgers (University of Washington, Seattle; cyrusr@uw.edu)
Discussant: Jennifer Webster (University of Washington, Seattle; jenniweb@uw.edu)

Chorshanbe Goibnazarov (University of Central Asia; chorshanbe.goibnazarov@ucentralasia.org)
“Music and Funeral Ceremonies in Badakhshan, Tajikistan”

Guldana Salimjan (Institute for Gender, Race, Sexuality, and Social Justice, University of British Columbia; guldanasalimjan@gmail.com)
“Sounding Kinship and Land: Lament as Ritual of Intergenerational Bonding in Northern Xinjiang”

Margaret Morton (School of Art, The Cooper Union; mortonnyc@gmail.com)
“Cities of the Dead: The Ancestral Cemeteries of Kyrgyzstan”

CU-02 ♦ Religious Identity and Cultural Practices in Tajikistan and the Kyrgyz Republic

Location: HUB 340

Chair: Zulfiya Bakhtibekova (University of Central Asia; z.bakhtibekova@gmail.com)
Discussant: Jon Mahoney (Kansas State University; jmahoney@ksu.edu)

Vincent Artman (Wayne State; vartman@gmail.com)
“My Poor Nation, Where Are You Going? Theologies of Nationhood in Kyrgyzstan”

Jamila Anderson (Kansas State University; jamila@ksu.edu)
“Non-Consensual Bride Kidnapping in the Kyrgyz Republic”

Benjamin Ale-Ebrahim (Indiana University, Bloomington; benalebrahim@gmail.com)
“Islamic Digital Media in Tajikistan: A Changing Religious Public Sphere”

ED-01 ♦ Post-Independence Higher Education in Kazakhstan: Realities and Perspectives

Location: HUB 337

Chair: Judith Parker (Teachers College, Columbia University, New York; jkp2001@tc.columbia.edu)
Discussant: Mikhail Akulov (Kazakh-British Technical University, Almaty; akulov@post.harvard.edu)

Bayan Yesperova (Kazakh National Agrarian University, Almaty; yesperova@gmail.com)
“Agriculture Education as a New Trend of Kazakhstan’s Sustainable Development”

Stanley Currier (IREX, Washington, DC; scurrier@irex.org)
“Workforce Development in Kazakhstan: The Role of University Career Centers”

Gainiya Tazhina (University of International Business, Almaty; tazhina_g@yahoo.com)
“Distance Learning in Kazakhstan: Challenges and Opportunities”

Fatima Duisebayeva (Kazakh National Agrarian University, Almaty; fatimad2004@mail.ru)
“Multilingual Education in Kazakhstan: New Economic and Employment Opportunities”

HI-05 ♦ Central Asian Oral Histories: Everyday Life, Identities, and Nostalgia

Location: HUB 332

Chair: Zukhra Kasimova (The University of Illinois at Chicago; zkasim2@uic.edu)
Discussant: Jeff Sahadeo (Carleton University; jeff.sahadeo@carleton.ca)

Adrienne Edgar (University of California, Santa Barbara; edgar@history.ucsb.edu)

Ali Igmen (California State University, Long Beach; igmen@csulb.edu)
“Selective Memories of the Late Twentieth-Century Soviet Theatre”

Marianne Kamp (Indiana University, Bloomington; mkamp@indiana.edu)
“Potatoes, Canals, and Schools: Incremental Transformations of Daily Life on the Kolkhoz in Uzbekistan”
Friday panel sessions, the Awards Ceremony and the Keynote Speech will take place in the HUB (Husky Union Building).

The Keynote Reception will follow these events in Kane Hall.
AN-02 ♦ Problems of Religious Identities in Central Asia in the Context of Globalization

**Location:** HUB 238

**Chair:** Leila Almazova (Kazan Federal University; leilaalmazova@gmail.com)

**Discussant:** Emil Dzhuraev (American University of Central Asia; dzhuraev_e@auca.kg)

Zhibek Syzdykova (Institute of Asian and African Studies, Moscow State University; ccca@iaas.msu.ru)

“Key Aspects of the Kazakh Religious Identity”

Daria Zhigulskaya (Institute of Asian and African Studies, Moscow State University; daria.zhigulskaya@rambler.ru)

“Globalization and New Forms of Religiosity (An Islamic Perspective from Central Asia)”

Anastasiya Ganich (Institute of Asian and African Studies, Moscow State University; astganich@gmail.com)

“The Pilgrimage to the Mausoleum of Khoja Ahmed Yasavi as an Element of Social and Cultural Life of the Kazakhs”

Jamal Rakhaev (Institute of Russian History, Russian Academy of Sciences; jamal_rv@mail.ru)

“National and Religious Identity of the North Caucasus Mountaineers during the Deportation to Central Asia (1943-1944)”

AN-04 ♦ Exploring Unaddressed Facets of Gender-based Violence in Central Asia: Economic and Political Participation, Societal Stigmatization and Mental Health

**Location:** HUB 145

**Chair:** Elena Kim (American University of Central Asia; kim_el@auca.kg)

**Discussant:** Lori Handrahan (Independent Consultant; lorihandrahan5@gmail.com)

Nurgul Ukueva (American University of Central Asia; ukueva_n@auca.kg)

“Gender and Self-employment: The Effect of Marriage, Children and Household Living Arrangements in Kyrgyzstan”

Mirgul Karimova (Search for Common Ground; mkarimova@sfcg.org)

“Lack of Women’s Political Participation in Kyrgyzstan Due to Societal Expectations”

Elena Molchanova (Republican Center of Mental Health of the Kyrgyz Republic; emolchanova2009@gmail.com)

“Mental Health Consequences of Gender-Based-Violence in the Kyrgyz Republic”

Olha Yarova (Institute for Behavioral Science and Research; o.yarova@gmail.com)

“Mothering a Special Child in Kyrgyzstan: Experience Shaped by Traditional Gender Roles”

AN-07 ♦ Workshop: The Piety and Radicalization Thesis: Anthropologists on Political Analysis of Islam

**Location:** HUB 214

**Chair:** John Schoeberlein (Nazarbayev University; johnschoeberlein@gmail.com)

Liliya Karimova (George Washington University; liliyakarimova@gmail.com)

Mukaram Toktogulova (American University of Central Asia; mucaramt@yahoo.com)

Helene Thibault (Nazarbayev University; helene.thibault@nu.edu.kz)

Nazif Shahrani (Indiana University, Bloomington; shahrani@indiana.edu)

David W. Montgomery (University of Maryland; montgomery@cedarnetwork.org)

CU-06 ♦ Music and Folklore in Central Eurasia

**Location:** HUB 340

**Chair:** Dana Sherry (Silk Road House; dlsherry@hotmail.com)

**Discussant:** Laada Bilaniuk (University of Washington, Seattle; bilaniuk@uw.edu)

Robert Beahrs (University of Pittsburgh; robert.beahrs@gmail.com)

“Nomadic Perspectives on Envoicement in the Sayan-Altaik Mountains”

Eunkyung Oh (Dongduk Women’s University; euphra33@hanmail.net)

“An Integrated Study on Performance Art and Storytelling Meistersingers Tradition from Pansori Performers to Eurasian Turkic Epic Singers”

Meiramgul Kussainova (Nazarbayev University; mkussainova@nu.edu.kz)

“Soviet Kazakh Music”

HI-06 ♦ Administration and Politics in the Mongol Empire

**Location:** HUB 332

**Chair:** Daniel Waugh (University of Washington, Seattle; dwaugh@u.washington.edu)

**Discussant:** Timothy May (University of North Georgia;
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FRIDAY SPECIAL SESSIONS
12:45 - 14:00

Tradition and the Future of Central Asian Studies
A Roundtable honoring Prof. Ilse Cirtautas
HUB 340

Chair:
Talant Mawkanuli, University of Washington

Participants:
Selim Kuru, University of Washington
Ali Igmen, California State University, Long Beach
Arienne Dwyer, University of Kansas
Uli Schamiloglu, University of Wisconsin

Storytelling:
Folktales from the Steppes
A cultural program of stories and singing
HUB 214

FRIDAY

HI-17 ♦ Historical Change in Turkestan
Location: HUB 337

Chair: Douglas Northrop (University of Michigan; northrop@umich.edu)
Discussant: Ian Campbell (University of California, Davis; iwcampbell@ucdavis.edu)

Zhanat Kundakbayeva (Al-Farabi Kazakh National University; janbekkun@mail.ru)
“Bolsheviks’ interference into the intimate daily lives of Kazakh women, 1920-1930: duel between Soviet transformation and tradition”

Bakhodir Pasilov (Institute of Oriental Studies, Uzbekistan Academy of Sciences; bpasilov09@yahoo.com)
“Ethno-political processes in Turkestan, Bukhara and Khorezm in 1917-1924”

Taylor Zajicek (Princeton University; zajicek@princeton.edu)
“A natural disaster history: earthquakes, science, and empire in late 19th century Turkestan”

Khushnudbek Abdurasulov (Institute of Oriental Studies, Uzbekistan Academy of Sciences; leroy_brown@mail.ru)
“New faces in the markets of Russian Turkestan: polizmeisters and veterinarians as colonial agents”

PO-04 ♦ Fieldwork in Challenging Settings
Location: HUB 334

Chair: Timothy Blauvelt (American Councils / Ilia State University; timothy.blauvelt@iliauni.edu.ge)
Krista Goff (University of Miami; kgoff@miami.edu)
Jennifer Murtazashvili (University of Pittsburgh; jmurtaz@pitt.edu)
Edward Schatz (University of Toronto; chair.pol.utm@utoronto.ca)

Sasha Klyachkina (Northwestern University; klyachkina@u.northwestern.edu)

SO-04 ♦ Gender, Migration and Patriarchy
Location: HUB 307

Chair: Selbi Jumayeva (Bishkek Feminist Initiatives; selbi.djumayeva@gmail.com)
Discussant: Swetlana Torno (Heidelberg University; swetlana.torno@asia-europe.uni-heidelberg.de)

Zulfiya Bakhtibekova (University of Central Asia; z.bakhtibekova@gmail.com)
“Who is the Head of the Household? Women as Guardians of Patriarchy in Tajikistan”

Cholpon Turdaileva (American University of Central Asia; turdaileva@gmail.com)
“Gendered Mobility and ‘Transport Social Exclusion’ in Bishkek”

Nodira Kholmatova (European University Institute in Florence; nodira.kholmatova@eui.eu)
“Changing the Face of Labor Migration? The Feminization of Labor Migration from Tajikistan to Russia”
AN-05 ◆ Gender, Environment, and International Development
Location: HUB 145
Chair: Emil Nasritdinov (American University of Central Asia; emilzn@gmail.com)
Discussant: Helge Blakkisrud (Norwegian Institute of International Affairs; hb@nupi.no)
Asel Myrzabekova (Bonn International Center for Convention; aselyam@gmail.com)
“Agricultural Knowledge Transfer in Rural Kyrgyzstan: Implications for Empowerment”
Karina Standal (University of Oslo; karina.standal@sum.uio.no)
“Where Did all the Women Go? Corporate Ambitions and Gender Focus in Public Private Partnerships for Energy Development”
Elena Kim (American University of Central Asia; kim_el@auca.kg)
“How Development ‘Misses’ Women: Water Management in Uzbekistan”
Altyn Kapalova (Mountain Societies Research Institute, University of Central Asia; altyn.kapalova@gmail.com)
“Water Resources Management in Kyrgyz Mountain Communities: Informal Communications and the Role of Women”

CU-04 ◆ Bacha and Beyond: Crossdressing and Gender Diversity in Central Asia
Location: HUB 337
Chair: Guldana Salimjan (Institute for Gender, Race, Sexuality, and Social Justice, University of British Columbia; guldasalimjan@gmail.com)
Discussant: Svetlana Peshkova (University of New Hampshire; s.peshkova@unh.edu)
Bradley Horst (University of Washington, Seattle; bhorst@uw.edu)
“The Ethnographic Encounter in the East: Russian Colonial Knowledge and the Gendering of Bacha, 1870-1920”
Jennifer Wilson (University of Pennsylvania; jennwil@sas.penn.edu)
“Queer Tashkent, Queer Harlem: Langston Hughes’ ‘The Boy Dancers of Uzbekistan’”

CU-05 ◆ Tourism in the Caucasus: Trends and Challenges
Location: HUB 214
Chair: Bert Beynen (Temple University; kesaphela@aol.com)
Discussant: Veronica Muskeli (University of Washington, Seattle; nika@u.washington.edu)
Michael Long (Baylor University; michael_long@baylor.edu) and Sara Alexander (Baylor University; Sara_Alexander@baylor.edu)
“Tourism Development in Georgia: Priorities, Possibilities, and Vulnerabilities”
Mary Childs (University of Washington, Seattle; mchilds@u.washington.edu)
“Of Birders and Botanists: Eco-Tourism in Georgia”
Julie Christensen (George Mason University; jchriste@gmu.edu)
“The Role of Film and Media in the ‘Struggle for Gagra’”

HI-07 ◆ Voices from the Steppe: Linguistic and Historical Explorations of the 18th and Early-19th Centuries
Location: HUB 340
Chair: Jipar Duishembieva (Evergreen State College; jipard@hotmail.com)
Discussant: Takahiro Onuma (Tohoku Gakuin University; onuma425@mail.tohoku-gakuin.ac.jp)
Eric Johnson (University of Washington, Seattle; ej.redmond@gmail.com)
“Navigating the Scylla of Empire and the Charybdis of Tribal Politics: Nurali and the Younger Horde, 1748-1786”
Virginia Martin (University of Wisconsin-Madison; virginiamartin@tds.net)
“Kazak Elites and the Power of Written Communication in the 1820s-1830s”
Talant Mawkanuli (University of Washington, Seattle; tmawkan@uw.edu)
“A Linguistic Analysis of Kazak Correspondence of the 18th and 19th Centuries”

HI-09 ◆ Alphabet Soup: The Politics of Orthography in Late-Imperial and Soviet Eurasia
Location: HUB 238
Chair: Ian Campbell (University of California, Davis; iwcampbell@ucdavis.edu)
Discussant: Laada Bilaniuk (University of Washington, Seattle; labilaniuk@uw.edu)
Samuel Buelow (Indiana University, Bloomington; srbuelow@umail.iu.edu)
“Crossdressers and Conchitas: Differing Approaches to Men’s Femininity in Kyrgyzstan 2014”
Plenary
16:15 - 17:45
HUB 160 - The Lyceum

Formal Welcoming
Brief remarks by:
Amanda Wooden, CESS President and Bucknell University
Scott Radnitz, University of Washington

Award Ceremony
Presiding: David Montgomery, Awards Committee Chair and
CEDAR Communities Engaging Difference and Religion

Keynote Speech
Sarah Chayes
“Transnational Kleptocratic Networks: the Central Asian Connection”
HI-08 ♦ The Qing Empire between China and Central Asia

Location: Denny 212

Chair: Jonathan Lipman (Mt. Holyoke College; jlipman@mtholyoke.edu)
Discussant: Jonathan Lipman (Mt. Holyoke College; jlipman@mtholyoke.edu)
Matthew Mosca (University of Washington, Seattle; mosca@uw.edu)
“Mystery of the Missing Country?: Persia in Qing Geographic Scholarship in the 18th Century”
Noriko Unno-Yamazaki (Japan Society for the Promotion of Sciences; nur92kippis@gmail.com)
“The Cultural and Political Activities of Russian Muslim Intellectuals in Early 20th-Century China”
Eric Schluessel (University of Montana; eric.schluessel@umontana.edu)
“Islamic Interpretations of the Chinese Rites in Late-Qing Xinjiang”

HI-10 ♦ Between Resistance and Accommodation: Muslim Tatars and the Russian Imperial State, 1800-1914

Location: Denny 210

Chair: Elena Campbell (University of Washington, Seattle; eicampb@uw.edu)
Discussant: Ian Campbell (University of California, Davis; iwcampbell@ucdavis.edu)
Kelly A. O’Neill (Harvard University; koneill@fas.harvard.edu)
“Shipbuilders, Shepherds, and the Politics of Nature in 19th Century Crimea”
Stefan B. Kirmse (Leibniz-Zentrum Moderner Orient (ZMO), Berlin, Germany; stefan.kirmse@zmo.de)
“In Defense of Land and Faith: Rebellious Tatars Encountering State Officials in Late Nineteenth-Century Crimea and Kazan”
Norihiro Naganawa (Slavic-Eurasian Research Center, Hokkaido University, Japan; luch@slav.hokudai.ac.jp)
“Mutinous Intermediaries? Muslim Chinovniki in the 1905 Revolution”

HI-11 ♦ Central Asia in the USSR

Location: Denny 256

Chair: Ali Igmen (California State University, Long Beach; igmen@csulb.edu)
Discussant: Anna Whittington (University of Michigan; annawhit@umich.edu)
Didar Kassymova (KIMEP University; didar@kimep.kz)
and Baurzhan Zhanguttin (Abay State University; arystan_g@mail.ru)
“Migrations Regulations during the Virgin Lands Campaign in Soviet Kazakhstan”

Maria Taylor (University of Michigan; marianoh@umich.edu)
“Designing Garden-Factories under Stalin: From Moscow to Tashkent”

PO-06 ♦ Author-Critic Forum: Regine Spector’s ‘Order at the Bazaar: Power and Trade in Central Asia’

Location: Denny 259

Chair: Liliya Karimova (Kennan Institute / George Washington University)
Amanda Wooden (Bucknell University; amanda.wooden@bucknell.edu)
Emil Dzhuraev (American University of Central Asia; dzhuraev_e@auca.kg)
Scott Radnitz (University of Washington, Seattle; srad@uw.edu)
Regine Spector (University of Massachusetts-Amherst; rspector@polsci.umass.edu)

RE-01 ♦ Islam in Central Asia 1

Location: Denny 313

Chair: Rahimjon Abdugafurov (Emory University; ruabdugafurov@gmail.com)
Discussant: John Schoeberlein (Nazarbayev University; johnschoeberlein@gmail.com)
Shahnoza Madaeva (National University of Uzbekistan; shahnoza.madaeva@yahoo.com) and Nargiza Hidirova
“Islam, Power and Mechanisms of Formation of Religious Identity in Fergana Valley”

Nazif Shahrani (Indiana University, Bloomington; shahrani@indiana.edu)
“Wahhabi Narrations of the First Muslims in the Mid-1990s for Post-Soviet Central Asians”

Paul Kubicek (Oakland University; kubicek@oakland.edu)
“Islamist Political Orientations Among Central Asian Youth”

RS-01 ♦ Afghanistan

Location: Denny 213

Chair: Jennifer Murtazashvili (University of Pittsburgh; jmurtaz@pitt.edu)
Discussant: Jennifer Murtazashvili (University of Pittsburgh; jmurtaz@pitt.edu)

Lenny Linke (Independent Scholar; j.linke@gmail.com)
“Transiting in the Shadow? Trade, Economy and Traditions Across the Afghan-Pakistani Border”

Sayed Nooroddin Alavi (Kabul University; nooroddinalawi@gmail.com)
“Corruption in Afghanistan: Factors, Types and Consequences”

Christina Sciabarra (Bellevue College; christina.sciabarra@gmail.com) and Farzana Hervey (University of Arizona; farzanamarie@gmail.com)
“No Time for Love-Songs: Utilizing Contemporary Afghan Women’s Poetry to Understand Peacebuilding in Post-9/11 Afghanistan”

Bill Mankins (Indiana University, Bloomington; bmankins@indiana.edu)
“Epistemology, Intelligence, and Strategy in the US Armed Intervention in Afghanistan”

SO-06 ♦ Migration

Location: Denny 113

Chair: Michelle O’Brien (University of Washington, Seattle; shannml@uw.edu)

Discussant: Cholpon Turdalieva (American University of Central Asia; turdalieva@gmail.com)

Jakhongir Kakhkharov (Griffith University; jkakharov@hotmail.com)
“Remittances and Financial Development in Transition Economies”

Bakhrom Radjabov (University of Tsukuba; b.radjabov@gmail.com)
“Social Remittances Created by Uzbek Students Studying in Kassel, Germany and Tsukuba, Japan: A Comparative Analysis”

Vasili Rukhadze (The Jamestown Foundation; vrukhadz@kent.edu)
“Mass Migration and Economic Crisis in the Caucasus and Central Asia: Which Starts First and How Do They Impact Each Other?”

Farrukh Irnazarov (Central Asian Development Institute; irfarrukh@yahoo.com)
“The Impact of Russian Re-entry Bans on Central Asian Labor Migrants’ Coping Strategies”

Canan Cetin (Yildirim Beyazit University; canatune@gmail.com)
“The Gravity Model of Migration Applied to Central Asia?”
CU-03 ♦ Nostalgia, Bilingualism and Identity in Eurasian Literature

Location: Denny 112

Chair: Dana Sherry (Silk Road House; dlsherry@hotmail.com)
Discussant: Mary Childs (University of Washington, Seattle; mchild@uwashington.edu)

Miglena Dikova-Milanova (University of Ghent; miglena.dikovamilanova@ugent.be)
“How to Deal with Nostalgia”

Azatkul Kudaibergenova (Independent Scholar; kdbgrnzvazatkul8@gmail.com)
“Creative Bilingualism of Chingiz Aitmatov”

Dmitriy Melnikov (Nazarbayev University; dmitriy.melnikov@nu.edu.kz)
“Writing as Identity: Narrating Imagined (Hi)Stories in Contemporary Kazakhstani Russophone Literature”

CU-08 ♦ Engagement, Authenticity and Gender in Eurasian Mountaineering

Location: 110

Chair: Krista Goff (University of Miami; kgoff@miami.edu)
Discussant: Timothy Blauvelt (American Councils / Ilia State University; timothy.blauvelt@iliauni.edu.ge)

John P. Hope (Purdue University; hadjiabrek@yahoo.com)
“Vot eto dlia muzhchin - riukzak i ledorub: Soviet Mountaineering, Popular Culture, and the Question of Gender”

Ben Bamberger (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; benbamberger@gmail.com)
“At the Center of the Periphery: Svåneti and the Meaning of Mountainous Space, 1925-1955”

CU-09 ♦ The Arts in Politics and Memory in Central Eurasia

Location: Denny 111

Chair: Wumaier Yilamu (Independent Scholar; wumaier@hawaii.edu)
Discussant: Petya Andreeva (University of Pennsylvania; andreeva@sas.upenn.edu)

Monica Steinberg (University of Southern California; monicaleesteinberg@gmail.com)
“Subtle Activism in Contemporary Azerbaijani Art”

Alexey Ulko (Independent Scholar; alexulko@yahoo.co.uk)
“Postcolonial Perspectives on Contemporary Esoteric Art in Uzbekistan”

GE-01 ♦ Geography Beyond the Nation

Location: Denny 259

Chair: Douglas Northrop (University of Michigan; northrop@umich.edu)
Discussant: Christopher P. Atwood (University of Pennsylvania; catwood@sas.upenn.edu)

Eva-Marie Dubuisson (Bogazici University; emdubuisson@boun.edu.tr)
“Exploring a Sacred Geography: Environmental Discourses in Kazakhstan”

Amanda Wooden (Bucknell University; amanda.wooden@bucknell.edu)
“Meanings of Glaciers, Mountains, and Mines in Kyrgyzstan’s Historical Context and Future Climate Change”

Diana Kudaibergenova (University of Lund / University of Cambridge; dk406@cam.ac.uk)
“My Silk Road to You: Re-imagining Routes, Roads, and Geography in Contemporary Art of Central Asia”

HI-12 ♦ Historical Diplomacy

Location: Denny 210

Chair: Ron Sela (Indiana University, Bloomington; rselaindiana.edu)
Discussant: Ron Sela (Indiana University, Bloomington; rselaindiana.edu)

Aftandil Erkinov (Tashkent State University of the Uzbek language and literature named after Alisher Navoi; aftandilerkinov@gmail.com)
“A Poetical Anthology Infused with the Geopolitical Design of the Kokand Khanate: The Muhabbat-Nama as a Diplomatic Gift from Umar-khan (1810-1822) to the Ottoman Sultan Mahmud II (1808-1839)”

Hideyuki Naganuma (University of Tokyo; naganuma_hide0630@yahoo.co.jp)
“Russia’s Politics toward the Kazakh Khans in the Early 19th Century: ‘Divide et Impera’ Paradigm Revisited”

Gulchekhra Sultanova (Institute of History, Uzbekistan Academy of Sciences; gulysulton@gmail.com)
“A Dialog between Bukhara and Russia on Power Change in 18th Century: Analyzing Archival Documents of Russian Empire”
HI-13 ♦ Historiography

**Location:** Denny 256

**Chair:** Adeeb Khalid (Carleton College; akhalid@carleton.edu)

**Discussant:** Eric Schluessel (University of Montana; eric.schluessel@umontana.edu)

Yunus Emre Gurbuz (Kyrgyz-Turkish Manas University; fromemre@gmail.com)

“Nationalization of the Historical Territory in Azerbaijan: The Impact of Nagorno-Karabakh Conflict on the Azerbaijani Historiography”

Kwang Tae Lee (Indiana University, Bloomington; leekwa@indiana.edu)

“Making a Villain in Bukhara: The Russian-Soviet Historiography on Amir Nasrullah (r. 1827-1860)”

Ali Mohammad Tarafdar (National Library & Archives of I. R. of Iran; tarafdary@yahoo.com)

“The Link between Archaeology and Nationalism in Iran: Archaeology Excavations and Nationalistic Historiography in Qajar Era”

Helge Blakkisrud (Norwegian Institute of International Affairs; hb@nupi.no)

“Anchoring the Nation in the Past: History Textbooks and Nation-building in Central Asia”

PO-08 ♦ Conflict in the Caucasus and Central Asia

**Location:** Denny 212

**Chair:** Rainer Ruge (Former EU Council Officer; rainerruge@yahoo.com)

**Discussant:** Michelle O’Brien (University of Washington, Seattle; shannm@uw.edu)

Gorkem Atsungur (American University of Central Asia; gorkematsungur@yahoo.de)


Qingming Huang (University of Florida; galiqm@ufl.edu)

“Generational Gap and Ethnic Conflict in Xinjiang”

Nata Jalabazde (Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University Javakhishvili Institute of History and Ethnology; nata_jalabazde@posta.ge)

“Intercultural Relations in the Borderlands: The Case of Georgia and North Ossetia -Alania”

Emrullah Uslu (Virginia International University; euslu@viu.edu)

“Caucasian, Central Asian-origin and Uyghur Militant Islamist Network in Turkey”

RE-02 ♦ Islam in Central Asia 2

**Location:** Denny 258

**Chair:** Paul Kubicék (Oakland University; kubicek@oakland.edu)

**Discussant:** Nazif Shahrani (Indiana University, Bloomington; shahrani@indiana.edu)

Mukaram Toktogulova (American University of Central Asia; mucaramt@yahoo.com)

“Religious Mobilities of Masturat (Female Tablighees) in Kyrgyzstan”

Daria Saprynskaya (Moscow State University; saprynskayadv@gmail.com)

“The Role of Islam in the Process of Oralman’s Social Adaptation in Kazakhstan”

Charles Weller (Washington State University and Georgetown University; rc.weller@wsu.edu)

“Abai and Islam in Soviet and Post-Soviet Perspective”

RE-03 ♦ Religion in the Caucasus

**Location:** Denny 313

**Chair:** Ia Grigalashvili (Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University; ia.grigalashvili@tsu.ge)

**Discussant:** John Colarusso (McMaster University; colaruss@mcmaster.ca)

Kevin Tuite (Universite de Montreal; kj.tuite@umontreal.ca)

“The Institutional and Popular Cults of the Military Saints in the Western Caucasus”

Nino Ghambashidze (Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University Javakhishvili Institute of History and Ethnology; nino_gambashidze1955@yahoo.com)

“Forms of the Georgian Traditional Pilgrimage and the Modern Orthodox Autocephalous Church of Georgia”

Lavrenti Janiashvili (Tbilisi State University / Ivane Javakhishvili Institute of History and Ethnology, Tbilisi; jlavrenti@yahoo.com)

“Traditional Festivals against the Background of Ethno-demographic Transformations: Some Aspects of Georgian-Ossetian Relations in Kazbegi District”

RS-03 ♦ Kazakhstan 1: Journalism, Public Opinion and Protest

**Location:** Denny 213

**Chair:** Nora Webb Williams (University of Washington, Seattle; norawebbwilliams@gmail.com)

**Discussant:** Alexander Diener (University of Kansas; diener@ku.edu)

Nazgul Shyngyssova (Al-Farabi Kazakh National University; nazgul_71@mail.ru), Aliya Boranbayeva (Al-Farabi
Kazakh National University; aliyabo@gmail.com) and Saida Negizbayeva (Narxoz University; saidanegiz@gmail.com)
“Are We Living through a ‘Golden Age’ of Tabloid Journalism?”

Galiya Ibrayeva (Al-Farabi Kazakh National University; galiya.ibrayeva@gmail.com)
“Why Study Journalism: Perspectives of Future Kazakh Journalists”

Barbara Junisbai (Pitzer College; barbara_junisbai@pitzer.edu), Azamat Junisbai (Pitzer College; ajunisba@pitzer.edu) and Baurzhan Zhusupov (National Medical Academy; zhusupov.b@kaznmu.kz)
“The Nazarbayev Generation and Public Opinion in Kazakhstan”

Ajay Kumar Patnaik (Jawaharlal Nehru University; patnaik.ajay@gmail.com)
“Causes and Nature of Protests in Kazakhstan”

SO-07 ♦ Social Media

Location: Denny 113

Chair: Swetlana Torno (Heidelberg University; swetlana.torno@asia-europe.uni-heidelberg.de)
Discussant: Gulnara Medeubekova (University of Toronto; gulnara.medubekova@mail.utoronto.ca)

Inessa Beloglazova (Kazan Federal University; igbeloglazova@gmail.com)
“Citing the Quran on the Internet: Social Networks (On Material of Community Islam...”

Karlyga Myssayeva (Al-Farabi Kazakh National University; myssayeva.kn@gmail.com)
“The Impact of Social Media in Kazakhstan”

Katy Pearce (University of Washington, Seattle; kepearce@uw.edu), Jessica Vitak (University of Maryland) and Kristen Barta (University of Washington, Seattle)
“Socially Mediated Visibility: Friendship and Dissent in Authoritarian Azerbaijan”

Amita Vempati (Independent Scholar; amita.b.vempati@gmail.com)
“#tajik: Post-Soviet Nationalism, Curated Cosmopolitanism, and the Politics of Hashtag Use”
AN-08 ♦ Values and Well-Being

Location: Denny 112

Chair: Katy Pearce (University of Washington, Seattle; kepearce@uw.edu)

Discussant: Balihar Sanghera (University of Kent; B.S.Sanghera@kent.ac.uk)

Corinne Hughes (Portland State University; cohughes@pdx.edu)


Jildyz Urbaeva (State University of New York at Albany; zurbaeva@albany.edu), Ted Jackson (State University of New York at Albany; tfjackson@albany.edu) and Daejun Park (State University of New York at Albany; dpark7@albany.edu)

“Are Social Relations Good for Health? Evidence from Kyrgyzstan, a Low-Income Transitional Society”

Marlene Laruelle (George Washington University; laruelle@gwu.edu)

“The Rise of Illiberal Values in Central Asia”

Fatemeh Sadraee (University of Kansas; fsadraee@ku.edu)

“Ab-Paria ‘Water Fairy’: The Concept of Water from Mythology to Reality, from Sacredness to Scarcity”

Galib Bashirov (Florida International University; gbashiro@fiu.edu)

“Deconstructing Multiculturalism Discourse in Azerbaijan”

CU-10 ♦ Visuality and Representation in Central Asia

Location: Denny 110

Chair: Monica Steinberg (University of Southern California; monicaleesteinberg@gmail.com)

Discussant: Monica Steinberg (University of Southern California; monicaleesteinberg@gmail.com)

Konstantin Vasil'gov (Museum of Anthropology and Ethnography (Kunstkamera) Russian Academy of Science; vasilgov@mail.ru)

“Visual Representation and Russian Orientalism: Central Asia in Photo-illustrative Collections of the Museum of Anthropology and Ethnography RAS”

Moldiyar Yergebekov (Suleyman Demirel University; moldiyar.yergebekov@sdu.edu.kz) and Amina Zhemenev (KIMEP University; azhemenev@gmail.com)

“Representation of Women in Contemporary Kazakh

Cinema”

Petya Andreeva (University of Pennsylvania; andreeva@sas.upenn.edu)

“Visualizing Central Asia: Pictorial Narratives of Early Propaganda Art in Soviet Russia and the People’s Republic of China”

HI-02 ♦ Author-Critic Forum: Making Uzbekistan: A Conversation with Adeeb Khalid

Location: Denny 259

Chair: Scott Levi (Ohio State University; levi.18@osu.edu)

Alexander Morrison (Nazarebayev University; alexander.morrison@nu.edu.kz)

Adrienne Edgar (University of California, Santa Barbara; edgar@history.ucsb.edu)

Marianne Kamp (Indiana University, Bloomington; kamp.indiana.edu)

Jeff Sahadeo (Carleton University; jeff.sahadeo@carleton.ca)

Adeeb Khalid (Carleton College; akhalid@carleton.edu)

HI-14 ♦ Central Asia in the Middle Ages

Location: Denny 210

Chair: Michael Hope (Yonsei University; y1002029@yonsei.ac.kr)

Discussant: Anne Broadbridge (University of Massachusetts-Amherst; broadbridge@history.umass.edu)

Guram Chikovani (Free University of Tbilisi; gchikovani@yahoo.com)

“Arabs of Central Asia: Materials of Scientific Expeditions”

Zachary Hershey (University of Pennsylvania; zhershey@sas.upenn.edu)

“Alcohol and Diplomacy: Khitan-Chinese Relations in the Early 11th Century”

Khilola Nazirova (Institute of Oriental Studies, Uzbekistan Academy of Sciences; oybonu@gmail.com) and Hamidullo Aminov (Institute of Oriental Studies, Uzbekistan Academy of Sciences; oybonu@gmail.com)

“Khwarizmian Calendar Based on 19th Century Manuscripts”

Khodadad Rezakhani (Princeton University; krezakhani@princeton.edu)

“To Cross, or Not to Cross, the Hindu-Kush: The Transition Between the Kidarite and Hephthalite Rule in Tokharistan”

Abdumalik Tuychibaev (Ankara University; tuychibayev@gmail.com)

“Samarkand in the Light of Fatwas”
PO-09 ♦ Revolution and Opposition  
**Location:** Denny 111  

*Chair:* Regine Spector (University of Massachusetts-Amherst; rspector@polsci.umass.edu)  
*Discussant:* Jesse Driscoll (University of California, San Diego; jdriscoll@ucsd.edu)  
Rebecca Clendenen (University of Illinois at Chicago; rclend2@uic.edu)  
“Articulations of Legitimacy in the Orange Revolution”  
Maia Machavariani (Dublin City University; mako.machavariani@gmail.com)  
“Political Opposition versus Sources of Power in the Caspian Region; Case Studies from Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan”  
Elena Semenova (Free University of Berlin; s6seel2@googlemail.com)  
“Why Revolutions Fail? Political Elites in Kyrgyzstan”  

RS-04 ♦ Kazakhstan 2: Nationalism, Identity and Representation  
**Location:** Denny 213  

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“Socio-Psychological Conditions Influencing the Ethno-Cultural Identity Shift of Kazakhstani Russians”  
Elise Ahn (University of Wisconsin-Madison; eahn@international.wisc.edu)  
“A Phenomenological Look at Historical Diasporas in Kazakhstan: Situating the Experiences of Kazakhstani Koreans”  
Alexander Diener (University of Kansas; diener@ku.edu), Nora Webb Williams (University of Washington, Seattle; norawebbwilliams@gmail.com) and Kristoffer Rees (Indiana University East; kmrees@iue.edu)  
“Civic Nationalism in Kazakhstan: Results from 2017 Fieldwork”  
Maira Zeinilova (Dublin City University; maira.zeinilova2@mail.dcu.ie)  
“Analyzing the Significance of the Changing Pattern of the Descriptive Representation of Women in Authoritarian Regimes: The Case of Kazakhstan”  

RS-05 ♦ Kyrgyzstan  
**Location:** Denny 258  

*Chair:* Vincent Artman (Wayne State; vartman@gmail.com)  
*Discussant:* Edward Schatz (University of Toronto; chair.pol.utm@utoronto.ca)  
Emil Dzhuraev (American University of Central Asia; emil.joroev@gmail.com)  
“Post-Revolutionary Nationalism in Kyrgyzstan”  
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“Saying No: Determinants of Dissent Among Kyrgyz Legislators”  
Azamat Junisbai (Pitzer College; ajunisba@pitzer.edu) and Barbara Junisbai (Pitzer College; bjunisba@pitzer.edu)  
“Institutional Trust in Kazakhstan vs. Kyrgyzstan: How Do the Divergent Trajectories Matter?”  

RS-06 ♦ Mongolia and China  
**Location:** Denny 212  

*Chair:* Sansar Tsakhirmaa (Johns Hopkins University; ssan2@jhu.edu)  
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“The Cultural Revolution and the ‘Xinjiang Wenti’: The Beijing Narrative”  
Sureyya Yigit (Yalova University; sureyya@cantab.net)  
“Mongolian Transition: The Normative Role of the European Union”  
Sharad Soni (Jawaharlal Nehru University; sharadksoni@gmail.com)  
“Reassessing Mongolian Foreign Policy amidst Quest for ‘Permanent Neutrality’”  

SC-01 ♦ 2015 Public Outreach Award: CESMI: Central Eurasian Scholars and Media Initiative  
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SO-08  ♦ Cities in Central Asia

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*Chair:* Zachary Schuyler (University of Chicago; zschuyl@uchicago.edu)

*Discussant:* Bert Cramer (Independent Scholar; bert.cramer@gmail.com)

Emil Nasritdinov (American University of Central Asia; emilzn@gmail.com) and Raushanna Sarkeyeva

“Structure and Texture of Bishkek’s Urban Communities: Who Has a Right to the City?”

Vladimir Ionesov (Samara State Institute of Culture; acdis@mail.ru)

“Samara and Samarkand in Dialogue of Cities: Experience of Transcultural Samarkandiana Project”

Christilla Marteau d’Autry (Center of Comparative Sociology and Ethnology (LESC); cmdautry@gmail.com)

“The Foundation of a Mahalla: An Ongoing Process”

SO-10  ♦ Families in Central Asia

*Location:* Denny 256

*Chair:* Guangqing Chi (Pennsylvania State University; gchi@psu.edu)

*Discussant:* Margarethe Waldt (Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology; waldt@eth.mpg.de)

Saltanat Childress (University of Wisconsin-Madison; saltanatdc@gmail.com)

“Understanding Help-seeking and Coping Mechanisms among Women Survivors of Domestic Abuse in Kyrgyzstan: A Qualitative Study”

Gulrukh Rakhimova (Independent Scholar; gulrukhrrakhimova1@gmail.com)

“Intercultural Parenting among Russian-speaking Families in Uzbekistan”

Swetlana Torno (Heidelberg University; swetlana.torno@asia-europe.uni-heidelberg.de)

“Mothers in Sorrow: On the Interrelations of Love, Care and Aging in Tajikistan”

Helene Thibault (Nazarbayev University; helene.thibault@nu.edu.kz)

“Second-wives and Other Polygynous Arrangements in Astana”

Saturday evening events will be held in Kane Hall.
AN-09 ♦ Archeology in Central Asia

**Location:** Denny 112

**Chair:** Jennifer Webster (University of Washington, Seattle; jenniweb@uw.edu)

**Discussant:** Nurten Kilic Schubel (Kenyon College, kilicn@kenyon.edu)

Farhod Razzoqov (Institute of History of the Republic of Tadjikistan / Germany Archaeology Institute; farhod84_12@mail.ru)

“The Use of New Methods for the Investigation of Ceramics from Sarazm (Tajikistan) and Neighboring Settlements in Southern Turkmenistan (Copper and Early Bronze Age, 4-3 BC): First Results”

Alexander Pachkalov (Financial University; zolornum@mail.ru)

“Numismatics Sources about History of Silk Road in 13th-15th Centuries”

Ablet Kamalov (Turan University; abletk@yahoo.com)

“The Burial Site Shoroon Bumbagar (678 AD) in Mongolia as a New Source on the Early History of the Toquz-Oghuz (Uyghur)”

RS-07 ♦ Sovereignty and Governance in the Caucasus

**Location:** Denny 111

**Chair:** Katy Pearce (University of Washington, Seattle; kepearce@uw.edu),

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John Latham-Sprinkle (School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London; jl98@soas.ac.uk)

“Soveryignty and Treason in the Medieval Caucasus”

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Sasha Klyakhkina (Northwestern University; klyakhkina@u.northwestern.edu)

“Reconstruction of Local Order and Governance: Responses to State Collapse in the North Caucasus”

Yulia Antyyonan (Yerevan State University; yuliaantyyonan@ysu.am)

“Market Economy and Economy of Faith: Economic Dimensions of Piety in Contemporary Armenia”

Cristina Boboc (Ghent University; cristina.boboc@ugent.be)

“Not Halal, Nor Haram: The Double Life of the Azerbaijani Middle Class”

RS-08 ♦ Tatarstan

**Location:** Denny 113

**Chair:** Daniel Schafer (Belmont University; daniel.schafer@belmont.edu)

**Discussant:** Ali Igmen (California State University, Long Beach; igmen@csub.edu)

Liliya Karimova (Kennan Institute / George Washington University; liliyakarimova@gmail.com)

“The Transformative Shariah: Polygyny, Faith, and Community in Tatarstan”

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“The Volga Tatars’ Religious Discourse and the State: Historical Perspectives and Present-Day Discussions”

Leila Almazova (Kazan Federal University; leilaalmazova@gmail.com)

“Teaching Religion at Schools in the Republic of Tatarstan (2011-2017)”

Sansar Tsakhirmaa (Johns Hopkins University; ssan2@jhu.edu)

“Comparative Institutionalized Bilingualism in Tatarstan, Russia and Xinjiang, China: Findings and Explanations”

SO-09 ♦ Women in Central Asia

**Location:** Denny 259

**Chair:** Saltanat Childress (University of Wisconsin-Madison; saltanatdc@gmail.com)

**Discussant:** Selbi Jumayeva (Bishkek Feminist Initiatives; selbi.djumayeva@gmail.com)

Dilnoza Khasilova (University of Wyoming; dkhasilo@uwyo.edu)

“Triple Consciousness and Moments of Transformation: ‘Mystory’ of an Uzbek Girl”

John Schoeberlein (Nazarbayev University; johnschoeberlein@gmail.com)

“What Women Shouldn’t Be Allowed to Do: Religion as a Challenge to Analytical Norms of Modernity”

Elmira Satybaldieva (University of Kent; elmira.satybaldy@gmail.com)

“A Mob for Hire? The Older Women’s Agency and Politics in Kyrgyzstan”

Xeniya Udod (Nazarbayev University; xeniya.udod@nu.edu.kz)

“A Choir of Soloists: Agendas and Controversies of Contemporary Feminism in Kazakhstan”
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10:45 - 12:30
HI-04 ♦ Leadership, Literature, Libraries, and Lenses: Edward Allworth’s Legacy in Central Asian Studies
Location: Denny 259
Chair: Alexander Cooley (Columbia University; ac210@columbia.edu)
Clark Allworth will share memories and photos of his father.
Robert Davis (Columbia University; rhd2106@columbia.edu)
“Edward and Janet Allworth, and Central Asian Library Resources at Columbia”
Martha Merrill (Kent State University; mmerril@kent.edu)
“Rereading Edward Allworth, Rethinking Educational Assumptions”
Bruce Pannier (Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty; pannierb@rferl.org)
“The Contemporary Relevance of Classic Central Asian Literature”
Peter Sinnott (Independent Scholar; petersinnott@peoplepc.com)
“Leadership And The Good Ruler In Central Asia – An Appreciation of the Career of Professor Edward Allworth, Columbia University”

IR-03 ♦ Geopolitics in Eurasia
Location: Denny 113
Chair: Rainer Ruge (Former EU Council Officer; rainerruge@yahoo.com)
Discussant: Olena Kolos (International Chamber of Commerce of Ukraine; lekosiccc@gmail.com)
Thomas Wood (University of South Carolina, Aiken; thomasw@usca.edu)
“Kyrgyzstan and the Eurasian Union: A Neofunctionalist Perspective”
Yaşar Sari (Abant Izzet Baysal University; yasarsari@gmail.com)
“Turkish Foreign Policy Towards Russia Since The Arab Spring”
Ling-Wei Kung (Columbia University; lk2627@columbia.edu)
“Intelligence Networking between Ladakh, Tibet and the Qing Dynasty, 1724-1759”

RS-09 ♦ Uzbekistan
Location: Denny 110
Chair: Dilnoza Khasilova (University of Wyoming; dkhasilo@uwyo.edu)
Discussant: Marianne Kamp (Indiana University, Bloomington; kamp@indiana.edu)
Zachary Schuyler (University of Chicago; zschuyl@uchicago.edu)
“Karimov’s Legacy? Evoking the Body and Flesh of Timur”
Nargiza Usmanova (Independent Scholar; nargizausmanova@yahoo.com)
“The Difference in Work Ethic and Personality between Older and Younger Generations in Uzbekistan during the Transition Period”
William Dirks (Independent Scholar; williamdirks@gmail.com)
“The Elusive ‘Clans’ of Uzbekistan”

SO-11 ♦ Family and Childhood
Location: Denny 112
Chair: Saltanat Childress (University of Wisconsin-Madison; saltanatdc@gmail.com)
Discussant: Dilnoza Khasilova (University of Wyoming; dkhasilo@uwyo.edu)
Tripp Rosenfelt (Basis Tucson North; rosenfelt@uchicago.edu)
“Emigration and Exile: Teenage Voices Across the Uyghur Diaspora”
Margarethe Waldt (Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology; waldt@eth.mpg.de)
“Taking Chances: How People in Karakalpakstan Frame Their Youth in School Stories”
Mehmet Kasikci (Arizona State University; mehmet.kasikci@asu.edu)
“Socialist Visions in the Periphery: Imagining Childhood in Soviet Kazakhstan”
Guangqing Chi (Pennsylvania State University; gchi@psu.edu), Annelise Hagedorn (Pennsylvania State University; gchi@psu.edu), Christian Scott (Pennsylvania State University) and Geoffrey Henebry (South Dakota State University)
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The Ellison Center is a leading National Resource Center funded by the Title VI Program of the US Department of Education. Housed in the University of Washington’s Jackson School of International Studies, the center works to advance scholarship and educate students about Russia, East Europe, and Central Asia through historical understanding, innovative teaching, and interdisciplinary research. This mission flows out of Professor Herbert Ellison’s commitment to building connections with the diverse peoples of Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union.

Long known only as the REECAS Center, the Herbert J. Ellison Center for Russian, East European and Central Asian Studies was christened as such in 2004 to honor Dr. Ellison’s legacy with the generous financial support of the Ellison family and other program supporters.

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Thanks to support from the Open Society Foundations, CESS is pleased to announce that it will hold two mini-workshops for up to 20 junior scholars from Central Eurasia, in conjunction with its Annual Conference in Seattle.

The workshops are designed to help build a stronger community of scholars and scholarship that more centrally includes scholars from the region.

In 2017, the two workshops are being held on Friday October 6:

Nuts and Bolts of Publishing your Scholarly Work (7:15 - 8:30 in HUB 238; includes breakfast)

This session will be run by Dr. Madeleine Reeves (U. Manchester, UK), who edits Central Asian Survey. Reeves, in an interactive format, will highlight the distinguishing features of scholarly research, the value of scholarship as such, and walk Central Eurasian junior scholars through the nuts and bolts of helping scholarly work rise to publishable quality.

Making Yourself Heard: Communicating your Scholarly Work (12.45-14.00 includes lunch)

This session will be run by Dr. Laura Adams (USAID) and Dr. David Montgomery (CEDAR-Communities Engaging Difference and Religion). They will offer an interactive discussion about how scholars communicate the public value of their scholarship. Participants will brainstorm ways in which scholars can be more effective in using their research findings to produce informed public debates, as well as get the attention of interested policy makers, journalists, non-governmental organizations, or other non-academic communities in various contexts.

The workshops are open by application to 20 junior scholars from Central Eurasia. To be considered, applicants must be on the program as presenting a paper at the CESS Annual Conference in Seattle, originate from one of the Central Eurasian states, be either currently enrolled in a PhD program or within 5 years of receiving their PhD, be available to attend BOTH sessions, and have demonstrably strong English-language skills.

The application deadline for 2017 has passed but that we might, on an exceptional basis, be able to accommodate additional participants.

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The comments and interpretations are embedded in archival research and fieldwork done by the author over 40 years.

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**Session 3**

8:45 - 10:30

- **PO-03** Roundtable: Tamerlane Revisited: The New Edition of “In the Tracks of Tamerlane”
- **AN-03** Burial Traditions and Cultural Identity in Central Asia
- **PO-02** Innovations as the Instruments of Increasing Public Welfare
- **LI-02** Cultural Contact and Diachronic Change in Turkic Languages
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- **HI-05** Central Asian Oral Histories: Everyday Life, Identities, and Nostalgia
- **ED-01** Post-Independence Higher Education in Kazakhstan: Realities and Perspectives
- **CU-02** Religious Identity and Cultural Practices in Tajikistan and the Kyrgyz Republic

**Session 4**

10:45 - 12:30

- **PO-04** Roundtable: Fieldwork in Challenging Settings
- **AN-04** Exploring Unaddressed Facets of Gender-based Violence in Central Asia
- **AN-07** Workshop: Piety and Radicalization Thesis: Anthropologists on Political Analysis of Islam
- **AN-02** Problems of Religious Identities in Central Asia in the Context of Globalization
- **SO-04** Gender, Migration, and Particarchy
- **HI-06** Administration and Politics in the Mongol Empire
- **HI-17** Historical Change in Turkestan
- **CU-06** Music and Folklore in Central Eurasia

**Session 5**

14:15 - 16:00

- **PO-05** CESS Book Prize Author-Critic Forum: Jesse Driscoll’s Warlords and Coalition Politics
- **AN-05** Gender, Environment, and International Development
- **CU-05** Tourism in the Caucasus: Trends and Challenges
- **LI-03** Language Teaching and Attitudes
- **CU-04** Bacha and Beyond: Crossdressing and Gender Diversity in Central Asia
- **HI-09** Alphabet Soup: The Politics of Orthography
- **HI-07** Voices from the Steppe: Linguistic and Historical Explorations

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16:15 - 17:00

- **Plenary** Formal Welcoming
- **CESS Awards Ceremony:** Best Book (History/Humanities) - Best Graduate Student Paper
- **Public Outreach**

**Friday, October 6**

17:00 - 17:45

- **Keynote Speech**
  - Sarah Chayes, Transnational Kleptocratic Networks: The Central Asian Connections

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18:15 - 20:00

- **Keynote Reception**
  - Kane Hall 225 (The Walker Ames Room)
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In memoriam

Dmitry Semyonov

May 12, 1986 - August 17, 2017

Dmitry was a talented young scholar and educational administrator. The author of a number of articles on higher education reform, he was the Head of the Laboratory for University Development of the Institute of Education at the National Research University Higher School of Economics (HSE), and also Aide to the HSE Rector. Dmitry was a kind and generous person as well as a promising scholar and educational leader, and he will be deeply missed by all of those who had the privilege to work with him and to know him.

Dmitry, 31, was killed together with a friend in a tragic automobile crash while on vacation in Thailand.

The CESS Board and membership offers heartfelt condolences to Dmitry’s family, friends and colleagues.

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