

Panels / Book Presentations / Roundtables

GULBENKIAN FOUNDATION

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Auditório 3

9h30 - 10h30:

Opening Session

Keynote Lecture: *What a geopolitical Commission means for European security. The EU's interaction with Central Asia* (Raquel Freire / Bernardo Teles Fazendeiro, University of Coimbra)

10h30 - 12h30:

Plenary Session: *The EU, Central Asia and the South Caucasus: Institutional Voices*

Moderator: Bernardo Teles Fazendeiro, University of Coimbra (Portugal)

Participants - in-person:

* Gerhard Sailer, Deputy Director General - Political Affairs, Ministry for European and International Affairs (Austria)

* Mikko Kivikoski, Ambassador, Senior Director for Russia, Eastern Europe and Central Asia, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Finland)

* László Kövecses, Head of Section, Eastern Partnership and Central Asian Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Hungary)

* Vasif Huseynov, Head of Department, Presidential Center of Analysis of International Relations - AIR Center (Azerbaijan)

- online:

* António Tânger Correia, Ambassador, member of the European Parliament - Patriots.eu / 'Chega' Party (Portugal)

* Tomas Zdechovsky, member of the EP (EPP), former Chair of the Delegation for relations with Central Asia (Czech Republic)

12h40 – 13h25:

Book Presentation: Lempp, Jakob & Sebastian Mayer, *Central Asia in a Multipolar World - Internal Change, External Actors, Regional Cooperation*, Springer International, 2024

Mayer, Sebastian & Jakob Lempp, *The EU as an Actor in Central Asia - External Impacts, Regional Responses*, Palgrave Macmillan, 2024

Jakob Lempp, Vice-Dean of Studies, Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences (Germany)

13h30 – 15h00:

Russian migrants in the South Caucasus

Chair/discussant: Oliver Reisner, School of Arts & Sciences Jean Monnet Chair, European & Caucasian Studies, Iliia State University (Georgia)

1. *Materiality Against Uncertainty? The Case of Russian Migrants in Georgia and Armenia* - Yakov Lurie, University of Amsterdam & Public Sociology Lab (Netherlands); Vlada Baranova, Exodus-22; Ekaterina Chigaleichik, Exodus-22

2. *Identity negotiations among Russian migrants in Armenia. Narratives and Discourses* - Lusine Tanajyan, PhD, Senior Researcher, Institute of Archaeology and Ethnography NAS (Armenia)

4. *The identity reconstruction of Russian immigrants in Armenia* - Sona Nersisyan, PhD, senior researcher, Depart. Diaspora Studies, Inst. Archaeology and Ethnography NAN RA (Armenia)

5. *How does Georgian media cover the new wave of immigration Induced by the war in Ukraine* – Nino Makhviladze, Assistant Professor, Caucasus School of Journalism and Media Management; Nino Abzianidze, Tinatin Tsomaia, professors, Georgian Institute of Public Affairs

15h15 – 16h45:

Armenians in Eurasia in Times of Socio-Political Turbulence

Chair: Razmik Panossian, director, Armenian Communities Department, F.C.G. (Portugal)

1. *Gender and the Armenian Family in Russian Metropolises: migration, transnationalism, and transformation* - Nona Shahnazaryan, senior research fellow, NAS RA; CISR Armenia (NGO)
2. *Between Engagement and Estrangement: Attitudes of Host Population Towards Armenians living in Russia* - Natalya Kosmarskaya, leading researcher, Russian Academy of Sciences
3. *An Anthropology of Loss: Exploring Mental Maps with the Displaced Armenians from Hadrut, Nagorno-Karabakh* - Anita Khachaturova, researcher, Free University Brussels (Belgium)
4. *The mobility of roots and a new generation of Armenian diasporic engagement with the homeland* - Tsypylma Darieva, Centre for East European and International Studies (Germany)

17h00 – 18h30:

Armenia and the Armenians: geopolitics and identity

Chair/Discussant: Ronald Suny, University of Michigan (USA)

1. *Fighting Religious Diversity: Armenian State, Armenian Church, and European Union* - Anatolii Tokmantsev, assistant professor, Pazmany Peter Catholic University, Budapest (Hungary)
2. *The Domestic Violence Law of Armenia: Caught Between Europe and Russia* - Lori Pirinjian, PhD Candidate, Near Eastern Languages and Cultures, University of California (USA)
3. *Challenges to Building a Viable Alternative to Ethnonationalism in the Armenia-Azerbaijan Conflict Setting* - Philip Gamaghelyan, Associate Professor, Kroc School, Univ. San Diego (USA)
4. *Intergenerational Transmission of Narratives of Nakhijevani Armenians after 1988* - Lilit Saghatelyan, PhD Student, Faculty of Humanities, Pázmány Péter Catholic University (Hungary)

Room 1:

10h30 – 13h20:

Capitalism in Turkestan: Part 1

Chair: Beatrice Penati, University of Liverpool (UK)

1. *The Dürschmidt Enterprise: going global with peripheral business in the resource frontier* - Jeanine Daygeli, University of Vienna; Austrian Academy of Sciences
2. *Tatar trading bourgeoisie in Russian Turkestan: merchant dynasties and vectors of activity (second half of the 19th - early 20th centuries)* - Gulmira Sultangalieva, al-Farabi State University
3. *Local workers in Imperial factories: labour market, labour migration, and industry in Central Asia under Tsarist Rule, 1870-1917* - Akmal Bazarbaev, Leibniz-Zentrum Moderner Orient, Berlin
4. *Agricultural investments of the Russo-Asiatic Bank in the Khanate of Khiva* - Alifumi Shioya, Tsukuba University (Japan)

Capitalism in Turkestan: Part 2

Chair: Jeanine Daygeli, University of Vienna; Austrian Academy of Sciences

1. *Slavery in Khiva: economic and ecological factors* - Alisher Khaliyarov, American University at Sharjah (UAE)
2. *Riparian Contestations: environmental perspectives on extraction and materiality in the Caspian Wetlands, 1870s-1910s* - Ruslana Bovhyria, Freie Universität Berlin (Germany)
3. *Beyond merchant capitalism? Advance contracting in Tsarist Turkestan's cotton sector* - Beatrice Penati, University of Liverpool (UK)

13h30 – 15h00:

Book presentation: Jeremy Smith, *The Soviet Union and its Successors, 1970-2020*, Gretton Books (forthcoming) - Chair: Paul Fryer, University of Eastern Finland

Participants: Daniel Bach, Emile Durkheim Centre, Sciences Po Bordeaux (France)

Kristiina Silvan, Finnish Institute for International Affairs

Jeremy Smith, University of Eastern Finland

Ronald G. Suny, University of Michigan (USA)

15h15 – 16h45:

“The elephant in the room”? Echoes of the war in Ukraine in the Caucasus and Central Asia (and in China)

Chair/Discussant: Flávio Lira, professor, Federal University of the Pampas (Brasil)

1. *The Geopolitics of the Post-2020-war order in South Caucasus. Competition and cooperation between regional powers: Russia, Turkey and Iran* - Nikolaos Raptopoulos, Markar Shangoyan and Artemis Spinou, Depart. International and European Studies, University of Piraeus (Greece)
2. *Echoes of war revisited: current Central Asian perceptions of the Russia-Ukraine conflict* - Kaiset Ysmanova; Serik Beyssembayev; Stefan Goncharov; Tlegen Kuandykov; Eric McGlinchey, associate professor, George Mason University (USA)
3. *War and peace: Kazakh society’s reaction to the war between Russia and Ukraine* - Rustam Burnashev, Ph.D. in Philosophy, Professor, Kazakh-German University; Irina Chernykh, Doctor of Historical Sciences, Professor, Kazakh-German University, Almaty (Kazakhstan)
4. *China and the New Eurasian Order in the Age of Regional Conflicts: diplomatic and economic implications of the Ukraine War for Beijing* - Nikolaos Raptopoulos, Christos Mourdoukoutas and Irida Lampropoulou, Depart. International and European Studies, University of Piraeus (Greece)

17h00 / 18h30:

Book presentation: *Encyclopedia Tyrannica: Research Guide to Authoritarianism*, ibidem Verlag, forthcoming 2024

Slavomír Horak, Charles University, Prague (Czech Republic)

Bernardo Teles Fazendeiro, University of Coimbra (Portugal)

Jeroen Van den Bosch, Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznan (Poland)

Room C

10h30 – 12h00:

In the Mongol Empire (1206-1388)

- *Displacement and slavery:*

Chair: Francesca Fiaschetti, University of Vienna (Austria)

1. *“I belong to Temüjin”: slavery in the Mongol Empire* - Michael Hope, Yonsei University (South Korea)
 2. *Bo’ol and Kötöchin: slaves, servants and squires in the Mongol Military Decimal System* - Simon Berger, CNRS – CeRMI (UMR 8041) (France)
 3. *No Son of Mine: the use of the Turkic term ‘oghul’ in the Mongol Empire* - Toby Jones, Czech Academy of Sciences (Czech Republic)
- *Geography, subjugation and story-telling:*

Chair: Michael Hope, Yonsei University

Mental maps of Central Asia under the Yuan Dynasty - Francesca Fiaschetti, University of Vienna (Austria)

12h05 – 12h50:

Book presentation: *Redefining Educational Leadership in Central Asia: Selected Cases from Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan*

Editors: Mir Afzal Tajik and Tsediso Michael Makoelle, Nazarbayev University Graduate School of Education, Astana, Kazakhstan

Chapter author to present at the conference:

Chynarkul Ryskulova, American University of Central Asia, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan

12h50 – 13h35

Book presentation: Dmitriy Funk, *The Anthropology of Epics*, Alma-mater publishing house, Moscow, 2024 [in Russian]

13h40 – 15h10

Social (After)Life of Hero Epics in Russia

Chair: Dmitriy Funk, Moscow State Linguistic University, Moscow (Russia)

Discussant: Valentina Tanaylova -

1. *Modern Altai singers of tales in heritage discourses* - Mariia Mochalova
2. *Epic in modern Altai society* - Svetlana Tiukhteneva
3. *Altai epic tradition and throat singing as intangible heritage sites: policies, practices, actors* - Sergei Galaktionov; Maria Mochalova

15h15 – 16h45:

Journal presentation: «Truth and Fiction: Towards A New Cultural History of Central Asia?» - *Horizon*, fall 2024 - Center for Contemporary Culture *Tselinny*, Almaty (Kazakhstan)

Chairs: Jamiliya Nurkalieva / Alima Kairat, Center of Contemporary Culture *Tselinny*, Almaty

Discussant: Nari Shelekpayev, Yale University (USA)

1. *Socialist Construction Sites and Inter-Imperial Toxicity* - Furqat Palvan-Zade, PhD candidate, Yale University (USA)
2. *Nuclear Tests in Kazakhstan and French Polynesia* - Eleanor Womack, PhD candidate, Yale University (USA)
3. *Recto/Verso* - Aleksandra Dennett, PhD candidate, Harvard University (USA)

17h00 – 18h30

On the Cultural History of Central Eurasia: Theatre and representations of Diaspora in the Literature

Chair/discussant: Elena Bulakh, researcher, Socius-ISEG, University of Lisbon (Portugal)

1. *Veiling and visibility in Uzbek Theatre of the 1920s* - James Rann, senior lecturer, University of Glasgow (UK)
2. *Diaspora and identity: translating Alan Whitehorn's political verse* - Sona Haroutyunian, Ca' Foscari University of Venice (Italy)
3. *Representation of Migration in contemporary Dungan and Salar literature* - Jan Brzobohatý, Palacký University, Olomouc (Czech Republic)

12h30 – 18h00 – **table near the Reception Area**

Roundtable with Migrants from Central Asia and the South Caucasus living in Portugal (reception area).

Moderator: Filipe Barroso, historian and journalist

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Room 3

8h45 – 10h15:

Islam in contemporary Central Eurasia

Chair/discussant: Hakim Elnazarov, Head of the Central Asian Studies Unit, The Institute of Ismaili Studies, London (UK)

1. *Convergences and Divergences with Islam in Pilgrimages to Holy Sites in Kazakhstan* - Ruziya Kamarova, associate professor, Astana IT University, Astana (Kazakhstan); Aigul Zabirova, senior research fellow, Kazakhstan Institute for Strategic Studies, Astana (Kazakhstan)
2. *Nationalizing Sufism from below in contemporary Kazakhstan: the case study of Jahriyya* - Achille Rajola Pescarini, PhD student, Doctoral School of Religious Studies, Univ. Naples (Italy)
3. *National Muslim Churches? Churchification of Muslim Religious Organizations in post-communist Central Asia* - Egdūnas Račius, Vytautas Magnus University, Kaunas (Lithuania)
4. *Negotiating Wasatiyyah: Islamic Activism and 'Soft' Securitization in Ukraine* - Oleg Yarosh, PhD, associate professor; postdoc, Department of the Study of Religion, Aarhus Univ. (Denmark)

10h30 – 12h00:

Religious traditions and modernities in Central Eurasia

Chair/discussant: Egdūnas Račius, Vytautas Magnus University, Kaunas (Lithuania)

1. *Madrassa and Foundation Tradition in Volga-Ural: Ahmet Huseyinov's Huseyniye Madrassa and Foundation* - Ayşen Uslu, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Istanbul Beykent University (Turkey)
2. *The Volga region: traditional religions in a modern context. The example of the Udmurt* - Eva Toulouze, Professor, INALCO, Paris (France); Nikolai Anisimov, Estonian Literary Museum, Tallinn; Tatiana Anisimova, researcher - Ethnology, Univ. Tartu (Estonia)
3. *On the model of interfaith and state-religious relations in Central Eurasia: on the example of Kalmyk Buddhists* - Ellara Ulyayevna Omakaeva, professor, Kalmyk State University (Russia)
4. *The Religio-Political Structure of Tibetan Governance System: A Perspective* - Tsetan Namgyal, PhD, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi (India)

12h15 – 13h00:

Book presentation: Special Issue of *Eurasian Geography and Economics*

- Olga Bronnikova, associate professor, University of Grenoble Alpes (France)
- Sofia Gavrilova, postdoctoral researcher, Leibniz Institute for Regional Geography (Germany)

13h30 – 15h00:

Processes of negotiating religious minority identities in Russia and neighbouring states

Convenors: Tsypylma Darieva, Jesko Schmoller

Chair/Discussant: Kristina Kovalskaya, Groupe Sociétés, Religions, Laïcité, EPHE, Paris (France)

1. *Negotiating Identity: The Crimean Tatar Community's Cultural and Religious Adaptation in Mainland Ukraine Post-2014* - Elmira Muratova, European Centre for Minority Issues (Germany)
2. *Georgia's religious minorities and Muslims' sense of belonging as 'lived citizenship'* - Tsypylma Darieva, ZOIS Berlin (Germany)
3. *Russia's ethno-religious minorities and the War in Ukraine: engaging with the post-colonial perspective* - Marat Shterin, King's College, London (UK)
4. *The throbbing heart of the grassland: Turning Toratau into a sacred place for the Bashkir people* - Jesko Schmoller, Humboldt University, Berlin (Germany)

15h15 – 16h45:

Ethnic minorities in Central Asia, the Caucasus and in Mongolia

Chair/Discussant: Olga Bronnikova, associate professor, University of Grenoble Alpes (France)

1. *Geopolitics and identity: strategy of survival of Uyghur communities in Central Asia, Turkey and Western Countries* - Ablet Kamalov, Professor, Turan University, Almaty

2. *(Kazakhstan)Contextualizing national territoriality: the case of Tatars and Chechens in the Russian Federation* - Renat Shaykhutdinov, Associate professor, Political Science, Florida Atlantic Univ. (USA)
3. *The concept of dissimilation in the study of inter-ethnic marriages within homogeneous Meskhetian Turkish/Azerbaijani marriages in Turkestan* – Nazira Abdinassir, Univ. of Debrecen
4. *Contextual Situations for the Mongolian Language in China, Russia, and Mongolia* - Javzandulam Batsaikhan, PhD, Methodology Department Chair, Mongolian National University of Education

17h00 – 18h30:

Central Asian ethnic and religious minorities: identity issues

Chair/Discussant: Olivier Ferrando, associate professor of political sciences, Lyon Catholic University (France)

1. *Changing identity of Karakalpaks in frames of Uzbekistan's authoritarian system* - Slavomír Horák, Depart. Russian and East European Studies, Charles University, Prague (Czech Republic)
2. *The Uzbeks in Afghanistan: ethnicity, culture and identity variations* - Azim Malikov, assistant professor, Faculty of Arts, Depart. Asian studies, Palacky University, Olomouc (Czech Republic)
3. *The ethnocultural heritage of Pamir-language speaking communities in their homeland and diaspora* – Leila R. Dodykhudoeva, Inst. of Linguistics, Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow
4. *Within and Beyond the State: Ismailis in the Age of Empire and State-building* - Murid Shah Nadiri, DPhil, Oxford Nizami Ganjavi Centre Scholar, University of Oxford (UK)

Sala Polivalente:

8h45 – 10h15:

Central Eurasia in a multi-vectoral world: geo-political concerns, transnational migration and global investment schemes

Convenor: Peter Finke, University of Zurich (Switzerland)

Chair: Meltem Sancak, University of Zurich

1. *Turkey, USA, Russia, EU and China in Kazakhstan: A comparative analysis of soft power* - Madina Zhunissova, Marmara University, and Erhan Doğan, Marmara University (Turkey)
2. *The Localization of Business Implementation of Chinese-Invested Private Enterprises in Contemporary Uzbekistan* - Huajing Yang, University of Zurich (Switzerland)
3. *Discourses of the Russian community in Kazakhstan: adaptation strategies and responses to the war in Ukraine* - Marina Perglová, Charles University, Prague (Czech Republic)
4. *Qazaq diasporas between host, homeland and great powers* - Peter Finke, University of Zurich

10h30 - 12h00:

Multiple dimensions of national identity in Central Asia

Chair/Discussant: Meltem Sancak, University of Zurich (Switzerland)

1. *The role of the Darveshana ceremony in understanding the national identity of the nations of Central Asia* - Bobojonov Sh. Ulugbekovich, associate professor, Tashkent State Pedagogical Univ.
2. *Is the concept of 'Internationalism' a strategy for national identity? An analysis of Interviews with Central Asian filmmakers from the 1960s* – Akira Matsumoto, PhD student, Hokkaido Univ (Japan)
3. *Manufacturing national identities in the Post-Soviet Republic of Uzbekistan: a study of controversial conservation practices in Samarkand and Shakhrisabz* - Dilafza Haydaraliyeva (UK)
4. *Big cities and national identity. Political dimensions of urban demographic change in post-Soviet Kazakhstan* - Kanat Makhanov, PhD student, University of Debrecen (Hungary)

12h15 – 13h00:

Book presentation: The Armed Forces of Central Asia, Oxus Society (forthcoming)

Chair: Edward Lemon, Texas A&M University (USA); President, Oxus Society for Central Asian Affairs

1. Michael Hilliard, The Oxus Society for Central Asian Affairs (USA)
2. Michael Coffey, College of Southern Maryland (USA)

13h30 – 15h00:

Central Asia's "other" neighbours and partners: regional engagements, external ambitions, and difficult balances

Chair/Discussant: Jakob Lempp, Vice-Dean of Studies, Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences (Germany)

1. *The Consultative Meeting of Heads of States of Central Asia: Analysis of an Institution* – Filippo Costa Buranelli, Associate Professor in International Relations, University of St Andrews (UK)
2. *A Constructivist IR approach to Iran–Central Eurasia relations: Elite discourse in Tehran, Baku, Tashkent, and Dushanbe* - Jan Tomek, DPhil (PhD), Independent researcher
3. - Artemis Spinou, Irida Lampropoulou and Georgia Troumpouki, researchers, Turkish and Eurasian Studies Laboratory, Depart of International and European Studies, Univ. of Piraeus
4. *EU's and Japan's Strategies for Energy Transition Enhancement in Central Asia: Exploring Comparative and Synergic Perspectives* - Elena Shadrina, Waseda University (Japan)

15h15 – 16h45:

Central Asia between China and Russia

Chair/Discussant: Edward Lemon, Texas A&M University (USA); President, OXUS Society for Central Asian Affairs

1. *Geopolitics, Authoritarianism and the New Global Order: Russia's and China's COVID-19 Vaccine Diplomacies in Central Asia* - Iris Magne, PhD Candidate, King's College, London (UK)
2. *Navigating New Frontiers: China's Minilateral Security Cooperation in Central Asia* - Ma Bo, Associate Professor, School of International Studies, Nanjing University (China)
3. *Crossing Central Asian steppes from Khorgos to the Caspian Sea: Transport, Commercial, and Cultural Connectivity between China and Kazakhstan* - Yana Pak, University of Hong Kong
4. *Ideational Underpinnings of Russia's Tilt to 'World Majority': Sovereign Internationalism and Civilizational Sovereignty* - Kamala Valiyeva, Istanbul Ticaret University (Turkey)
5. *Fueling cooperation: Energy relations between Central Asia and Russia* - Aliya Tskhay, University of St Andrews (UK)

17h00 – 18h30:

State-Society relations in authoritarian Central Asia

Chair/Discussant: Sherzod Eraliev, Lund University (Sweden)

1. *Why dictators decarcerate: understanding decarceration trends in Russia, Kazakhstan, and Uzbekistan* - Alexei Trochev, Nazarbayev University (Kazakhstan) - with Umidjon Toshimov
2. *Seeking a corruption equilibrium: The Law on State Property in Kazakhstan* - Margaret Hanson, Arizona State University (USA)
3. *Legal mobilization in uncertain and fluid legal environment: a case study of female entrepreneurs operating in the field of child care in Uzbekistan* - Tolibjon Mustafoev, Lund University (Sweden)
4. *Remittance rentierism in Kyrgyzstan* - Daniel Tuke, University of Maryland, College Park (USA)

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Room 3:

8h45 – 10h15:

Identity building in Kazakhstan: across time and national borderlines

Convener: Zhanat Kundakbayeva, professor, al-Farabi Kazakh National University, Almaty (Kazakhstan)

Chair/discussant: Rebekah Ramsay, assistant professor, Univ. of California-Berkeley (USA)

1. *Reimagining Identity through the Politics of History: Non-nationalist discourse on defining victims of Stalinism in Kazakhstan* - Zhanat Kundakbayeva, professor; Naziya Tassilova, associate professor, al-Farabi Kazakh National University, Almaty (Kazakhstan)
2. *Auditory Vestiges of Modern Kazakhstan: Kandastar Music as a Conduit for Historical Continuity and Cultural Identity* - Raushan Jumaniyazova, Kazakh National Conservatory (Kazakhstan)
3. *Implementation of the Passport System in Kazakhstan: the Reaction of the Population and Corresponding Behavioral Strategies, 1930-s [in Russian]* (with Albina Sovetovna Zhanbosinova) Natalia Nikolaevna Ablazhey, Institute of History - Siberian Branch, Russian Academy of Sciences
4. *Red Maiden: Communist Women and the Soviet Subjectivity through the Lens of post-Soviet Kazakhstan* - Dulat Ilyassov, PhD student, Indiana University, Bloomington (USA)

10h30 – 12h00:

National identity, nation branding, and knowledge production in post-Soviet Kazakhstan

Chair/Discussant: Peter Finke, Professor, University of Zurich (Switzerland)

1. *Nation Branding and Migration Policy: The Case of Kazakhstan* – Darina Sadvakassova, PhD student, School of Sciences and Humanities, Nazarbayev University, Astana (Kazakhstan)
2. *Kazakhstan's role in global knowledge production. Views from the Kazakhstani academia* - Sirke Mäkinen, lecturer, Aleksanteri Institute, Fac. of Humanities, University of Helsinki (Finland)
3. *Post-memory discourse in Kazakhstan* – Zeinep Abetova, Urazbayeva Assiya, Aubakirova Zhania, Eurasian National University; Abetova Dina, Nazarbayev University, Astana (Kazakhstan)

12h10 - 12h55:

Book presentation:

Juliette Cleuziou, *Mariées à tout prix. Parcours de femmes, échanges rituels et démariages au Tadjikistan*, Société d'Ethnologie, 2024

Presented by the author.

13h00 - 14h30:

Beyond the Silk Road: Macro, Meso and Micro views on trade in Uzbekistan

Chair: Abel Polese, Dublin City University (Ireland)

1. Alouddin Komilov, Chief Research Fellow, Center for Progressive Reforms (USA)
2. Saodat Umarova, PhD candidate, University of World Economy and Diplomacy (Uzbekistan)
3. Binazirbonu Yusupova, PhD candidate, Dublin City University (Ireland)

14h35 – 15h20

Book presentation: Proceedings of the International Interdisciplinary Conference Roots of Peristan.

The pre-Islamic Cultures of the Hindukush/Karakorum (Rome, 2022) (2 volumes), ISMEO (Associazione Internazionale di Studi sul Mediterraneo e l'Oriente)

Editors: Augusto S. Cacopardo/Alberto M. Cacopardo

Presenter: Augusto S. Cacopardo

15h30 - 17h00:

Teaching Central Asian Literature: Materials, Strategies, and Cross-Curricular Approaches (roundtable)

Moderator: Naomi Caffee, Associate Professor of Russian and Humanities, Reed College (USA)

Gabriel McGuire, Assistant Professor, School of Sciences and Humanities, Nazarbayev Univ.

Kristen Fort (Research Associate, Psychology, University of Michigan (USA)

Sabrina Jaszi, Doctoral Candidate, University of California, Berkeley (USA)

Emily Laskin, English Books Editor, Meduza

Sala Polivalente:

8h45 – 10h15:

Borders, regionalisms, and integration trends: Centripetal and centrifugal dynamics in post-Soviet Central Asia

Chair/Discussant: Joni Virkkunen, University of Eastern Finland (Finland)

1. *Central Asia's borders: levers of diplomacy and para-diplomacy* - Alexander Diener, professor of Geography, Department of Geography and Atmospheric Science, University of Kansas (USA)
2. *Border reopens in the Ferghana Valley* - Nick Megoran, professor of Political Geography, Newcastle University (UK)
3. *Central Asian regionalism in the 1990s: order, familiarisation, and spotlighting* - Filippo Costa Buranelli, senior lecturer (associate professor) in International Relations, University of St Andrews
4. *Regionalism and memory politics in Central Asia: common or competing histories?* - Tomasz Wałkiel, University of Wrocław, Institute of International and Security Studies (Poland)
5. *Evaluation of the Organization of Turkic states in the light of integration theories* - Seyit Ali Avcu, Associate Professor, Faculty of Political Science, Ankara Yildirim Beyazit University (Turkey)

10h30 – 12h00:

Giving in Central Asia: perspectives on philanthropy, volunteerism, and civil society

Convenors: Edward Schatz, Univ.Toronto (Canada); Verena La Mela, Univ. of Heidelberg (Germany)
Chair/Discussant: Flávio Lira, professor, Federal University of the Pampas (Brasil)

1. *Civil society under authoritarianism: volunteerism and the regime in Post-Soviet Kazakhstan* - Edward Schatz, University of Toronto (Canada)
2. *The state and civil Society in Central Asian autocracies* - Colin Knox, GSPP (Kazakhstan); Dina Sharipova, GSPP (Kazakhstan); Bakhytzhhan Kurmanov, Univ. of Central Asia (Kyrgyzstan)
3. *(Food) giving in postindustrial Kazakhstan: cultivating enjoyable social ties against the odds* - Tabea Rohner, independent researcher based in Switzerland
4. *Trust, transparency, and local alternatives: giving practices and charitable donations in Kazakhstan* - Verena La Mela, University of Heidelberg (Germany)
5. *The construction of buildings by tourists in the Karakoram: gifts and imaginaries* - Thibault Fontanari, Université Catholique de Louvain (Belgium)

12h10 - 12h55:

Book Presentation: Abdugani Mamazimov, *Silk Diplomacy* - Tajik National University, Dushanbe, 2024. Presented by the author, associate professor, Tajik National University

13h00 – 13h45:

Book presentation: Revaz Gachechiladze, *Georgia in Regional Context*, Sulakauri Publishing, Tbilisi, 2023 [in Georgian]. Presented by the author, professor, Ivane Javakhishvili State Univ. Tbilisi (Georgia)

13h50 – 15h20:

Alphabets and higher education impacts in Central Asian societies and cultures

Chair/discussant: Elena Bulakh, researcher, Socius/ISEG, University of Lisbon (Portugal)

1. *Kazakhstan's process of transition to the Latin Alphabet: obstacles and opportunities* - Parassat Rakymberli, Depart. of New Turkish Language, Ankara Yıldırım Beyazıt Univ. (Turkey)
2. *Latinisation in Kazakhstan and its Impact on Slavic Minorities* - Aziz Berdiqulov, Researcher, Summer School Coordinator, European Centre for Minority Issues (Germany)
3. *The experiences and outcomes of Kandidat Nauk and Ph.D. programs in Kyrgyzstan* - Chynarkul Ryskulova, PhD, Professor, American University of Central Asia, Bishkek (Kyrgyzstan)

15h30 – 17h00:

Learning languages in Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan

Chair/discussant: Olga Solovova, University of Coimbra (Portugal)

1. *Using Digital Technologies to support foreign language learning in Kazakhstan* - Zabira B. Yeshimbetova, Associate Professor, Abai Kazakh National Pedagogical University (Kazakhstan)
2. *Introduction to MCSKL, the first multimedia corpus of spoken Kazakh languages: challenges and possibilities* - Andrey Filchenko, professor; Giorgia Troiani, postdoctoral scholar; Nikolay Mikhailov, PhD student in Eurasian Studies, Nazarbayev University, Astana (Kazakhstan)
3. *Corpus application as a tool for Improving Kazakh Language textbooks for foreign learners* - Andrey Filchenko, professor, and Zhansaya Turaliyeva, student, Nazarbayev University, Astana (Kazakhstan)
4. *Motivation for studying Kyrgyz in Bishkek – Dependent on the motivations for teaching?* - Tynarkul Ryskulova, PhD, American University of Central Asia, Bishkek (Kyrgyzstan)

Auditório Sedas Nunes

15h30 – 17h00:

Closing Session – Book presentation: Tamás P. Baranyi, Angelina Nagy, Péter Pál Kránitz *Shaping the Future of Europe: Hungary's Vision for the 2024 EU Presidency*. Ed. Lillian Zsófia Aronson, Budapest: HIIA, 2024 - presented by the authors.

Chair: TBA

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9/1:

Conference Room

8h45 – 10h15

The Year 1991: Central Asians remember the dissolution of the Soviet Union

Chair: Naomi Caffee, Reed University, Portland, Oregon (USA)

1. *The Role and Evolution of Media in Covering Democratic Movements in Kyrgyzstan in the 1985-1990s* - Mukaram Toktogulova, associate professor, AUCA, Bishkek (Kyrgyzstan)
2. *Living as expats in the Türkiye and the United Kingdom after the dissolution of the USSR* - Ali İğmen, California State University, Long Beach, California (USA)
3. *Breadwinners and homemakers: women in Kyrgyzstan in the 1990s* - Aijamal Sarybaeva, American University of Central Asia, Bishkek (Kyrgyzstan)
4. *Oral History of Ethnic Kyrgyz People in Tajikistan's Pamir* - Daniyar Karabaev, Chair/ assistant professor, Liberal Arts and Sciences department, American University of Central Asia (Kyrgyzstan)

10h30 – 11h15:

Keynote Lecture: Global trends of Migratory flows - António Vitorino, former General Director of IOM

Chair: Maria Lucinda Fonseca, professor, IGOT - University of Lisbon (Portugal)

11h30 – 13h00:

Central Asian migrants: lives, profiles, returns

Chair/Discussant: Maria Lucinda Fonseca, professor, IGOT - University of Lisbon (Portugal)

1. *Scholarship on migration of Central Asian muslims: trends and directions* - Hakim Elnazarov, Head of the Central Asian Studies Unit, The Institute of Ismaili Studies, London (UK)
2. *Pre-departure training for labor migrants of the Kyrgyz Republic* - Gulzar Karybekova, Centre of Actual Problems and Development, Public Foundation (Kyrgyzstan)
3. *A day off as a chronotope of infrastructuring: Central Asian migrant workers in Istanbul* - Marhabo Saparova, ISS Erasmus University (The Netherlands)
4. *Barriers, solutions, and best practices in accessing medical care for most underserved groups among Central Asian migrants* - Daniel Kashnitsky, Cermes3 Laboratory, Paris Cité University
5. *Pull Factors to Repatriation to Kazakhstan from China, Mongolia and Uzbekistan* - Zhuldyz Zhumashova, Texas A&M Univ. (USA)

13h30 – 15h00:

Gender identities and subjectivities in traditional societies and migrant communities

Chair/Discussant: Mohira Suyarkulova, American University of Central Asia, Bishkek (Kyrgyzstan)

1. *Qishloqchilik, Urban Liminality, and Masculinities among Male Rural-Urban Migrants in Tashkent* - Yang Zhao, research fellow, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (UK)
2. *Un/safety in the city: transgender people in Almaty, Bishkek, and Dushanbe* - Yana Kirey-Sitnikova, independent researcher, Moscow (Russia); Sanjar Kurmanov, Berkeley City College, California (USA)
3. *Migration and Women: Women's migration in the Turkish World* - Zebiniso Kamalova, Assistant Professor, Istanbul Ticaret University (Turkey)
4. *Influence of migration processes on the social roles and subjectivity of female representatives of the Mountain Jews community in Russia* - Svetlana Amosova and Elena Fomenko, Jewish Museum and Tolerance Center, Institute for Slavic Studies RAS, Moscow (Russia)

15h15 – 16h45:

Women's agency and gender identities in Soviet and Post-Soviet Central Eurasia

Chair/discussant: Saltanat Shoshanova, University of Regensburg (Germany)

1. *Resilience under repression: women's agency in Gulag* - Zhanna Karimova, PhD, Research and Teaching Fellow, Grenoble Alpes University (France)

2. *Potential of women of ethnic communities in the formation of ethnic identity* – Elmira Otar, PhD in Sociology, head of project, Ministry of Science and Higher Education (Kazakhstan)
3. *Decolonisation of gender discourse in Uzbekistan through family narratives* - Almira Tabaeva, Graduate School of Education, Nazarbayev University, Astana (Kazakhstan)
4. *Managers' Leadership Competencies in Kazakhstan through the Gender Prism* - Anastassiya Lipovka, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Almaty Management University (Kazakhstan); Zoltan Buzady, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Corvinus University of Budapest, (Hungary)
5. *Protest Women Identities in Central Eurasian Music* - Jade Cemre Erciyes, PhD, Researcher, Center for Socio-Economic Studies, Abkhazia; Didem Gencturk, Broadcast Coordinator, Açık Radyo - Open Radio (Turkey)

17h00 – 18h30:

Queer Identities and Cultures in Central Asia

Chair/discussant: Alexandra Pereira, Research fellow, Portuguese Catholic University, Lisbon

1. *Orientalizing Desire: coloniality of queerness in Central Asia in late Imperial, Soviet, and post-Soviet Periods* - Feruza Aripova, Lehman College, CUNY; Harvard University (USA)
2. *Contemporary homophobia and anti-LGBTQ policies in Uzbekistan* - Anvar Latipov (Enver Latifzade), Uzbek LGBTQ activist in exile, board member of RUSA LGBTQ
3. *Queer identity in contemporary art and culture of Central Asia* - Saltanat Shoshanova, University of Regensburg (Germany)
4. *In Our Own Words: documenting everyday lives of queer people in Central Asia* - Mohira Suyarkulova, American University of Central Asia, Bishkek (Kyrgyzstan) and Mariya Levitanus, University of Edinburgh (UK)
5. *Exploring queerness and generational identity through student films from the American University of Central Asia* - Georgy Mamedov, American University of Central Asia, Bishkek

Room 1

8h45 – 10h15:

Demographic aspects of the policy of the Russian Empire in Central Asia [in Russian]

Convenor: Dmitry Vasilyev, Doctor of Historical Sciences, Professor, Moscow City University, Russia

Chair: Ablet Kamalov, Professor, Turan University, Almaty (Kazakhstan)

1. *The Murghab Sovereign's Estate as a migration hub: particularities of setting of Russian and foreign migrants* - Nikita Mazaev, Ph.D. candidate, Moscow City University (Russia)
2. *Exclude or let them stay? The question of the status of the fugitives to Chinese territories in the early 20th century* – Svetlana Asanova, Herzen Pedagogical Univ. - Tashkent Branch (Uzbekistan)
3. *Self-Willed settlements of Russian peasants in Xinjiang: problems of Legal status and impact on Russian-Chinese relations at the beginning of the 20th century* - **Elena Nazemtseva, RAS (Russia)**

10h30 – 11h15:

Book presentation: Beatrice Penati, *Rural History of Soviet Central Asia: Land Reform and Agricultural Change in Early Soviet Uzbekistan*, Leiden-Boston: Brill, 2024

Beatrice Penati, University of Liverpool (UK)

Riccardo Mario Cucciolla, Università di Napoli 'Orientale' (Italy)

Flora Roberts, Utrecht University (Netherlands)

11h30 – 13h00:

Refugees, resettlements and deportations in Soviet Central Asia

Chair/discussant: Isabelle Ohayon, CNRS-EHESS (France)

1. *The Refugee Crisis on the Turkestan-Xinjiang frontier, 1916-1922* – Yuexin Rachel Lin, Lecturer in International History, University of Leeds (UK)
2. *A Central Asian Exception: Soviet Deportations from the Eurasian Colonization Belt and the Segmentation of Borderlands, 1920s-1940s* - Niccolò Pianciola, University of Padua (Italy)
3. *Ethnic Identity and Forced Migration: The Case of Kalmyks and Crimean Tatars in Special Settlements within the Kazakh SSR, 1944-1953* - Baurzhan Zhanguutin, Abai Pedagogical Univ.; Aliya Bolatkhan, Research Fellow, Ch. Valikhanov Institute of History and Ethnology (Kazakhstan)

13h30 – 15h00:

Russian migrants' identity: Navigating between civic and ethnic belongings

Chair/discussant: Milana Nikolko, Carleton University, Ottawa (Canada)

1. *"Russian" migrants in Central Asia: between allegiance and distrust in citizenship of a state at war* – Olivier Ferrando, associate professor of political sciences, Lyon Catholic Univ. (France)
2. *Expressing the "Russian pain" among the relokanty in Kyrgyzstan* - Kamil Wielecki, assistant Professor, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, University of Warsaw (Poland)
3. *New migration, new labour: same anti-war sentiments? Exploring the effects of Russian migrant labour in Kazakhstan at the onset of the War* – Arina Dmitrenko, Univ. Toronto (Canada)
4. *The phenomenon of present-day Russian "Relocation" into Kazakhstan: Influence on Identification and foreign policy* - Irina Chernykh, professor, Kazakh-German University, Project Manager - Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung; Rustam Burnashev, PhD, Professor, Kazakh-German Univ.

15h15 – 16h45:

Central Asian diasporas: values, identity, status

Organizer: Public Opinion Research Institute (Astana, Kazakhstan)

Chair: António Eduardo Mendonça (Portugal)

1. *The "Others" are quite different. Results of opinion polls among representatives of smaller ethnic groups in Almaty* - Beate Eschment, Researcher, Centre ZoiS, Berlin (Germany)
2. *Central Asian migrants in South Korea* - Sangcheol Kim, Institute of Central Asian Studies, Hankuk University of Foreign Studies, Seoul (Republic of Korea)
3. *The Factors of Labor Migration to South Korea: the case of Kazakhstan* - Youngmin Chu, Hankuk University of Foreign Studies (South Korea)
4. *The situation of the "new" Kazakh diaspora in Germany* - Kalamkas Yessimova, chief researcher, Public Opinion Research Institute, Astana (Kazakhstan)
5. *Kazakh diaspora in Western European countries: identity and values* - Botagoz Rakisheva, director, Public Opinion Research Institute, National Representative of WAPOR in Kazakhstan; Gulden Ashkenova, Deputy Director, Public Opinion Research Institute, Astana (Kazakhstan)

17h00 – 18h30

History, Memory, and Identity: managing the Past in Central Asia

Chair/Discussant: Irina Morozova, Dr. habil., University of Regensburg (Germany)

1. *History Narratives in Kazakhstan on GULAG Legacy* - Aziz Burkhanov, Associate Professor, Graduate School of Public Policy, Nazarbayev University, Astana (Kazakhstan)
2. *What is in a name? The politics of glacier toponyms in Central Asia, 1870-2023* – Christine Bichsel, University of Fribourg (Switzerland); Sofia Gavrilova, postdoctoral researcher, Leibniz Institute for Regional Geography (Germany)
3. *Soviet friend or foe? Soviet Presence through the lens of lieux de memoire in Central Asia* - Katarzyna Jarosz, International University of logistics and Transport, Wrocław (Poland)
4. *Bishkek-Osh Corridor: A Road Map of Memory, Conflicts and Urban Resilience* – Otabek Nigmatov, researcher, American University of Central Asia, Bishkek (Kyrgyzstan)

Room 2

8h45 – 10h15:

The «Geopolitical maturation» of Central Asia?

Chair/Discussant: Michael Hilliard, Oxus Society (USA)

1. *The re-emergence of Central Asia as a region in geopolitics* - Kamen Velichkov, PhD, Lecturer, Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski (Bulgaria)
2. *"Geopolitical maturation" of Central Asia and its consequences for the region and all of Eurasia* - Abduqani Mamadazimov, Tajik National University; researcher, National Academy of Sciences
3. *Geopolitics, Migrations, and Identities in Central Eurasia: the competing interests of Russia and China* - Tinatin Khidasheli, Caucasus University, former Minister of Defense of Georgia
4. *Geopolitical Implications of Taliban Control in Afghanistan* - Besmillah Taban, PhD Student, Political and Public Administration Sciences, Jagiellonian University, Krakow (Poland)

10h30 – 11h15:

Book presentation: *Igor Savitsky: Artist, Collector, Museum Founder*, Marinika Babanazarova (director of the Museum 1984-2015); and *Souvenirs of Savitsky* (anthology of essays, interviews, letters, notes, ...) compiled by Marinika Babanazarova, edited by the Friends of Nukus Museum. Silk Road Publishing House
David Pearce, Friends of Nukus Museum (USA)

11h30 – 13h00:

Strategies, solidarities, identities and conflicts

Chair/discussant: Sónia Sénica, professor, Autonomous University of Lisbon (Portugal)

1. *EU Strategy in Central Asia in new geopolitical realities* - Zhanat Zakiyeva, al-Farabi National University, Almaty (Kazakhstan)
2. *National Identities of China and the US in Kazakhstani Media: A Post-Russia-Ukraine War Analysis* - Li Jie, professor, Southeast University of China
3. *The routinisation of transgressive contention in the Kyrgyz transfers of power: the repertoire of the Third Kyrgyz Revolution of 2020 and its development since 2005 and 2010* - Rubén Ruiz-Ramas, UNED, Madrid (Spain)

13h30 – 15h00:

Adaptation and resilience: Jewish migrations to, from, and within Central Asia in the 20th century

Chair: Tamari Lomtadze, senior researcher, Arnold Chikobava Institute of Linguistics, Ivane Javakhishvili State University, Tbilisi (Georgia)

1. *Mobility within - Bukharan Jewish migration in Central Asia (early 20th century)* - Thomas Loy: research fellow, Oriental Institute, Czech Academy of Sciences (Czech Republic)
2. *European Jewish migration to and from Central Asia (20th century)* - Zeev Levin, Ben-Zvi Institute, Jerusalem (Israel)
3. *Living with muslims: 'Bukharan Jews' between Ferghana Valley and the 'mixed' Jewish-Arab city of Ramle* - Chen Bram, Hadassah Academic College; Truman Instit., Hebrew Univ. of Jerusalem

15h15 – 16h45:

Jews of Georgia: Migrations and Language Identity

Chair/discussant: Zeev Levin, director, Research Center of Jews in Central Asia and the Iranian Sphere, Ben-Zvi Institute, Jerusalem (Israel)

1. *Linguistic identity of Georgian Jews* - Tsira Janjghava, PhD, Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University (Georgia)
2. *Migration-induced multilingualism among the Jews of Georgia* - Tamari Lomtadze, senior researcher, Arnold Chikobava Institute of Linguistics, Ivane Javakhishvili State University (Georgia)
3. *Subgroups of Mizrahi Jews in Georgia and their linguistic Identity* - Salome Gumberidze, PhD, Akaki Tsereteli State University (Georgia)
4. *Language Alternation amongst Georgian Jews since the Aliyah (migration to Israel)* - Ani Kvirikashvili, PhD Student, University of Georgia, Tbilisi (Georgia)
5. *Ashkenazi Jews in Georgia: external and internal migrations and language shift* - Lali Guledani, Professor, Ilia State University (Georgia)

17h00 – 18h30

In and Out: borders construction through circulations in Central Eurasia

Convenor: Kristina Kovalskaya, GSRL-EPHE, Paris (France)

Chair and discussant: Jesko Schmoller, Humboldt University of Berlin (Germany)

1. *Shaykh Gaziev, a Chechen 'authority' among deportees in Central Asia between organised crime and sanctification, since after Stalin's death* - Lina Tsrinova, CERCEC-EHESS (France)
2. *Marriage rituals among Vaynakh in France and their lived space* - Agathe Guy, Groupe Sociétés, Religions, Laïcité, EPHE, Paris / LMU München
3. *Back to the soil: repatriation of the dead from Europe to the Caucasus* - Kristina Kovalskaya, Groupe Sociétés, Religions, Laïcité, EPHE, Paris (France)

Conference Room

8h45 – 10h15

Community and Dissent: 'Minorities' and Forging Nationalisms in Eurasia through the Legacies of 'Chinese' and 'Russian' Historical Influences

Organizers: Zayra Badillo Castro, Center for Advanced Studies of Puerto Rico and the Caribbean; Soledad Jiménez Tovar, Center for Research and Teaching in Economics / University of Coimbra
Chair: António Mendonça, Lisbon (Portugal)

Discussant: Martin Lavička (Palacky University)

1. *The Fading "Friendship of Nations": Perestroika, Glasnost, and Emerging Minority Dynamics in 1980s Soviet Uzbekistan* - Zayra Badillo Castro, Center for Advanced Studies of Puerto Rico
2. *Shrines, Mosques, and Holy Families – The Role of Religious Infrastructure of Azerbaijanis in Georgia in Maintaining Cultural Resources and Ethnic Identification* - Anna Cieślewska, Univ. Łódź
3. *'Huihui': a term between religiosity and ethnicity* - Ahmet Hojam Pekiny, Junior Researcher, Department of Asian Studies, Palacky University Olomouc (Czech Republic)
4. *Towards the Russo-Sinophone: Central Asian Dungans* - Soledad Jiménez Tovar, CIDE/ Universidade de Coimbra (Portugal)

10h30 – 12h00:

Migrant landscape and its positionality

Convenor: Norio Horie, University of Toyama (Japan)

Chair: Yuko Adachi (Sophia University, Japan)

Discussant: Ichiro Iwasaki (Hitotsubashi University, Japan)

1. *Positionality shifts of the Russian-speaking business community in Vietnam: A case of tourism business in Nha Trang* - Kenichi Ohashi, Rikkyo University (Japan) and Norio Horie, University of Toyama (Japan)
2. *Changing perceptions and practices across the Kyrgyz-Tajik border in the Pamir Mountains* - Paul Fryer, University of Eastern Finland (Finland)
3. *Migrant landscapes and anti-immigrant sentiments in marketplaces in Russia* - Norio Horie, University of Toyama (Japan)
4. *The uncertainties and changing positionalities among Central Asian migrants during Russia's war in Ukraine* - Joni Virkkunen, University of Eastern Finland (Finland)
5. *Trends of migration and migration policy in Central Asia in the new geopolitical conditions* - Sergei Ryazantsev, Mahidol University (Thailand)

12h10 – 13h40:

Practices of citizenship and the government of mobility in Central Asia and Russia

Chair: Tomasso Trevisani, University of Napoli, L'Orientale (Italy)

1. *Diversification of labour migration pathways from Central Asia* - Ewa Chylinski, Scholar retired (Denmark)
2. *Governing violence in migration management in Tajikistan* - Malika Bahovadinova, University of Amsterdam (Netherlands)
3. *New directions of labor migration from Tajikistan, based on the example of the UK* - Abubakr Rakhmonov, Cand. Sc., senior researcher, Inst. for Demographic Research, Russian Academy of Sciences; Shamigul Mirzoeva, senior teacher, Secondary School No.58, Dushanbe (Tajikistan)
4. *The migration processes in the Russian Far East and Northeast Asia, as part of Greater Eurasia* - Evgenii Gamerman, senior researcher, Far Eastern Branch of the Russian Academy of Sciences

13h50 – 15h20:

New migrations and traditional societies in Central Asia

Chair/discussant: David Carment, professor, Carleton University, Ottawa (Canada)

1. *Paradoxes of marginality: Russian queer narratives of emigration to Central Asia from a decolonial perspective* - Mariya Levitanus, Lecturer, School of Health in Social Sciences, Univ. of Edinburgh (UK); Polina Kislitsyna, cultural anthropologist, PhD student, University of Helsinki
2. *Migration of Russian medical professionals to Kazakhstan in 2022-2024* - Elena Sadovskaya, Vera Smirnova, independent researchers; Olga Isupova and Alexei Belianin, Almaty Management University (Kazakhstan)

3. *The Impact of foreign students on the cultural and political dynamics of Kyrgyzstan in the context of Central Eurasia* - Batyi Shamilov, American University of Central Asia, Bishkek (Kyrgyzstan)
4. *A Study of Son Preference in Kyrgyzstan: Insights from Historical and Contemporary Data* - Gani Aldashev, professor, ECARES, Univ. Libre de Bruxelles (Belgium); Catherine Guirkinger, professor, CRED, UNamur; Zhanar Konys, PhD candidate, ECARES – ULB, and CRED - UNamur (Belgium)

15h30 – 17h00:

Geopolitics of Non-Western Migration in/out of Central Asia

Convenor: Timur Dadabaev, University of Tsukuba (Japan)

Chair: Oxana Morgunova, PhD, RUDN and Higher School of Economics, Moscow (Russia)

1. *From close borders to open gates: Central Asia as a new destination of Russian migration after Russian Invasion of Ukraine* - Timur Dadabaev, University of Tsukuba, and Sonoda Shigeto, University of Tokyo
2. *Knowledge, Institutions, and notions of belonging* - Siddharth Saxena, Cambridge Central Asia Forum, Jesus College, University of Cambridge, British Management University in Tashkent
3. *Decolonising methods in anthropology: studying migration regimes* - Rano Turaeva, LMU München (Germany)
4. *Central Asian Migration to Northern Europe* - Sherzod Eraliev, Lund University (Sweden)
5. *Eurasian Mobility, Belonging, and Trans-Migration: Central Asians in Motion* - Prajakti Kalra Cambridge Central Asia Forum, Jesus College, University of Cambridge (UK)

Room 1

8h45 – 10h15:

Migration or resettlement: issues of identity and economic outcomes

Chair: Filippo Buranelli, University of St. Andrews (UK)

1. *Theoretical aspects of studying the problems of migration of nomadic tribes of Central Asia in the Early Middle Ages* - Gulzinat Menzitova, PhD, al-Farabi Kazakh National University, Almaty
2. *Medieval migration of the Central Asian peoples: Ethnohistorical parallels* - Gulnara Khabizhanova, Associate Professor, department History of Kazakhstan, al- Farabi Kazakh National University
3. *Migration of Uyghurs and Dungans from the Qing Empire to Semirechye at the end of the 19th century* - Fialka Mimanbayeva, Associate Professor, al-Farabi Kazakh National University, Almaty
4. *Migration of Russian peasants to Kazakhstan in the 1917-20s: economic and political consequences* - Gulnara Dadabayeva, Professor, International Relations, KIMEP Univ., Almaty

10h30 – 12h00:

Central Asia: Demographics, Mobilities, and Diasporas

Chair/discussant: TBA Alina

1. *The ethno-demographic structure of Kazakhstan's population and its representation in domestic and foreign historiography* - Nazira Abdinassir, Eurasian National University, Astana (Kazakhstan)
2. *Limitations and Possibilities of Emerging Reproductive Mobilities in Central Asia* - Shahnoza Nozimova, PhD, postdoc researcher, University of Oxford (UK)
3. *The Formation of the Kazakh Diaspora in Western Europe* – Nurlan Baigabylov, Ruslan Ibrayev, L. N. Gumilyov Eurasian National University; Aigul Zhanadilova, Astana IT University, Astana (Kazakhstan)
4. *Migration and 'Roots': Central Asian Migrants in UAE, the question of re-introduction to islam* - Muhammad Irfan Shahzad, founding president, Eurasian century Institute, islamabad (Pakistan)
5. *State Fragility and Diaspora Efforts: strategies of adaptation among Afghan Diaspora members in North America* - David Carment and Milana Nikolko, Carleton University, Ottawa (Canada)

12h10 – 13h40:

Re-imagining national (hi)stories on the silver screen

Chair/Discussant: Benedetta de Bonis, Sorbonne Nouvelle University, Paris (France)

1. *Narrative Suppression: Unfulfilled Kazakh Film Projects of the 1940s* - Assiya Issemberdiyeva, PhD student, Queen Mary University of London (UK)
2. *Kazakh or Soviet: Zhambul Zhabaev on screen* - Gulnara Abikeyeva, Turan University, Almaty (Kazakhstan)

3. *The Famine on screen: Soviet and non-Soviet narratives* - Birgit Beumers, University of Passau/ Aberystwyth University (UK)

13h50 – 15h20:

Labor mobility of the population of the USSR in the years of World War II (Based on the materials of the Kazakh SSR)

Convenor: Roza Zharkynbayeva; Al-Farabi Kazakh National University, Almaty (Kazakhstan)

Chair/Discussant: Isabelle Ohayon, CNRS-EHESS (France)

1. *Evaluating the effectiveness of military commissions. mobilization efforts during the War* - Roza Zharkynbayeva, Professor, Faculty of History, Al-Farabi Kazakh National University (Kazakhstan)
2. *Labor mobilization of the population of the Kazakh SSR: quantitative and qualitative aspects* - Ardak Abdiraimova, Associate professor, Academy of Logistics and Transport (Kazakhstan)
3. *The evacuation of industrial personnel and Its Influence on worker labor practices (based on the materials of the Kazakh SSR)* - Meruyert Doskaliyeva, PhD student, Al-Farabi National University
4. *Central Asia in the Second World War: transnational identities and geopolitics* - Irina Morozova, Dr. habil., University of Regensburg (Germany)

15h30 – 17h00:

Central Asian and Caucasian refugees, past and present

Chair/Discussant: Alina Esteves, IGOT – Universidade de Lisboa (Portugal)

1. *Translating asylum: diaspora, imperialism, and social life through the lens of a visa* - Sherine Ebadi, PhD Candidate, Geography, UC Berkeley (USA)
2. *Exodus and migrations in Afghanistan after the resurgence of the Taliban* - Khushboo Raina, Miranda House, University of Delhi (India)
3. *Adaptation amidst uncertainty: the experience of political refugees from Tajikistan in Poland* - Anna Cieślowska, Institute of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology, University of Łódź (Poland)

Room 2

8h45 - 10h15:

Georgian identities and East-West relationships

Chair/discussant: Jade C. Erciyas, PhD, Researcher, Center for Socio-Economic Studies, Abkhazia

1. *Resilient bonds - On the specifics of social cohesion in Georgia's regions* - Oliver Reisner, Prof. in European and Caucasian Studies, Iliia State University, Tbilisi (Georgia)
2. *Human and non-human mobile geopolitics in the Caucasus. When dwelling means negotiating anchorage from a distance for the Tush of Georgia* - Gwendoline Lemaitre. PhD student (France)
3. *Trans-temporal Agora of Georgia: Memoryscapes in Downtown Tbilisi as a Legitimizing and Mobilizing Source for Democratic Protest* - Malkhaz Saldadze, PhD, George Mason Univ. (Korea)
4. *Georgia moving towards Europe* - Revaz Gachechiladze, Professor, Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University; Member of the Georgian National Academy of Sciences (Georgia)
5. *Reshaping the East-West relationship through film adaptations of Marco Polo's Travels in contemporary times* - Benedetta De Bonis, Sorbonne Nouvelle University, Paris (France)

10h30 – 12h00

Hungary's outlook on shifting geopolitics in Central Eurasia

Chair/discussant: Tamás Péter Baranyi, Director for Strategy, Hungarian Institute of International Affairs; Professor, Károli Gáspár Univ. of the Reformed Church (Hungary)

1. *Hungarian connections with the South Caucasus and Central Asia: transportation corridors and energy security* - Sándor Seremet, senior researcher, Eurasia Center, John von Neumann Univ.
2. *The Hungarian strategy of connectivity and the Karabakh peace process* - Péter Pál Kránitz, senior research fellow, Hungarian Institute of International Affairs, Budapest (Hungary)
3. *A comparative study of the EU's and China's involvement in the South Caucasus and Central Asia* - Angelina Nagy, research assistant, Hungarian Institute of International Affairs, Budapest

12h10 – 13h40:

New perspectives on Post-war Soviet Turkmenistan

Convenor: Isaac McKean Scarborough, Institute for History, Leiden University (Netherlands)

Chair/Discussant: Beatrice Penati, University of Liverpool (UK)

1. *Wealth in Camels, Cotton, or Oil? The rapid development and broad misconception of the Turkmen economy in the Soviet Period* - Isaac McKean Scarborough, Leiden Univ. (Netherlands)
2. *Cultural and Religious Development in Turkmenistan under 'Developed socialism', 1960s-1980s* - Dovran Taganov, Inst. History and Archaeology, Turkmen Academy of Sciences (Turkmenistan)
3. *The 'Turkmen Phenomenon': The May 1989 incidents in Ashgabat and Nebit-Dag and the liquidation of the opposition in Soviet Turkmenistan* - Riccardo Cucciola, Univ. Degli Studi di Napoli

13h50 – 15h20:

Rethinking Sustainability, Infrastructure, and Memory in Central Asia

Chair/Discussant: Luís Mendes, researcher, IGOT - University of Lisbon (Portugal)

1. *Obal Philosophy and Proverbial Wisdom from the Global South as Alternative Visions of Sustainability and Repair in Higher Education* - Olga Mun, University of Oxford (UK), Gulzhanat Gafu, Nazarbayev University (Kazakhstan) and Aizuddin Mohamed Anuar, Keele University (UK)
2. *Impact of COVID-19 and sanctions against Russian economy on the sustainability of regional logistic infrastructure in Central Asia* - Aisulu Taisarinova, Senior Lecturer, Kazakh-German Univ.
3. *Challenges and opportunities for the development of transport corridors in Central Asia* - Ainur Tleuova, ITF Regional consultant for Central Asia, OECD and National consultant for Kazakhstan
4. *Memory Work and Relational Landscapes: Decolonizing Soviet Rural Childhoods in Kazakhstan* - Dilraba Anayatova, Arizona State University (USA)

15h30 – 17h00

Central Asian Landscapes Through Ecocritical Perspectives: From Colonial Past(s) to Posthumanist Futures

Chair: Gabriel McGuire (Assistant Professor, School of Sciences and Humanities, Nazarbayev University, Astana (Kazakhstan))

Discussant: Kristen Fort, Research Associate, Psychology, Univ. of Michigan, Ann Arbor (USA)

1. *The Transcaspian Railway's 'Pacific Conquest' of Nature* - Hana Stankova, PhD student, Slavic Languages and Literatures, Yale University (USA)
2. *12 August 1953: The First Soviet Thermonuclear Bomb and Rollan Seisenbaev's 'The Day the World Collapsed'* ('День, когда рухнул мир') - Verena Zabel, PhD student, Univ. of Freiburg
3. *How Aitmatov rewrote Ecology: the Case of Tavro Kassandry* - Caterina Re, PhD student, Department of Foreign Languages and Cultures, Slavic Studies, University of Genoa (Italy)
4. *Postcolonial Water Politics in Central Asian Ecofeminist Cinema* - Azhar Dyussekenova, PhD student, Slavic Languages and Literatures, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor (USA)

Building 2 - ISCTE

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Room C3.01

8h45 – 10h15:

Climate change and environmental policies in Central Asia

Chair/Discussant: Troy Sternberg, Centre for International Studies, ISCTE – University Institute, Lisbon (Portugal)

1. *Climate change as statecraft: political aspirations and identity concerns in Kyrgyzstan's environmental discourse* – Alina Bychkova, Nottingham Trent University (UK)
2. *Analysis of historical films about soil salinization in Soviet Kazakhstan: actors, knowledge, institutions and their agency* - Xeniya Prilutskaya, University of Naples 'L'Orientale' (Italy)
3. *From Blue Patrols to Eco Laws - the beginnings of ecological awareness in Kazakhstan in the late 1980s* – Helene Henze, PhD student, Ludwig-Maximilians-University, Munich (Germany)
4. *Environmental peacebuilding in the Fergana valley: a comparative study of development approaches* - Anastasia Protassov, PhD student - Geography, University of Lille (France)
5. *Resource imaginaries in European (Union's) green energy promotion in Central Asia* – Anni Kangas, Tampere University; Kristiina Silvan, Finnish Institute for International Affairs

10h25 – 11h55:

Land Tenure, agriculture and food policies in Central Asia

Chair/Discussant: Troy Sternberg, Centre for International Studies, ISCTE – University Institute, Lisbon (Portugal)

1. *Land Tenure Laws and Geo-Economic Strategies: Approaching Land Distribution in Qazaqstan's Jetisu Region* – Werner Hertzog, PhD student, University of Zurich (Switzerland)
2. *Agricultural reforms and rural society in Uzbekistan: assessing achievements and challenges over three decades of post-socialist agricultural development* - Tommaso Trevisani, Univ. di Napoli
3. *Trends and auto representations of agricultural development in the Northern Kazakhstan regions: intern and extern perception of a potential* - Robin Leterrier, PhD candidate (France)
4. *Food system transition in Central Asia: new perspectives for research* - Irène Mestre, IFEAC - French Institute for Central Asian Studies, Bishkek (Kyrgyzstan)

12h05 – 13h35:

Empires of Paper: knowledge production, paper technology, and power in imperial and Soviet Central Asia

Chair: Ali Igmen (Associate Professor, Department of History; Director, Oral History Program, California State University, Long Beach (USA))

1. *To match words to every thing: 'paper, taxonomy, and power in the works of Vladimir Dal'* - Christopher Baker, Director, Central Asian Studies Institute; Assistant Professor, AUCA
2. *Writing the Purges in Khrushchev's Uzbekistan* - Kristen Fort, Research Associate, Psychology, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor (USA)
3. *From the people to categories: bureaucratic practices of the repressive regime* - Saidolimkhon Gaziev, Research fellow, Leibniz-Zentrum Moderner Orient, Berlin (Germany)

13h45 – 16h50:

Flavours of informality and labour mobility in Eurasia (and beyond) (1)

- coordinated by Abel Polese, Ignacio Fradejas Garcia and Asankojo Isaev

Chair/discussant: Ignacio Fradejas Garcia

1. *What is informality? (Mapping) "the art of bypassing the state" in Eurasian spaces - and beyond* - Abel Polese, Dublin City University (Ireland)
2. *Political risks and informal practices in Kazakhstan (implications for the investment climate and infrastructure development)* - Dina Kyzrybek, visiting researcher, University of Coimbra (Portugal)

3. *Complaints to the Authorities as an Uncertain Institution: Underestimated Tools of Authoritarian Ruling* - Elena Bogdanova, Research fellow, Aleksanteri Institute of Helsinki University (Finland)
4. *When informality means survival: Can "Moral Informality" equalize access to medical care for displaced people in Finland?* - Anna Tarasenko, with Elena Bogdanova (Finland)
5. *Persistence of ceremonial economy in Kyrgyzstan: how do social and cultural aspects of the informal "toi economy" support its resilience through crises, revolutions and a global pandemic?* - Asankojo Isaev

Flavours of informality and labour mobility in Eurasia (and beyond) (2)

Chair/discussant: Asankojo Isaev Dublin City University (Eire)

1. *Nomadic arts against formality: Reclaiming culture in the Mongolian contemporary* - Jenny Tang, MIASU Doctoral Student, Depart. Social Anthropology and King's College, Univ. Cambridge (UK)
2. *The Different faces of Informality in the midst of Systemic failures : Lebanon's multi-dimensional Crises and Revisions to a Fragile Consociation* - Joseph P. Helou, Lebanese American University
3. *Network, narratives and negotiations: The nature of informal milk and everyday life of informal milk suppliers* - Vedant Patil, Depart. sociology and anthropology, Shiv Nadar University (India)
4. *Migrant workers in the city* - Ankur Jaiswal, Doctoral research scholar, Sociology depart., Shiv Nadar University (India)
5. *Balancing Acts: The Tug of War Between Legislative Initiatives and Rational Choices in Kyrgyzstan's Informal Economy* - Gulnara Ibraeva, founder, PIL Research Company

17h00 – 18h30:

Workshop: *Writing approaches and Publication strategies*, Abel Polese, President of ESCAS; Dublin City University (Ireland)

Room C3.02

8h45 – 10h15

Making sense of the BRI within a world of regionalisms and digitalisation: a preliminary assessment

Chair/discussant: Gonçalo D. Santos, CIAS - Research Centre for Anthropology and Health, University of Coimbra (Portugal)

1. *Belt and Road Initiative, China towards Central Asia: a developing border?* - Marie Hiliquin, Postdoc researcher, IRSEM - Institute for Strategic Research (France)
2. *Straddling across the world of regionalisms: the Belt and Road Initiative* - Daniel C. Bach, Centre Emile Durkheim, Sciences Po Bordeaux (France)
3. *Sociologizing the bureaucracy of the Eurasian Economic Union after 10 years* – Adrien Fauve, Paris-Saclay University (France)
4. *The Impact of Digitalization and E-government on Good Governance in Central Asia* - Gulmira Sheryazdanova. PhD, visiting scholar, University of Minnesota (USA)

10h30 – 12h00:

Alternative Perspectives in Eurasian Cultural History

Chair: Christopher Baker, Director, Central Asian Studies Institute; Assistant Professor, Core Humanities, American University of Central Asia, Bishkek (Kyrgyzstan)

1. *Becoming Banu in Bursa: The Parallel Journeys of a Journalist and her City toward cultural change in Türkiye* - Ali İğmen, Professor of History, California State University, Long Beach (USA)
2. *MARKing Kazakhstani Literature* - Aida Anderson, post-graduate student in Eurasian Studies; Maria Rybakova, assistant professor, department of World Languages, Literatures and Linguistics - Nazarbayev University, Astana (Kazakhstan)
3. *Vantage Points: Political Caricature and Artistic Innovation in the South Caucasus Satirical Press, 1905-1917* - Naomi Caffee, Associate Professor of Russian, Reed College (USA)
4. *An agent of her own destiny: Sholpan Imanbaeva and the use of epistolary poetry in the beginning of the 20th century* - Laura Berdikhojayeva, PhD candidate, Leiden University

12h10 – 13h40:

Living on resource scarcities: exploring their infrastructure

Convenors: Simon Sackers, Leiden University (Netherlands); Daria Volkova, Bauhaus – Universität Weimar (Germany)

Chair/Discussant: Amanda E. Wooden, Bucknell University (USA)

1. *Co-laboring food and waste: rethinking scarcities through vermicomposting in Kyrgyzstan* - Simone de Boer, PhD candidate, Social Anthropology, University of Gothenburg (Sweden)
2. *Contesting the limits of light: Tajikistan's electricity between past and future morality* - Simon Sackers, Leiden University (Netherlands)
3. *"As you all know, MAEK has been overloaded for a long time": maintaining the infrastructure of water scarcity in Aktau, Kazakhstan* - Daria Volkova, Bauhaus – Universität Weimar (Germany)

13h45 – 18h30

CEREMONIAC Project Final Results

Panel 1: Islam and the State: The Moral and Political Forces Regulating Ceremonies

Chair: Caroline Dufy, Emile Durkheim Centre, Sciences Po Bordeaux (France)

Discussant: Rune Steenberg Reyhé, University of Copenhagen (Denmark)

1. *The Soviet State and Ceremonial Expenses in Central Asia: Discourse, Regulation, Surveillance* - Isabelle Ohayon, PhD, CNRS (France)
2. *Government Regulation of the Rites of Passage in Post-Soviet States. A Comparative Analysis* - Turkhon Sadigov, Independent Researcher, Baku (Azerbaijan)
3. *What Is Said in Mosques? Islamic Discourse on Reducing Ritual Expenses*, Adkham Ashirov, Institute of History, Academy of Sciences (Uzbekistan)
4. *Controlling Ritual Economics to Root the State: The Case of Tajikistan* - Juliette Cleuziou, Université Lyon II (France)

Panel 2: The Wedding Market: New Geographies, New Functions

Chair: Daniel Bach, Emile Durkheim Centre, Sciences Po Bordeaux (France)

Discussant: Rano Turaeva, Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich (Germany)

1. *Domestic and Ceremonial Spaces: Fiction and Reality of the Celebration in Reception Halls (toyhona) in Uzbekistan* - Guéorgui Mory, CNRS (France)
2. *Financial Practices, Ceremonial Economy, and Rationalities: Ethno-Accounting of a Ceremony in the Urban Middle Class in Kazakhstan* - Caroline Dufy, Sciences Po Bordeaux (France)
3. *Development of the Market for Ceremonial Services in Tashkent* - Shavkat Rakhmatullaev, Institute of Government and Law (Uzbekistan)

Panel 3: Economic Logics of Family and Social Relationships

Chair: Adrien Fauve, Université Paris-Saclay, IEDP (France)

Discussant: Tommaso Trevisani, University L'Orientale, Napoli (Italy)

1. *Marriage in Transition: Transformation of Practices and Ritual Expenses Among Tajik Migrants* - Saodat Olimova, PhD, Sharq (Tajikistan)
2. *Proletarians and business men, unite! Rituals as a means of bridging social distances in Tajikistan* - Muzaffar Olimov, Sharq (Tajikistan)
3. *'Every year, it's a blow to the wallet'. Contemporary transformations of the ceremonial economy of urban Kazakh families* - Ainura Beysegulova, University Al-Farabi KazNU, Almaty (Kazakhstan); Clément Jacquemoud, Sciences Po Bordeaux (France)

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Room C3.01:

8h45 – 10h15:

Crossroads of influence: transnationality and contestation in Silk Road histories

Convenors: Frank Maracchione, University of Sheffield, Postdoctoral Research Associate, University of Kent (UK); Giulia Sciorati, London School of Economics and Political Science (UK)

Chair/discussant: Aliya Tskhay, University of St Andrews (UK)

1. *Trade routes from Anatolia to China: new perspectives on mysterious envoys at the Song Court* - Dilnoza Duturaeva, Lecturer in Medieval History, University of York (UK)
2. *Crafting "attractive" Silk Road histories: (visual) narrative contestation along the Silk Road* - Giulia Sciorati, postdoctoral fellow, London School of Economics and Political Science (UK)

3. *Colonial echoes, Uzbekistan's voice: historical narratives as spaces for agency in relations with China and Russia* - Frank Maracchione, Research Associate, University of Kent (UK)
4. *Research on frontiers: Sino-Soviet knowledge campaigns on the Central Asian "borderlands"* - Yipeng Zhou, PhD Candidate, University of Michigan (USA)

10h30 – 12h00

Mobility, migrations and identities in Central Eurasia in the pre-modern period – 1 (Hosted by Steppe Sisters)

Chair/discussant: Angela Sheng, associate professor, McMaster University (Canada)

1. *Conceptualising migration between archaeology and anthropology in Central Eurasia* - Cecilia Conte, Freie University Berlin (Germany)
2. *Between the mountains and the desert: the Eurasian Steppe as a stage for cultural interactions and Mobility* - Mar Pereira-Gómez, Universidade de Santiago de Compostela (Spain)
3. *Challenges and opportunities in Post-Soviet Central Asian research: the case of ancient mining and mobile pastoralists in the Kyzylkum Desert* - Mariana Castro, New York University
4. *The archaeological controversy about the gender of the Golden Man: between Kazakh Political Identity and the quest for a female warrior symbol* - Manon Dupuy, PhD, Univ. Tours (France)
5. *A strong man crosses two mountains to find a bride: gender, kinship, and mobility in Inner Asia* - Kristen Pearson, Harvard University (USA)

12h10 – 13h40

Mobility, migrations and identities in Central Eurasia in the pre-modern period – 2 (Hosted by Steppe Sisters)

Chair/discussant: Mariana Castro, New York University (USA)

1. *Nomadic aspects in constructing frontier identities in early Byzantine Colchis: theory and archeological practice* - Eliso Baghaturia-Kner, Professor, Shota Meskhia State Univ. (Georgia)
2. *Trade and migration in Qarakhanid Central Asia* - Dilnoza Duturaeva, University of York (UK)
3. *Searching the transmission of the Eastern christianity architecture and relics through the regions of the Caucasus and the Black Sea* - Ah-Rim Park, Sookmyung Women's Univ. (South Korea)

13h50 – 15h20

Local powers, daily life and external policies in pre-Modern and early Modern Central Eurasia

Chair/discussant: TBA Giulia

1. *The Black Sea steppe, Asia Minor, Armenia and Syria: Timur (Tamerlane)'s policy towards trade* – Thomas Sinclair, University of Cyprus – retired professor
2. *Medieval crafts of Central Asia in the context of identity* - Tosheva Sharifa Panoyevna, Tashkent (Uzbekistan)
3. *An Oirad-Qazaq letter from Qing China to Russia* - Michael Wong, Freie Universität Berlin (Germany)

15h30 - 17h00:

Visions and perceptions of Central Asia and China, late 19th / first half of the 20th century

Chair/Discussant: Beatrice Penati, University of Liverpool (UK)

1. *"In the Deserts of Middle Asia": A Study of Bulgarian Military Memoirs* - Maya Nyagolova, Independent scholar (Bulgaria)
2. *Hajj from Turkestan: migration and Identity (late 19th-early 20th century)* - Tanieva Guldonga Mamanovna, Doctor of Historical sciences, professor (Uzbekistan)
3. *The Retreat of Caspian Tigers: Land Use and Environmental changes in Xinjiang in the late 19th and early 20th centuries* - Yuan Gao, Assistant Professor, Case Western Reserve Univ. (USA)
4. *The meaning of Harbin as a cosmopolitan city, a center of migration, emigration and temporary residence of Manchuria (1898 – 1964)* - Irena Vladimirska, Achva Academic College (Israel)
5. *The Weimar Republic's Great Game. the German attempt for great power politics in Central Asia, 1919–1933* - David X. Noack, Lecturer, University of Bremen (Germany)