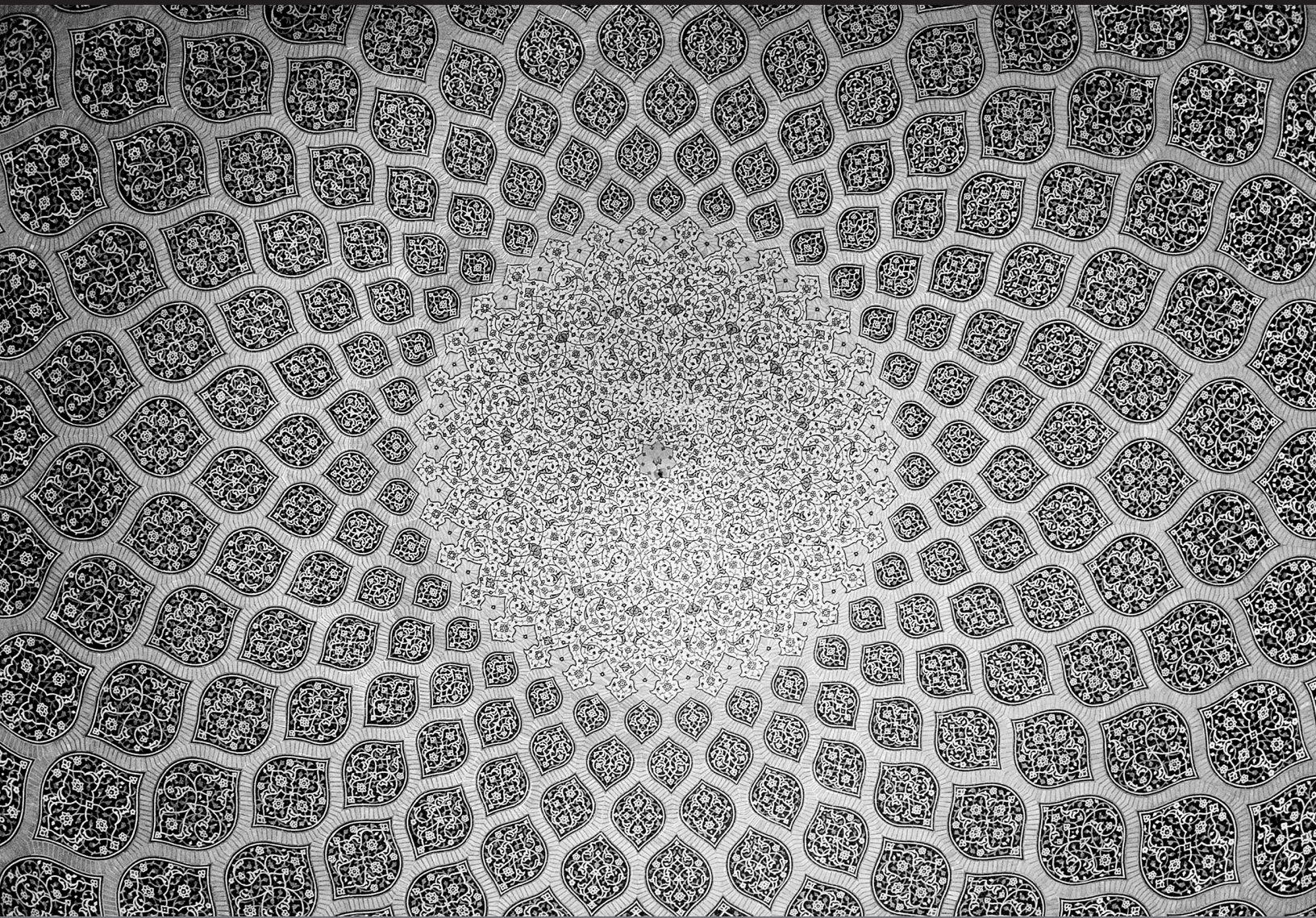


CENTRAL EURASIAN STUDIES SOCIETY

EIGHTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE



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UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON



Dear colleagues and guests:

On behalf of the Conference Committee of the Central Eurasian Studies Society and the University of Washington, we would like to welcome you to the eighth annual conference of the Central Eurasian Studies Society. This event is a bright spot in the year for many of us, an opportunity to get together with old friends, to exchange ideas with our colleagues, and to see all of the exciting new research being done in our field. We hope that you find the conference stimulating and that you take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to strengthen the ties across the disciplines and regions that make up our diverse and dynamic society.

This year has been a very exciting one for the organization with a move to a new Secretariat at the Havighurst Center for Russian and Post-Soviet Studies at Miami University, and the hiring of a new Executive Director, Dr. Daniel Prior. Dan is eager to hear your ideas about future directions for the organization, so please introduce yourselves to him and share with him any suggestions you have about how CESS can better fulfill its mission to promote research and teaching about Central Eurasia.

This conference would not have been possible without the hard work of numerous volunteers from CESS and the University of Washington. The staff of the Ellison Center, especially Allison Dvaladze, have really given this conference the time and attention it deserves and we are very grateful for that. CESS could not function without the dedication of its volunteers, and we invite anyone who is interested in helping to organize next year's conference to contact us.

We also want to let you know that next year's conference will be hosted by Georgetown University in Washington, DC. The call for papers will go out later this year, but please start talking with your colleagues now about panels you might want to propose. The host for the 2009 conference will be the University of Toronto, and we hope to see you there, as well.

The University of Washington has long had a special connection to the Central Eurasian region through its language programs and activities related to Seattle's sister city relationship with Tashkent. One of the luminaries of this long history of cultural exchange, Mark Weil, director of Tashkent's Ilkhom Theater, was killed in September, and it is to his memory that we dedicate this year's conference.

Welcome to Seattle!

Stephen E. Hanson, University of Washington
Laura Adams, Harvard University
Michael Rouland, Miami University

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Reception – Kane Hall, Walker Ames Room, 2nd Floor

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Registration – Husky Union Building, Room 108

9:00 am-10:45 am

Session I

10:45 am-11:00 am

Break

11:00 am-12:45 pm

Session II

12:00 pm-3:00 pm

ALIAS Meeting, Thomson Hall, Room 317

12:45 pm-2:00 pm

Lunch Break

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Session III

3:45 pm-4:00 pm

Break

4:30 pm-6:00 pm

Keynote Address: Rogers Brubaker, Kane Hall, Room 120

6:00 pm-8:00 pm

Reception-Kane Hall, Room 225

Saturday, October 20

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Registration – Husky Union Building, Room 108

9:00 am-10:45 am

Session I

9:00 am-11:00 am

CESS Publications Meeting, Thomson Hall, Room 317

9:30 am-5:00 pm

Film Festival, Suzzallo-Allen Library, Allen Auditorium, 1st Floor

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Break

11:00 am-12:45 pm

Session II

12:00 pm- 2:00 pm

CESS Board Meeting, Thomson Hall, Room 317

12:45 pm-2:00 pm

Lunch Break

2:00 pm-3:45 pm

Session III

3:45 pm-4:00 pm

Break

4:00 pm-5:45 pm

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2008 Conference Committee Meeting, Thomson Hall, Room 317

9:00 am-10:00 am

Registration – Husky Union Building, Room 108

9:15 am-11:00 am

Session I

11:00 am-11:15 am

Break

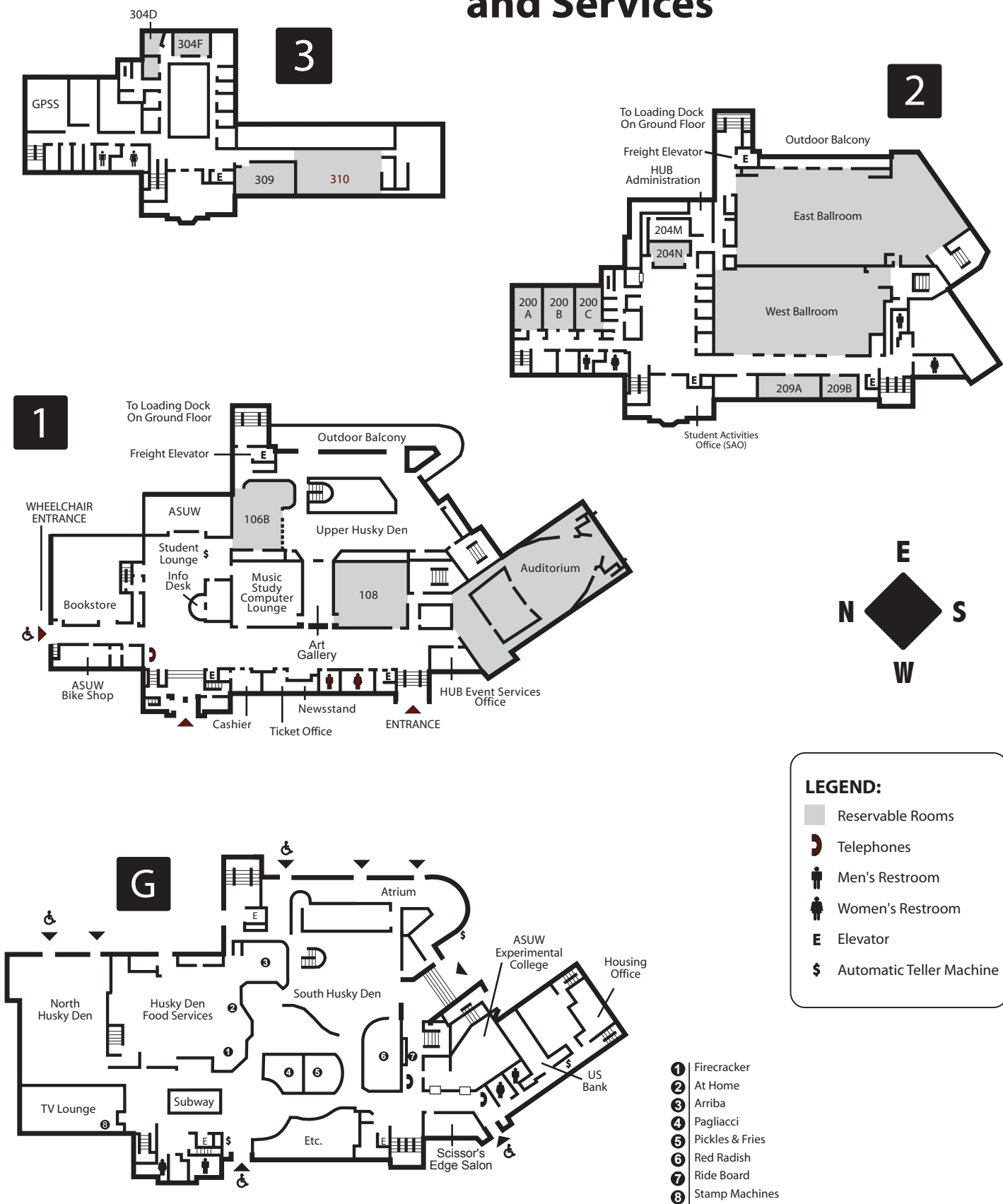
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Session II

1:00 pm

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HUB Meeting Facilities and Services



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Apparel, Electronics, 24-hour Supermarket, Drugstore, Bookstore, Dining
<http://www.uvillage.com/index.html>
M-S 9:30 am – 9 pm, Sunday 11 am- 6 pm
Located down the hill from UW campus, at the intersection of 25th Ave NE and 45th St., the 65, 68, 243, and 372 buses run from the HUB to U-Village. Approximately a 15 minute walk from the HUB.

Other dining and shopping options are available on University Way, commonly called “the Ave,” approximately 10 minutes by foot to the west of the HUB.

Bookstores

University Bookstore
4326 University Way NE
M-F 9am-9pm, Sat 10am-7pm, Sun 12pm-5pm

Barnes and Noble
Located in University Village, open 9am-11pm daily

On-Campus Dining

By George Café

Located in Odegaard Library

M-Th 7:30am-5pm, Fri 7:30am-4pm

Suzzallo Espresso

Located in Suzzallo Library

M-Th 7:30am-9pm, Fri 7:30am-3pm

Husky Den

Located in the basement of the HUB

M-F 7am-7pm

TurkFest

TurkFest will run from noon Saturday through 6 pm Sunday at the Seattle Center. Entrance is free. Seattle Center can be reached on the 74 bus line leaving from University Way.

For more information: www.turkfest.org

Questions?

If you have additional questions please ask for Ellison Center Staff or conference volunteers identifiable by their badges.

***Complimentary coffee will be provided in HUB Room 108 Saturday and Sunday mornings.*



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Sunday, 9:00 am – 11:00 am, 108, Husky Union Building

CESS Welcome Reception

Thursday, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm, Walker Ames Room, Kane Hall

CESS Welcome and Award Announcements

Preceding the Keynote Address on Friday, 4:30 pm, 120 Kane Hall

Keynote Address: Rogers Brubaker

“Nationalizing States Revisited,” Friday, 4:30-6:00 pm, 120 Kane Hall

Dinner Reception

Friday, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm, Walker Ames Room, Kane Hall

Film Festival

Saturday, 9:39 am – 5:00 pm, Allen Auditorium, Suzzallo-Allen Library

Exhibit: Images of Contemporary Central Asia

Thursday, 8:00 am - Sunday, 2:00 pm, HUB Gallery, Husky Union Building

Book Exhibit

Friday, 8:00 am – 4:30 pm, 108, HUB

Saturday, 8:00 am – 6:30 pm, 108, HUB

Sunday, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm, 108, HUB

**Complimentary coffee will be available Saturday and Sunday mornings in room 108, HUB*

Friday, October 19, 9:00-10:45

HC-02: Migration and Diaspora

Chair: **Victoria Clement** (Western Carolina University)

Discussant: **Edward Lazzerini** (Indiana University)

Alexander Kan (Kazakh National University)

“Invisible Island: Korean Diaspora of the CIS in the 21st Century: Attempt to Artistically Overcome the Marginal Consciousness”

Alexander Diener (Pepperdine University)

“Historical Antecedents of Territorialization in Post Soviet Space”

Yelda Demirag (Baskent University)

“Russian and Ottoman Policy Toward Crimean Tatars in the 19th century”

Benjamin Levey (Harvard University)

“Migration of Han Settlers from Gansu to Xinjiang: 1761-1780”

HC-06: Modern History of Central Eurasia

Chair: **Douglas Northrop** (University of Michigan)

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

Selahattin Harun Yilmaz (Oxford University)

“The Role of Soviet Historiographical and Architectural Policies on the Development of Azerbaijani and Georgian National Identities, 1932-1962”

David Reeves (University of California, Santa Barbara)

“Irrigation, Collectivization and Resistance in Soviet Azerbaijan, 1923-33”

Benjamin Loring (Brandeis University)

“Resistance to State Policy in Southern Kyrgyzstan, 1929-1930”

Xiuyu Wang (Washington State University, Vancouver)

“‘Gift to the Dalai Lama’ or ‘Lhasa’s Eastern Domain’?: Debates and Battles between Lhasa and Qing China Proper over Nyarong in Eastern Tibet in the 1900s-1910s”

P0-08: Roundtable: New Foreign Policy Concerns and Strategies in Central Asia

Chair: **Alexander Cooley** (Barnard College)

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Thomas J. Wood (Trinity College)

Eric McGlinchey (George Mason University)

P0-14: Economic “Transition” in Central Asia

Chair: **Wolf Latsch** (University of Washington)

Discussant: **Judith Thornton** (University of Washington)

Kelly McMann (Case Western Reserve University)

“Particularistic Politics as an Unexpected Outcome of Market Reform in Central Asia”

Regine Spector (University of California, Berkeley)

“Who Owns the Marketplace?: Conflict over Property in Kazakhstan”

George E. Wright

“On the Economic Analysis of Central Asia: Disappointing Results or a View through the Wrong Lens?”

S0-10: Roundtable: Teaching in and about Eurasia: Methods and Resources for a New Generation of Teachers

Chair: **Anthony Koliha** (SSRC)

Adeeb Khalid (Carleton College)

Shoshana Keller (Hamilton College)

Doniyor Muratov (Tashkent Islamic University)

Abdullo Hakim (Tajik National State University)

Ashirbek Muminov (R.B. Suleimenov Institute of Oriental Studies)

S0-16: Migration and Socio-economic Development in Central Asia and the Caucasus

Chair: **Nake Kamrany** (University of Southern California)

Discussant: **Peter Sinnott** (Columbia University)

Cynthia Buckley (University of Texas at Austin)

“Remittances and Sending Family Well-being in the Southern Caucasus”

Abdul Ghaffar Mughal (Stanford University)

“Do Remittances Help Reduce Poverty in Central Asia?”

Saltanat Sulaimanova Liebert (Virginia Commonwealth University)

“Interaction of Formal and Informal Institutions: The Case of Labor Migration Out of Kyrgyzstan”

Gulnora Makhmudova (Center of Economic Research under the Ministry of Economy of Uzbekistan)

“Increasing Remittances, Credit Unions, and the Prospects for Women’s Entrepreneurship in Uzbekistan”

S0-22: Roundtable: Education Reconstruction under Conditions of War and Occupation: The Case of Afghanistan

Chair: **Alan DeYoung** (University of Kentucky)

Zaher Wahab (Lewis and Clark College)

“Against All Odds: Education Reconstruction in Afghanistan”

Martin Hadlow (University of Queensland)

“Where to Begin?: Helping to Set Priorities in the Rebuilding of Education Infrastructure in Afghanistan, 2001-2004”

Lauryn Oates (University of British Columbia, Canadian Women for Women in Afghanistan)

“Girls’ Education in North and East Afghanistan: Teacher Training and Integrating Home-based and Community Schools into the Public School System”

Michael Sinclair (Independent Scholar)

“Community Colleges: A Highly Appropriate Model of Post-Secondary Education for Afghanistan”

Nazif Shahrani (Indiana University)

“Politics of Schools and Looming Crisis of Higher Education & Employment in Post-Taliban Afghanistan”

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HC-05: Russia’s Muslims and Eurasian Networks

Chair: **Edward Lazzerini** (Indiana University)

Discussant: **Agnes Nilufer Kefeli** (Arizona State University)

Uli Schamiloglu (University of Wisconsin)

“Muslim Networks in Eurasia During the Golden Horde and the Later Golden Horde”

Mustafa Tuna (Princeton University)

“From Ulama to a Muslim Intelligentsia in Imperial Russia”

Mustafa Gokcek (University of Wisconsin)

“Trans-Imperial Discourses of Nationalism and Religion: The Contributions of a Kazan Tatar to Turkish Nationalism”

HC-17- Religion and Identity: The Armenian Case

Chair: **Richard Hovannisian** (University of California - Los Angeles)

Discussant: **Kevork B. Bardakjian** (University of Michigan)

Hrag Varjabedian (University of Wisconsin)

“The Tree of Vardan Mamikonian and the Multiple Historicities of an Armenian Warrior*”

Ani Sarkissian (Michigan State University)

“Religion in Post-Soviet Armenia: Pluralism and Identity Formation in Transition”

Sevan Yousefian (University of California - Los Angeles)

“The Armenian Church and the Soviet Homeland: Church Involvement in the Soviet Armenian Repatriation Campaign, 1946-1948”

P0-03: Understanding Conflict: Security and Violence in Central Asia and the Caucasus

Chair: **John Mackedon** (The Elliot School of International Affairs)

Discussant: **Ned Walker** (University of California, Berkeley)

Mariya Omelicheva (Purdue University)

“Security Threats are What States Make of Them: The Social Theory of Threat Construction and Security Responses: A Case Study of Central Asia”

Galymzhan Kirbassov (Binghamton University, State University of New York)

“Are Democratizations of Central Asian States Dangerous?: The Influence of Competitiveness of Political Participation on War”

Caspar Tristan ten Dam (Queen University Belfast)

“The Ways to Rebel Part II: Preliminary Findings on the Values, Aims and Methods of Violence by Chechen and Albanian Insurgents”

P0-17: Whither Turkmenistan?

Chair: **Resat Kasaba** (University of Washington)

Discussant: **Victoria Clement** (Western Carolina University)

Jason Strakes (Claremont Graduate University)

“Autocratic Evolution: Turkmenistan’s Public Polices and Political Institutions in the Central Asian Context”

Kenyon Weaver (Georgetown University)

“The Legal Regime of Turkmenistan and Its Effects on Trade & Investment”

Rimma Glukhikh (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev)

“Gender Differences in Production Behavior of Turkmen Leasehold Farmers”

Christopher Boucek (Princeton University)

“Turkmenistan after Niyazov and the Impact on Western Energy Security: An Initial Assessment”

S0-18: Overt and Covert Cultural Policies and Attitudes in Central Asia

Chair: **Arienne M. Dwyer** (University of Kansas)

Discussant: **Mahire Yakup** (University of Kansas)

“The Uses of Natural Symbolism in Official and Everyday Life of Kyrgyzstan”

Mukaram Toktogulova (American University of Central Asia)

“Visions of Religious Syncretism in Kyrgyz Society”

Rufat R. Bavdinov (Turan University)

“Overt and Covert Language Attitudes among the Uyghurs of Kazakhstan”

Olivier Ferrando (Institut d’Etudes Politiques de Paris)

“Education Language Policies and Minorities’ Strategies in Central Asia: A Comparative Approach of Uzbekistan, Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan”

Gülnar Eziz (Xinjiang Academy of Social Science)

“Overt/Covert Categories in the Uyghur Language”

S0-24: The Social Impact of Mining in Mongolia

(Co-sponsored by the American Center for Mongolian Studies and the Mongolia Society)

Chair: **Vesna Wallace** (University of California - Santa Barbara)

Discussant: **Charles Krusekopf** (Royal Roads University)

Julian Dierkes (University of British Columbia)

“The Path of Mongolian Public Policy on Mining”

Lesley Johnston (Simon Fraser University)

“Open Pits and Pitfalls: Mining, Water and Income Security on the Mongolian Steppe”

Jarda Dostal (St. Mary's University)

“Developing Sustainable Mining Practices in Mongolia”

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HC-01: Crossing Cultural Borders

Chair: **Benjamin Levey** (Harvard University)

Discussant: **Stefan Kamola** (University of Washington)

Semi Ertan (University of Michigan)

“Trajectories of Cultural Symbiosis in 17th century Istanbul/Constantinople”

Gay Jennifer Breyley (Monash University)

“Music and Postwar Reconciliation in Iran: Pop Mourning with Abdol Reza Helali”

Rachel Harrell-Bilici (University of Michigan)

“Uzbek Literary Voices in Transition: The Case of Ulugbek Hamdam's ‘Muvozanat’”

Simon Wickham-Smith (Independent Scholar)

“The Negotiation of Cultural Difference in the Translation of Contemporary Mongolian Literature”

HC-13: Current Research in Linguistics

Chair: **Semi Ertan** (University of Michigan)

Discussant: **Fatos Erozan** (Eastern Mediterranean University)

Izumi Nishioka (Kyushu University)

“Demonstrative Pronouns of Modern Uyghur”

Yasmin Mohammad Arslan Al-Shishani (Hashemite University)

“The Syntactic Acquisition for Multilingual Individuals and the Effect of L1(Caucasian:Chechen) on L2(English)”

Victor A. Friedman (University of Chicago)

“Evidentiality in Central Asia vis-a-vis The Balkans and the Caucasus”

P0-01: Citizenship and National Identity in Kyrgyzstan

Chair: **Ali Igmen** (California State University - Long Beach)

Discussant: **Sylvia Babus** (National Defense University)

Vanessa Ruget (OSCE Academy)

“State Weakness and Its Impact on Citizenship in Kyrgyzstan”

Emil Juraev (OSCE Academy, Bishkek)

“Struggles for Recognition in a Not-So-Constitutional State”

Alan Cordova (Columbia University)

“Micro-Entrepreneurship and Social Engagement in Post-Soviet Kyrgyzstan: Economic Development as a Driver of Political Change”

Melissa Burn (Army Directed Studies Office)

“One View of Identity Interaction During Kyrgyzstan’s Long Transition Phase”

P0-07: Energy Sovereignty and Security: The ‘Energy Nationalism’ Phenomenon in Eurasia

Chair: **Hayriye Kahveci** (Middle East Technical University)

Discussant: **Keith Leitich** (Independent Scholar)

Daniel Freifeld (New York University)

“Counterterrorism Law and Institutions in the Shanghai Cooperation Organization”

Merim Razbaeva (Center for Security Studies, ETH)

“Security Sector Reform (SSR) and Governance in Kyrgyzstan”

Theresa Sabonis-Helf (National Defense University)

“Gazprom Presence and Gas Alliances: Networks of Interdependence in Central Asia and the Caucasus”

S0-03: Challenging Interpretations of Islam in Central Asia

Chair: **Scott Noegel** (University of Washington)

Discussant: **Gulnara Aitpaeva** (Aigine Research Centre)

Maria Elisabeth Louw (Postdoctoral Scholar)

“The Religious, the Secular and the Esoteric in Bishkek”

Vernon Schubel (Kenyon College)

“Studies in Texts and Contexts: Anthropological Approaches to Islam in Contemporary Central Asia”

Adeeb Khalid (Carleton College)

“In Search of Soviet Islam”

John Schoeberlein (Harvard University)

“Dawah in Central Asia: Radical Islam?”

S0-06: Employment and Poverty

Chair: **Sara Curran** (University of Washington)

Discussant: **Sara Curran** (University of Washington)

Christopher Whitsel (Indiana University)

“Increasing Prosperity in Tajikistan: The Perspectives of the People”

Saltanat Dushalieva (University of Maryland, Baltimore)

“Social Economic Impact Assessment of Social Rehabilitation of Vulnerable Women in Kyrgyzstan”

Aisa Taunova (Kalmyk State University)

“Market Economy in the Caucasus: Development of the Sheep-Breeding Industry in Kalmykia”

S0-23: Media, the Internet and Social Change

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

Discussant: **[TBD]**

Shoshana Billik (University of Washington)

“Civil Internetization in the Former Soviet Union: From Conception to Commercialization”

Marina Romanova (Buryat State University)

“Nehru’s Effect and the Buryat Ethnic Youth Democratic Movement in 2001-2006”

Hans Ibold (University of Missouri)

“On the Brink: University Students and the Internet Kyrgyzstan”

HC-08: New Research on Central Asia in the 18th and 19th Centuries

Chair: **Douglas Northrop** (University of Michigan)

Discussant: **Florian Schwarz** (University of Washington)

Nurten Kilic-Schubel (Kenyon College)

“Women, Gender and the Literary Milieu in the Khoqand Khanate”

Scott Levi (University of Louisville)

“The Altun Beshik Legend and Political Legitimacy in the Khanate of Khoqand”

Flora Roberts (University of Chicago)

“Schooling Inorodtsy: Education Policies in Late Tsarist Turkestan”

Ron Sela (Indiana University)

“The Ferghana Valley in the 18th-19th centuries: A View from the Tadhkira-i Majdhub Namangani”

HC-14: Discourses of Empire

Chair: **Barbara Henry** (University of Washington)

Discussant: **Steve Sabol** (University of North Carolina at Charlotte)

Noah Tucker (Harvard University)

“Into Russian Turkistan, 1873-1917: English Travel Literature and the Creation of the Russian Orient”

Stefan Kamola (University of Washington)

“Such Classic Ground: Remembering Alexander in Afghanistan”

P0-04: Xinjiang: Politics and Policies

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

Discussant: **[TBD]**

Stacie Martin Giles (Indiana University)

“Can Uighurs Belong in Today’s Kazakhstan?”

Maryam Iman (National Defense University)

“Social Movement Theory: Case Study on Xinjiang”

Dolkun Kamberi (Radio Free Asia)

“Chinese Style Bilingual Teaching Plan Effect on Uyghur Education”

P0-09: One Step Forward, Two Steps Back: Democracy Building in the Caucasus and Central Asia

Chair: **Daniel Burghart** (National Defense Intelligence College)

Discussant: **Theresa Sabonis-Helf** (National Defense University)

Antoine Buisson (École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales)

“Political Legitimacy, Statehood Building and Democracy in Post-conflict Tajikistan”

Niklas Swanstrom (Institute for Security and Development Policy)

“Democratic Development and Organized Crime: The Yin and Yang of Greater Central Asia”

Taleh Ziyadov (Azerbaijan Diplomatic Academy)

“Democratic Institution Building and Security Sector Reform in Azerbaijan”

Olga Oliker (The Rand Corporation)

“Political Change, Democracy, and U.S. Policies in Central Asia”

SO-04: Culture and the Arts

Chair: **Philip Schuyler** (University of Washington)

Discussant: **Laada Bilanuik** (University of Washington)

Anna Oldfield-Senarslan (University of Wisconsin-Madison)

“Singing the Past, Calling the Future: The Women Ashiqs of Azerbaijan”

Elira Turdubaeva (Kyrgyzstan-Turkey Manas University)

“The Foundation of Family in Television Soap Operas: A Comparative Study of Kyrgyz and Russian Soap Operas”

Nadejda Ozerova (Tashkent Financial Institute)

“Changing Public Monuments in Tashkent: How the State Presents Its Vision to the People”

Seyit Onur Senarslan (Independent Scholar)

“Polyphonic Culture Clashes in Cyberspace: Music, Mobility, and Cell-Phones in Contemporary Azerbaijan”

SO-15: Migration between Central Asia and Russia: Patterns, Networks and Policies

Chair: **Kathie Friedman** (University of Washington)

Discussant: **Scott Radnitz** (Kennan Institute)

Delia Rahmonova-Schwarz (International Graduate School in Sociology at University of Bielefeld, Germany)

“Linking Transboundary Movements and Development in Central Asia”

Nazgul Tajibaeva (University of Bielefeld)

“Sending State and Transnational Migration: The Case of Kyrgyzstan”

John Myraunet (International Organization for Migration)

“Initiatives to Improve the Situation of Central Asian Migrants by the International Community and Central Asian Governments”

Film Festival (9:30-10:45): *Ty ne sirota [You are not an Orphan]*

***Allen Auditorium, Suzzallo-Allen Library, 1st Floor**

Director: Shukhrat Abbasov (Uzbekistan, 1962) 75 min.

In *You are not an Orphan*, Abbasov presents a unique view of World War II-era Uzbekistan, addressing social and political issues of this period. The film tells the story of a family, who takes in 14 multi-national orphans, learning to live together as a supportive and loving community.

Saturday, October 20, 11:00-12:45

HC-03: Russia's Steppe Frontier: Kazakhs in the Multi-ethnic Russian Empire

Chair: **Semi Ertan** (University of Michigan)

Discussant: **Steven Sabol** (University of North Carolina - Charlotte)

Marlies Bilz-Leonhardt (Independent Scholar)

“Orenburg Elites in the Wake of Russia's Colonization Project”

Beate Eschment (Universitaet Halle-Wittenberg)

“Neither Barbarians, Nor Noble Savages: The Russian View on the Kazakhs of the Empire”

Joern Happel (Universitaet Basel)

“The revolt of 1916: Tsarist Policy and Nomadic Lebenswelten”

HC-16: The Culture of Georgia

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

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

Kevin J. Tuite (Universite de Montreal)

“Reconfiguration of ritual space in the traditional religious systems of the Georgian highlands”

Babak Rezvani (University of Amsterdam, Netherlands)

“The Shiite Fereydani Georgians: Joyous (In)Compatibility”

Bert Beynen (Free Library of Philadelphia)

“Royal Succession in *Shahnameh* and Shota Rustaveli’s *The Man in the Panther Skin*”

HC-20: AATT Graduate Student Session in Turkish and Turkic Studies

Chair: **Sylvia Onder** (Georgetown University)

Discussant: **Erika Gilson** (Princeton University)

Brad Dennis (University of Utah)

“Kurdish and Armenian Relations during the Sultan Abdulhamit II period (1876-1909)”

Jessie Clark (University of Arizona)

“(Re-)Producing the State and Family in Southeast Turkey”

Kristin Fabbe (Massachusetts Institute of Technology)

“Defining Minorities and Identities: Religious Categorization and State-Making Strategies in Greece and Turkey”

Alex Balistreri (Princeton University)

“A Nation in Exile: The Letters of Yusuf Baksan Efendiolu and the Creation of a (Diaspora) Balkar Identity 1944-50”

David Dettman (University of Wisconsin)

“Developing Advanced-level Cross-language Interactive Listening Modules for Turkic Languages”

P0-06: Challenges to Democracy in the Former Soviet Union

Chair: **Eric McGlinchey** (George Mason University)

Discussant: **Eric McGlinchey** (George Mason University)

John Mackedon (Elliott School of International Affairs)

“Unprecedented: A Look at Kosovo, Abkhazia and the Right to Statehood”

Cristian Ciobanu (Elliott School of International Affairs)

“Nationalism in Putin’s Russia”

David Mastro (West Virginia University)

“A Structured Exploratory Analysis of Armenia, Azerbaijan, and Georgia”

P0-16: Western Policies toward Central Asia and the Caucasus

Chair: **Brant Paulson** (University of Washington)

Discussant: **Alex Cooley** (Barnard College)

Jazgul Ismailova (Independent Scholar)

“Debt Sustainability in Kyrgyzstan”

Saule Sagandykova (University of Stavanger)

“The Impact of European FDI on Central Asian Countries”

Ali Tekin (Bilkent University)

“Western Policies towards the Caspian Basin: Comparison of the EU and USA”

Bek-Myrza Tokotegin (Institute for Social Science)

“An Analysis of Russian-American Approaches to Central Asian Security (post 9/11)”

S0-08: Expressions of Gendered and Religious Identity

Chair: **Nurten Kilic-Schubel** (Kenyon College)

Discussant: **Vernon Schubel** (Kenyon College)

Maysarat Musaeva (Russian Academy of Sciences - Daghestan)

“Gender Stereotypes of Mountain Peoples of Daghestan”

Julie McBrien (Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology)

“On Push-up Bras and Headscarves: Experiencing Multiple Modernities in Kyrgyzstan”

Katherine Kmita (York University)

“The Performance of Mongolian Shamanic Dance”

Christina Stoltz (Dartmouth College)

“‘Fate for Sale’: Mark(et)ing Domestic Violence in Central Asia”

S0-21: Secondary Education and Teacher Training

Chair: **Stephen T. Kerr** (University of Washington)

Discussant: **Stephen T. Kerr** (University of Washington)

Leigh Nolan (Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University)

“Education Reform Along the Afghanistan/Pakistan Border”

Saodat Jumaevna Achilova (Samarkand Branch of Tashkent University of Information Technology)

“The Problems of Introducing Modern Pedagogical Technology into the National Educational Environment of Uzbekistan: Point of View of a Teacher”

Ashot Khoetsian (Yerevan State University)

“Environmental Education Issues in the Republic of Armenia”

Film Festival: *Project on Kyrgyz Identity: The Kyrgyz People in the 20th Century (1916-1991)*

***Allen Auditorium, Suzzallo-Allen Library, 1st Floor**

Project Team: Anvarbek Mokeev, Konuralp Ercilasun, Artykpai Suyundukov, Stambulbek Mambetaliyev

(Kyrgyzstan, 2007) 90 min.

This documentary is the result of an oral history project concerning WWII veterans. It was produced by a team from Kyrgyz-Turkish Manas University

Saturday, October 20, 2:00-3:45

HC-10: Early Islam in Central Asia

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

Discussant: **Jonathan Brown** (University of Washington)

Sulhiniso Rahmatullaeva (Independent Scholar)

“Early Central Asian Masjid-Mosque: The Rise and Development of Architecture”

Kristian Petersen (University of Washington)

“The Central Asian Sources of Chinese Islamic Literature”

HC-19: Doing Oral History of Central Asian Transformations

Chair: **Russell Zanca** (Northeastern Illinois University)

Discussant: **Ali Igmen** (California State University - Long Beach)

Elmira Shishkaraeva (HESP, OSI Institute, Bishkek)

“The Use of Oral History in Documenting Political and Social Transformations in Kyrgyzstan”

Jeff Sahadeo (Carleton University)

“Stereotypes, Nostalgia, and Other Challenges of Oral Histories of Soviet-era Ethnic Relations”

Marianne Kamp (University of Wyoming)

“The Blind Men and the Elephant: Looking at Uzbek Rural Class Relations from Below”

Jonathan Zartman (Air Command Staff College, Air University)

“Barriers and Benefits within a Central Asian Understanding of the Past”

P0-12: International Politics in Central Asia

Chair: **Ned Walker** (University of California - Berkeley)

Discussant: **[TBD]**

Qong Ajim (Kumamoto University, Graduate School of Social and Cultural Sciences)

“The Economic Relationship between China and the Five Countries of Central Asia”

Alim Hasanov (Sabanci University)

“Shanghai Cooperation Organization: Neorealist Explanation to Current Sino-Russian Rapprochement”

Bernd Kuzmits (University of Bonn)

“Trans-border Interactions across the Amu Darya / Pyanj River (Afghanistan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan)”

P0-19: Mongolia's Post-Socialist Transition

Chair: **Robert E. Bedeski** (Victoria University)

Discussant: **David Sneath** (University of Cambridge)

Robert E. Bedeski (Victoria University)

“Mongolia as a Modern Sovereign Nation-State”

Takiguchi Ryo (Hokkaido University)

“Mongolia's Political System in Transformation: From Semi-Presidentialism to Parliamentarism?”

Munkh-Erdene Lhamsuren (National University of Mongolia)

“Land Ownership and Everyday Life – Land Privatization Process in Post-socialist Mongolia”

Erdenetuya Urtnast (Mongolian State University of Education)

“Are the Nomads of Mongolia Genuine Environmental Conservationists?”

S0-07: Ethnic Relations within and across State Borders

Chair: **Alexander Diener** (Pepperdine University)

Discussant: **TBD**

Zekeriya Baskal (Gaziosmanpasa University)

“Peaceful Aspects of Turkish-Armenian Relations: Cases of Tokat, Amasya, Sivas and Kayseri”

Magomedkhan Magomedkhanov (Russian Academy of Sciences - Daghestan)

“Modernization of the Ethnic and Cultural Identity of Daghestanis”

Stephen A. Bahry (University of Toronto)

“Quality Education for Linguistic Minorities in the People's Republic of China: The Case of Sunan Yugur Autonomous County, Gansu, China”

Mamaykhan Aglarov (Russian Academy of Sciences - Daghestan)

“Chechnya, Ingushetia and Daghestan: Comparison of Social Structure”

S0-11: Higher Education and Academia

Chair: **[TBD]**

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

Mihray Abdilim Abrial (Indiana University)

“Developing Uyghur Women's Studies at School In Xinjiang (East Turkistan)”

Ararat Osipian (Vanderbilt University)

“‘Feed from the Service’: Corruption and Coercion in the State-University Relations”

Alan DeYoung (University of Kentucky)

“Conceptualizing Post-Secondary Education Paradoxes in the Kyrgyz Republic”

Hans Gutbrod (Caucasus Research Resource Centers)

“Academia and Development: Building Social-Science Research Capacity in the Region”

S0-19: Religion and Politics in Comparative Perspective

Chair: **Firoozeh Papan-Matin** (University of Washington)

Discussant: **James K. Wellman** (University of Washington)

Akmaljon Abdullayev (University of St Andrews)

“Unviable Social Movements in Transition Countries: Central Asian Hizb ut-Tahrir al-Islami”

Taghi Azadarmaki (University of Tehran)

“Religious Values: Comparative Analysis between Iran and Other Countries”

Alisher Khamidov (Johns Hopkins University)

“Controlling Religion: State, Islamic Groups and Religious Regulation in Central Asia”

Film Festival: *Aksuat (1997) 78 min., Dir. Serik Aprymov*

***Allen Auditorium, Suzzallo-Allen Library, 1st Floor**

Director: Serik Aprymov (Kazakhstan, 1997) 78 min.

Aksuat tells the story of two brothers, one who maintains a traditional way of life and the other who lives a modern life in the city. Through these two brothers, Aprymov portrays the traditional values of Kazakhstan, including a deep love of the homeland.

Saturday, October 20, 4:00-5:45

HC-12: Linguistic Landscapes

Chair: **Izumi Nishioka** (Kyushu University)

Discussant: **Victor Friedman** (University of Chicago)

Fatos Erozan (Eastern Mediterranean University)

“Linguistic Landscape as a Marker of Language Power: Cyprus”

Javanshir Shibliyev (Eastern Mediterranean University)

“Lingua-symbolic Reflection of Power: the Linguistic Landscape of Azerbaijan”

HC-18: Xinjiang: History and Geography

Chair: **James A. Millward** (Georgetown University)

Discussant: **David Reeves** (University of California, Santa Barbara)

Amier Saidula (The Institute of Ismaili Studies)

“Introduction to the Historical Chinese Literature on the Tajiks of Xinjiang China”

Amy Pozza Kardos (Cornell University)

“Wang Zhen and the Institutionalization and Implementation of Tunken”

Astrid Cerny (University of Washington)

“The Myth of Greener Pastures: Kazak Pastoralists in a Modernizing Chinese State”

Stanley Toops (Miami University)

“The Peopling of Xinjiang, China: Results of the 2000 Population Census”

PO-11: The Politics of Oil

Chair: **Brant Paulson** (University of Washington)

Discussant: **Erica Johnson** (University of Washington)

Andrea Herschman (University of California - Los Angeles)

“The Political Sources of the Dutch Disease: Political Budget Cycles in Oil-abundant Countries”

Anwar Zahid (University of Peshawar)

“Development of Infrastructural Linkages between Pakistan and Central Asia”

PO-13: Effects of Informal Institutions, Clans, and Corruption in Central Asia and the Caucasus

Chair: **[TBD]**

Discussant: **Niklas Swanstrom** (Institute for Security and Development Policy)

Fredrik M Sjoberg (London School of Economics and Political Science)

“Clans and Electoral Politics in Kyrgyzstan: Candidate Selection and Campaigning 1989-2005”

Rico Isaacs (Oxford Brookes University, United Kingdom)

“Elite Fragmentation and Pro-presidential Party Consolidation: Understanding Party-system Development in Kazakhstan since 2001”

Hasan Ali Karasar (Bilkent University)

“Political/Power Transition and Clan networks in the Caspian Basin: Cases of Azerbaijan and Turkmenistan”

SO-12: Identity in Kyrgyzstan

Chair: **Ilse Cirtautas** (University of Washington)

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

Gulnara Aitpaeva (Aigine Research Centre) and **Elena Molchanova** (American University of Central Asia)

“Kyrgyzchylyk: Searching between Spirituality and Science”

Aida Aaly Alymbaeva (American University of Central Asia)

“Shifting Identities and Threat for Integration in Kyrgyzstan: The Case of Inhabitants of Bishkek’s Suburbs”

Svetlana Jacquesson (Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology)

“Identity and Integration in Northern Kyrgyzstan: A Case Study from the Naryn District”

SO-20: Roundtable: Bridging Europe and US in Eurasian Studies

Chair: **Peter Finke** (University of Zurich)

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

Pinar Akcali (Middle East Technical University)

Alberto Priego (Campus de Somosaguas, Universidad Complutense)

Hayriye Kahveci (Middle East Technical University)

Film Festival: *Nevestka* [Daughter in Law]

***Allen Auditorium, Suzzallo-Allen Library, 1st Floor**

Director: Hodzhakuli Narliev (Turkmenistan, 1971) 77 min.

Nevestka is the story of a shepherd and his daughter-in-law, whose husband died at war.

The film portrays traditional Turkmen life in the desert, but it also details a theme common in Central Asian films of this period: the incomplete family.

Sunday, October 21, 9:15-11:00

(NOTE: The HUB will open at 9:00 am on Sunday)

HC-04: Cross-Cultural Perspectives on Conversion in Caucasia and Central Eurasia

Chair: **[TBD]**

Discussant: **Joel Walker** (University of Washington)

Scott McDonough (William Paterson University of New Jersey)

“‘I Consider Your Valiant Deeds Useless’: Christian Conversion in Sasanian Military Ideology and Practice”

Stephen H. Rapp, Jr. (Georgia State University)

“The Christianization of Southern Caucasia: A Cross-Cultural Perspective”

Seta B. Dadoyan (St. Nersess Seminary)

“Amoralizing the Phenomenon of Muslim Armenians in the Medieval Islamic World: Conversion as Alternative Politics and Culture”

Paul Crego (Library of Congress)

“Converting the Georgians: Issues of Religious and Ethnic Identity in the Works of Metropolitan Anania Japaridze of the Georgian Orthodox Church”

HC-15: Mongol Empire

Chair: **Paul Buell** (Western Washington University)

Discussant: **Florian Schwarz** (University of Washington)

Timothy May (North Georgia College & State University)

“Mongol military tactics in the Secret History of the Mongols”

Taghi Azadarmaki (University of Teheran)

“The role of Ibn-Khadlun to stop the war between Mongol’s and Islamic states in 14th century”

J. Daniel Rogers (Smithsonian Institution) and **Claudio Cioffi-Revilla** (George Mason University)

“The Mongol Empire and the Dynamics of Social Complexity”

William Fitzhugh (Smithsonian Institution) and **Don Lessom** (Exhibits Rex)

“Genghis Khan’s Mongolia: Educating the American Public in the 800 Year Anniversary Era”

PO-02: Nation-building in Central Asia

Chair: **Pinar Akcali** (Middle East Technical University)

Discussant: **[TBD]**

Anuar Galiev (Kazakh National University)

“Construction of Nations, Mythologization of History, and Present-day International Relations in Central Asia”

Ansor Naberayev (Independent scholar)

“International Law and Nation-Building in Uzbekistan”

PO-15: Cases in Economic Reform in Central Asia

Chair: **Brant Paulson** (University of Washington)

Discussant: **George Wright** (University of Washington)

Kobil Ruziev (University of Wales Aberystwyth)

“The Uzbek Puzzle Revisited: An Analysis of Economic Performance in Uzbekistan Since 1991”

Erica Johnson (University of Washington)

“Determinants of State Social Welfare Policy: Comparative Analysis of Soviet Successor States”

Ilhom Miliyev (Union of Disabled Sportsmen)

“Soviet Style Nomenclatura Employment: Employment Discrimination”

Michael Zukosky (Eastern Washington University)

“‘Free herding’ in Kazakh pastoral areas : A Semantic Shift from Socialist Land Reform to Modern Scientific Management in Northern Xinjiang, China”

S0-02: Central Asian Studies in Light of Imperialism: A Neo-Orientalist Approach within Western Academia

Chair: **Tugrul Keskin** (Virginia Tech. University)

Discussant: **Kemal Silay** (Indiana University)

David Sneath (University of Cambridge)

“The Discourse of Tribalism and the Headless State: Evolutionist Social Theory and the Misrepresentation of Nomadic Inner Asia”

Barbara Potrata (University of Manchester)

“Circumventing Orientalism In Studying Traditional Medicines in Central Asia”

Rebecca L. Bowman (University of Iowa)

“American University of Central Asia (AUCA): Comparative Access to Education and Advancement”

S0-13: Immigrants and Acculturation

Discussant: **Saltanat Sulaimanova Liebert** (Virginia Commonwealth University)

Elene Medzmariashvili (Tbilisi State University)

“Georgian Immigrant Women in the U.S.: Problem of Americanization”

Alexia Bloch (University of British Columbia)

“Post-Soviet Mistresses and the Turkish State: Negotiating Intimacy and Labor Migration in a Time of Transnationalism”

Vasili Rukhadze (Independent Scholar)

“The Growth of Ethnic Intolerance in Russia’s Big Cities”

S0-14: International Organizations and Local Responses

Chair: **Diana Pearce** (University of Washington)

Discussant: **[TBD]**

Aaron Erlich (Caucasus Research Resource Centers)

“Collecting Thin Air: Migration Data and its Problems in the South Caucasus”

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

“Press Freedoms in Central Asia: Why Not?”

Diana Pearce (University of Washington)

“Picking up the Pieces: Women’s NGOs Responding to Families under Economic and Social Stress in Muslim Central Asia”

Sunday, October 21, 11:15-1:00

HC-07: Law on the Imperial and Cultural Frontier: 19th-20th Century Legal documents from Xinjiang and the Qazaq Steppe

Chair: **Tatsuo Nakami** (Tokyo University of Foreign Studies)

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

Sunao Hori (Konan University)

“On Socio-economic Documents in Hui-jiang (1760-1884): An Introductory Notice on the Chaghatay Turkic Documents under Qing Rule”

Jun Sugawara (Tokyo University of Foreign Studies)

“Tradition and Adoption: The Sinicization of Legal Documents in Turkic Traditional Society in Provincial Xinjiang (1884-1955)”

Jin Noda (Toyo Bunko)

“The Qazaq Nomadism Reflected in the Imperial Documents: Between the Qing and Russian Empires, 19th Century”

HC-11: Archaeology and Material Culture

Chair: **Scott Noegel** (University of Washington)

Discussant: **[TBD]**

Omran and Liela Garazhian and Papoli Yadzi (University of Tehran)

“Stratigraphic Excavation in Qaleh Khan: A Site from Neolithic To Contemporary Period”

Soeren Stark (University Halle-Wittenberg)

“Sacral Landscapes’: Kurgans and Petroglyphs in High Mountain Valleys of the Turkestan Range (Tajikistan)”

Gala Argent (University of Leicester)

“A Herd of Two: A Communications-Based Model for Reassessing the Pazyryk Horse Burials in Terms of Identity and Ideology”

PO-10: Emerging Oil/Gas Economies and Societies: The Focus on Central Asia

Chair: **Wojciech Ostrowski** (University of St. Andrews)

Discussant: **Saulesh Yessenova** (Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology)

Nygmets Ibadildin (University of Tampere)

“Issue of the Contract Sanctity in Kazakhstan in the Context of Oil Resources and Growing Public Pressures”

Saulesh Yessenova (Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology)

“Tengiz Crude: A View from Below”

Wojciech Ostrowski (University of St. Andrews)

“Peripheries, Foreign Oil Companies and Regime Maintenance in Post-Soviet Kazakhstan”

PO-18: Civil Society and Social Movements in Central Asia

Chair: **Stephen E. Hanson** (University of Washington)

Discussant: **Stephen E. Hanson** (University of Washington)

Scott Radnitz (Kennan Institute)

“Social Capital and Organized Resistance in Central Asia”

Amy Forster Rothbart (University of Wisconsin)

“The Effects of Multilateral Environmental Cooperation on Environmental Politics in Kazakhstan”

Kimairis Toogood (George Mason University Institute for Conflict Analysis and Resolution)

“Tajikistan’s Potential for a ‘Bottom-Up’ Revolution”

Gert Jan Veldwisch (Reinische Friedrich-Wilhelm Universität Bonn)

“Uzbek Water Users Associations (WUAs) in Action: The Continuation of State Control and the Emergence of Collective Action in Khorezm, Uzbekistan”

S0-01: Roundtable: Contemporary Life in Azerbaijan

Chair: **Eric Lepisto** (Teachers College, Columbia University)

Discussant: **Shannon O'Lear** (University of Kansas)

Hilal Galip (Middle East Technical University)

"Quality of Life in Azerbaijan"

Ayse Gunes-Ayata (Middle East Technical University) and **Hayriye Kahveci** (Middle East Technical University)

"Women in Azerbaijan"

Shannon O'Lear (University of Kansas)

"Spatial Patterns of Public Concerns and Political Opinion in Azerbaijan"

Eric Lepisto (Teachers College, Columbia University)

"Modernization and Social Capital in Azerbaijan"

S0-05: Identity, Diaspora, Deportation

Chair: **Marta Mikkelsen** (University of Washington)

Discussant: **Asbed Kotchikian** (Florida State University)

Saglar Bougdaeva (Yale University)

"Deportation to Siberia: The Formation of Kalmyk Identity through Collective Trauma"

Talinn Grigor (Florida State University)

"Dolling-up Yerevan: Avant-garde Urbanism in Post-Soviet Politics"

S0-17: Mongolian Buddhism

(Co-sponsored by the American Center for Mongolian Studies and the Mongolia Society)

Chair: **Charles Krusekopf** (Royal Roads University)

Discussant: **Julian Dierkes** (University of British Columbia)

Vesna Wallace (University of California, Santa Barbara)

"Constructions and Legitimizations of Buddhist Legal Systems in Mongolia"

Rudy Busto (University of California - Santa Barbara)

"The Secret History of the Mongols in the U.S.: Race, Buddhism and 'Mongolians' in the United States"

Jared Lindahl (University of California - Santa Barbara)

"The Ritual Veneration of Mongolian Mountains"

Catherine Tsuji (University of California - Santa Barbara)

"Emerging Narratives in the Contemporary Religious Revival of Buddhism in Mongolia"

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HUB Room 200B	SO-22 • Roundtable: Education Reconstruction under Conditions of War and Occupation: The Case of Afghanistan	SO-18 • Overt and Covert Cultural Policies and Attitudes in Central Asia	SO-23 • Media, the Internet, and Social Change	
HUB Room 200C	PO-14 • Economic "Transition" in Central Asia	PO-17 • Whither Turkmenistan?	SO-06 • Employment and Poverty	
HUB Room 209A	SO-10 • Roundtable: Teaching in and about Eurasia: Methods and Resources for a New Generation of Teachers	HC-05 • Russia's Muslims and Eurasian Networks	PO-01 • Citizenship and National Identity in Kyrgyzstan	
HUB Room 209B	HC-02 • Migration and Diaspora		HC-13 • Current Research in Linguistics	
HUB Room 309	PO-08 • Roundtable: New Foreign Policy Concerns and Strategies in Central Asia	SO-24 • The Social Impact of Mining in Mongolia	HC-01 • Crossing Cultural Borders	
HUB Room 310	SO-16 • Migration and Socio-Economic Development in Central Asia and the Caucasus	PO-03 • Understanding Conflict: Security and Violence in Central Asia and the Caucasus	PO-07 • Energy Sovereignty and Security: The 'Energy Nationalism' Phenomenon in Eurasia	

Panel Grid for Saturday, October 20

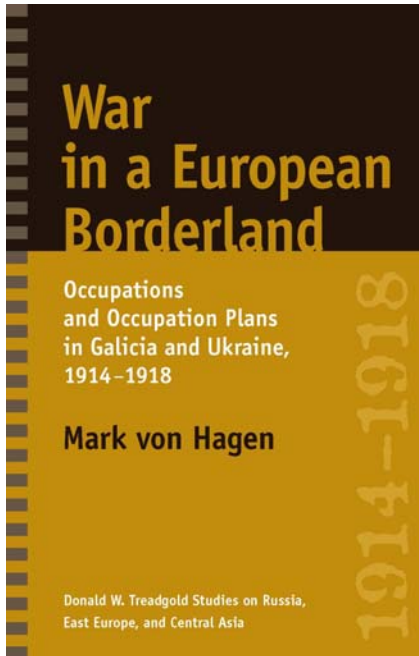
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HUB 209A	HC-08 • New Research on Central Asia in the 18th and 19th Centuries	HC-20 • AATT Graduate Student Session in Turkish and Turkic Studies	PO-12 • International Politics in Central Asia	SO-20 • Roundtable: Bridging Europe and US in Eurasian Studies
HUB 209B	SO-01 • Roundtable: Contemporary Life in Azerbaijan	HC-16 • The Culture of Georgia	HC-10 • Early Islam in Central Asia	HC-12 • Linguistic Landscapes
HUB 309	SO-04 • Culture and the Arts	SO-21 • Secondary Education and Teacher Training	SO-11 • Higher Education and Academia	
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Panel Grid for Sunday, October 21

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HUB 200B	SO-14 • International Organizations and Local Responses	SO-05 • Identity, Diaspora, Deportation
HUB 200C	PO-02 • Nation-building in Central Asia	HC-07 • Law on the Imperial and Cultural Frontier: 19-20th Century Legal Documents from Xinjiang and Qazaq Steppe
HUB 209A	HC-15 • Mongol Empire	PO-10 • Emerging Oil/Gas Economics and Societies: The Focus on Central Asia
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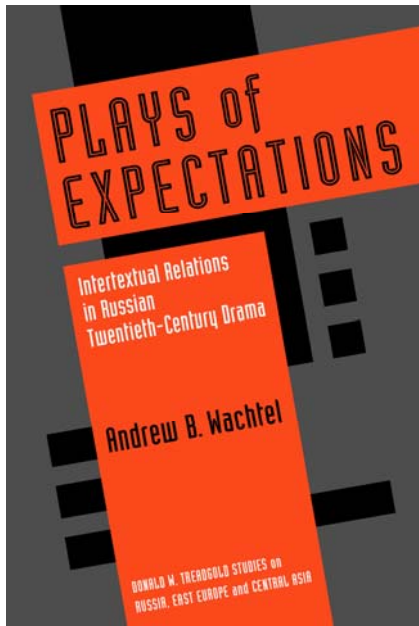


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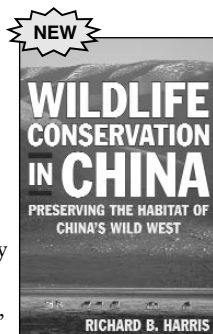
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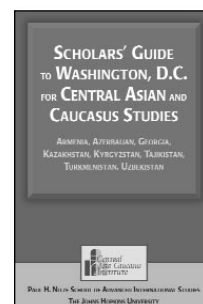
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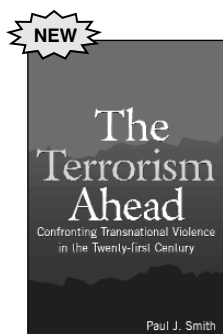
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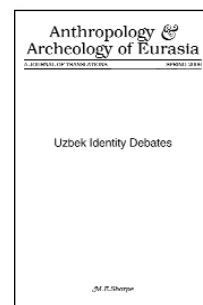
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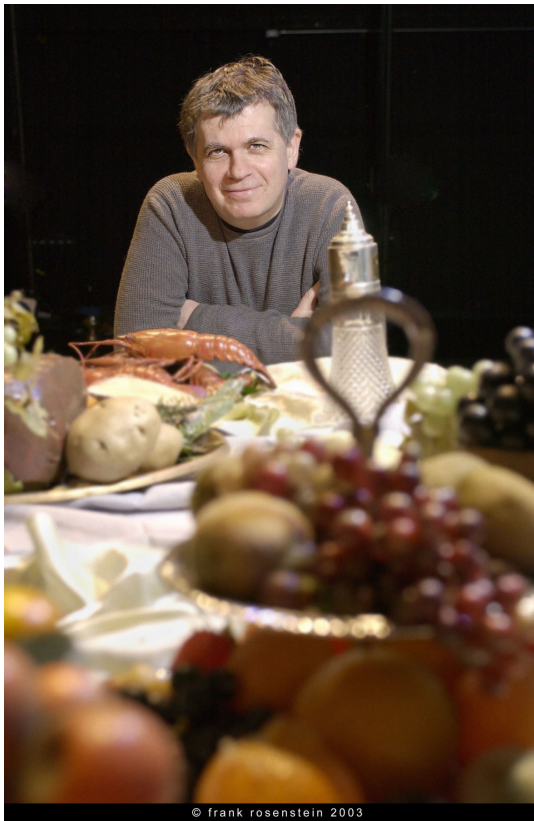
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Mark Yakovlevich Weil (1952-2007)



On the night of September 6, 2007, Mark Weil, 55, internationally known director and leader of Tashkent's renowned Ilkhom Theatre, was fatally stabbed by unknown assailants in front of his apartment building after the final rehearsal of his latest production, Aeschylus's *The Orestia*. "We open a new season tomorrow and everything must happen" are Weil's reported last words. On September 7, the company premiered *The Orestia*, opening its 31st season as planned.

Weil's passing will have long lasting impact on Uzbek cultural life. He is remembered as a cultural icon and as a pillar of Western culture in Uzbekistan. He was universally known for his humor, his warmth and his generosity. With those qualities he refused to be denied his theatrical visions or to be told he could not do what was important to him.

Weil claimed that he did not set out to be, nor did he think of himself as, a dissident per se, but as someone who strived for free and authentic artistic expression. The popularity of his productions, the devotion of Tashkent audiences, and his international reputation, are thought to have protected him and Ilkhom from government suppression. His repertory ranged from a light hearted and funny musical adaptation of John Steinbeck's *Tortilla Flat* to a fiercely theatrical, high-tech adaptation of Pushkin's *Imitations of the Koran*, a madcap adaptation of a Goldoni farce set in Samarkand

during the fall of Communism, to his last and perhaps most ambitious undertaking, a multimedia, rock-and-roll-scored, expressionistic and absurdist version of the sweeping, epic Greek Tragedy, *The Orestia*.

The son of Ukrainian Jews, Mark Yakovlevich Weil was born in Tashkent in 1952 and went on to study theater in Moscow and Leningrad. In 1976, together with other graduates of Tashkent's Theatrical Institute, Weil founded the Soviet Union's first independent theatre, Ilkhom, or "inspiration" in Uzbek. In the 1980's he founded a theater school, feeding new actors into the renowned company. His current class of 18 young adults includes Uzbeks, Kazaks, Russians, and three American students from the University of Washington.

Ilkhom has toured in over twenty countries to great acclaim. In 2002, Weil directed Nikolai Erdman's *The Suicide* as a guest director for the University of Washington's School of Drama Professional Actor Training Program. Since 2005, Seattle's ACT Theatre, along with faculty members of the UW School of Drama, has been planning for the company to come to the United States in the spring of 2008 for a month long residency at ACT. As part of the residency, the School of Drama is planning acting workshops, campus and community forums, and cross-cultural events at the UW. The company will also travel to Miami of Ohio.

To those who knew Mark Weil and experienced Ilkhom's singular and powerful productions, there is no choice but to carry on with the work and ideals he passed on to so many fellow human beings. Mark Weil is survived by his wife, Tatyana, and daughters, Julia and Alexandria, who reside in Seattle. Memorial services were held in Tashkent, Moscow and Seattle.

-Mark Jenkins, UW School of Drama
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