

Central Eurasian Studies Society

Twelfth Annual Conference



September 15-18, 2011
The Ohio State University
Columbus, Ohio

Welcome Letter

Dear Colleagues and Guests,

Welcome to the Twelfth Annual Conference of the Central Eurasian Studies Society, and welcome to Ohio State!

This year's program is an especially rich one, with fifty panels and a number of special highlights. Professor **Peter Perdue** of Yale University joins us this year to deliver the Plenary Address, "When Central Eurasia was not Central: Strange and Familiar Parallels, 1350–1750." We also welcome **Monica Whitlock**, author, filmmaker and former BBC Central Asia correspondent, who will present and discuss her new documentary, "Through the Looking Glass: The Andijan Massacre." Professor **Peter Golden** will join us to participate in a roundtable discussion of his recent book, *Central Asia in World History* (Oxford, 2011) for this year's Presidential Panel.

This year's conference also hosts a special seven-panel **conference-within-a-conference**, "**Eurasian Environments: Nature and Ecology in Eurasian History**," organized by Ohio State History Professor **Nicholas Breyfogle**. We welcome the more than twenty colleagues who join us in this special event, which is open to all conference participants.

As is always the case, this year's conference is the product of a substantial amount of sustained work by many people and the support of a number of organizations. Our program would not have been possible without the funds provided by the following Ohio State units: The Center for Slavic and East European Studies, The College of Arts and Sciences, The Middle East Studies Center, The Mershon Center for International Security Studies, The East Asian Studies Center, the Department of History, and the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures.

The Conference Committee would like to single out a few individuals in particular for the effort in making this event happen. In addition all of the CESS members who have volunteered their time and efforts, special thanks go to **Maureen Pritchard**, who has worked tirelessly as this year's conference director, **Lance Erickson and Jordan Peters**, of the Slavic Center. We thank **Alam Payind** and **Melinda McClimans** of the Middle East Center, **Patricia Sieber** of the East Asia Center, **Richard Hermann** of the Mershon Center, **Dan Prior** and **Steve Hess** of the CESS Secretariat at Miami University of Ohio, and **Aimee Dobbs** of the soon-to-be established CESS Secretariat at Indiana University, Bloomington.

Next years' conference will be hosted by our colleagues at Indiana University, Bloomington.

We hope you find some time to explore our campus, and that you enjoy your visit to Columbus.

Victoria Clement, Naval Postgraduate School
Scott Levi, The Ohio State University
Morgan Liu, The Ohio State University



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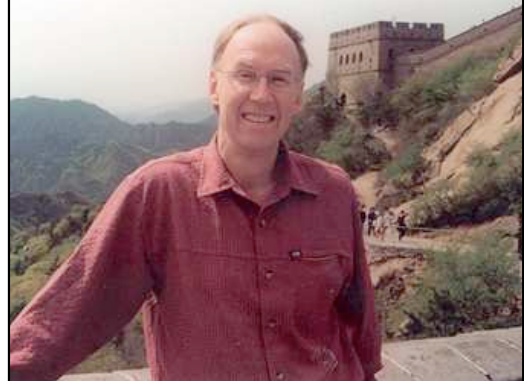
University of Pittsburgh Press

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Peter Perdue: Plenary Address

Peter C. Perdue Professor of History at Yale University. He has a Ph.D. from Harvard University in the field of History and East Asian Languages. He is the author of *Exhausting the Earth: State and Peasant in Hunan 1500-1850 A.D.* (Council on East Asian Studies, Harvard University, 1987) and *China Marches West: The Qing Conquest of Central Eurasia* (Harvard University Press, 2005). He has also written on grain markets in China, agricultural development, and environmental history. His research interests lie in modern Chinese and Japanese social and economic history, history of frontiers, and world history. He is a recipient of the 1988 Edgerton Award and the James A. Levitan Prize at MIT. He was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 2007.



Peter Golden: Presidential Panel

Peter Golden is Professor Emeritus at Rutgers University where he was a professor of History and Director of the Program in Middle Eastern Studies. His primary field of interests concerns the Turkic nomads of Medieval Eurasia: The Turkic World and its relations with Rus', Byzantium, the Caucasus, the Iranian world and the Islamic lands; Turkic philology, Hungarian Proto-history, Caucasian Studies. his many scholarly publications include *An Introduction to the History of the Turkic Peoples: Ethnogenesis and State-Formation in Medieval and Early Modern Eurasia and the Middle East* (Wiesbaden, 1992), and *The King's Dictionary: The Rasulid Hexaglot: Fourteenth Century Vocabularies in Arabic, Persian, Turkic, Greek, Armenian and Mongol* (Leiden, 2000). Professor Golden will discuss his most recent book, *Central Asia in World History* (Oxford 2011) at this year's Presidential Panel.



Hans Utter: Sitar Performance

Hans Utter has a PhD. in Ethnomusicology from The Ohio State University. His current research focuses on the Imdad Khan Gharana, including a detailed study of Ustad Vilayat Khan's sitar and vocal techniques. He has conducted research in cognitive Ethnomusicology on entrainment with non-periodic music. He has researched the music of Tajikistan, Uzbekistan and Armenia, and has studied the do-tar in Dushanbe. Hans is a lecturer in musicology at Ohio State University, and has worked as a course writer, and a visiting consultant at several universities. He is the author of *Trance, Ritual, and Rhythm: The Cult of Mahasu Deota in the Western Himalayas* (B.R. Rhythms 2010). A disciple of sitarist Ustad Shujaat Khan, he has performed in America, Canada, Europe, and India.



Conference Schedule

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2011

3:00PM – 5:30PM	Conference Registration in Pfahl Hall, 2nd floor lounge
5:30PM – 7:00PM	Welcome Reception, Sitar performance, Cash Bar in Pfahl Hall, 2nd floor lounge

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2011

7:30AM – 4:00PM	Conference Registration in Pfahl Hall, 2nd Floor lounge
7:30AM – 5:45PM	Book Exhibit in Pfahl Hall, 3 rd Floor
8:30AM – 5:15PM	Conference Panels in Pfahl Hall, see panel schedule
12:15PM – 1:30PM	Break for Lunch: see program for suggestions
6:00PM – 7:15PM	Plenary Address by Peter Perdue, “When Central Eurasia was not Central: Strange and Familiar Parallels, 1350–1750” in Blackwell ballroom
7:30PM– 9:30PM	Conference Banquet, Cash bar in Blackwell ballroom

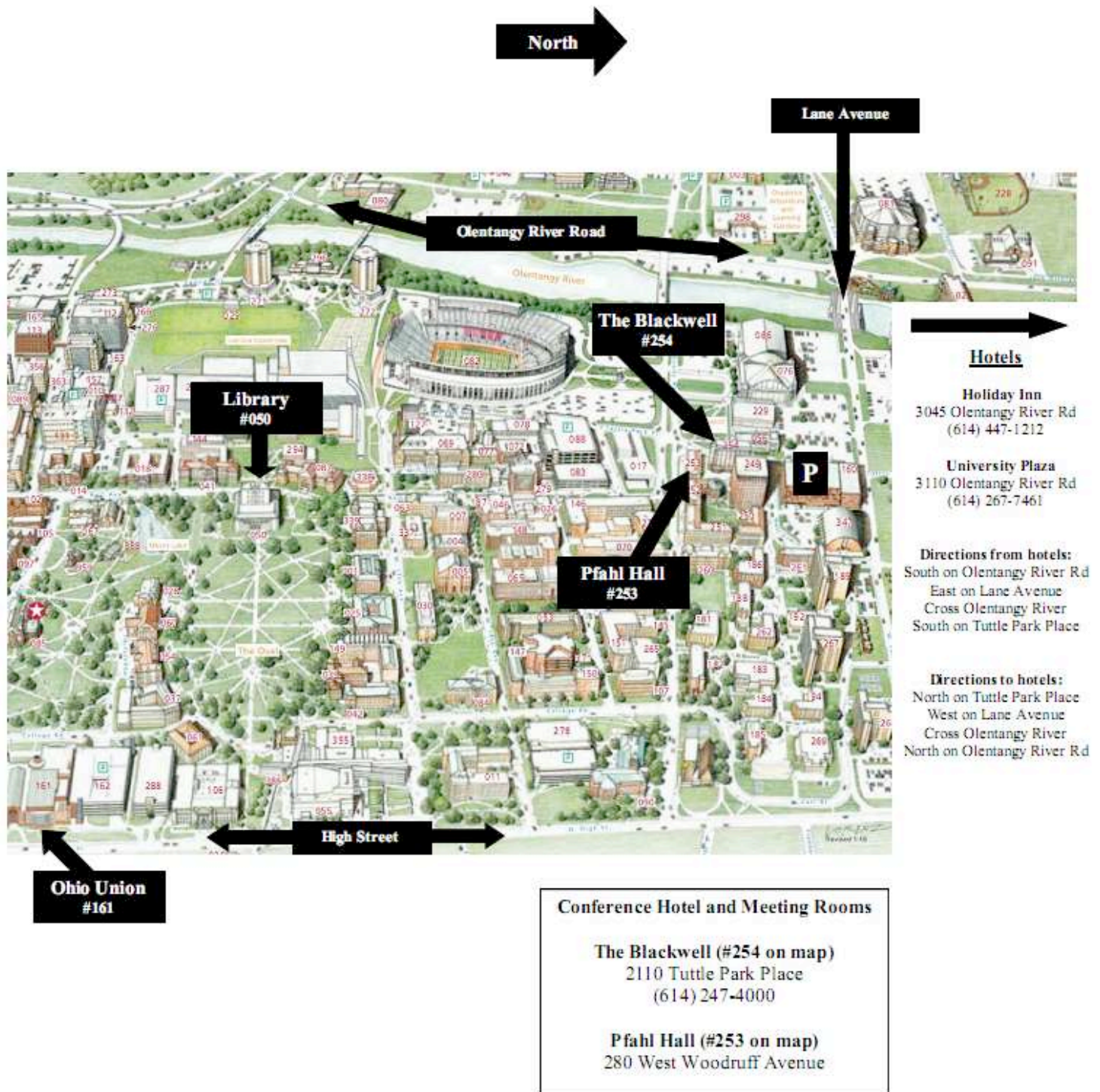
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2011

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8:00AM – 5:30PM	Book Exhibit in Pfahl Hall, 3 rd Floor
8:30AM – 3:15PM	Conference Panels in Pfahl Hall, see panel schedule
12:15PM – 1:30PM	Break for Lunch: see program for suggestions
12:30PM– 3:00PM	CESS Executive Board Meeting (Board Members Only)
3:30 PM– 5:15PM	Presidential Panel, <i>Central Asia in World History</i> with Peter Golden in Blackwell Ballroom
5:30PM – 6:15PM	CESS Business Meeting in Pfahl Hall, Room 202 (all CESS members are encouraged to attend)
6:15PM	Dinner (on your own, see program for suggestions)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2011

8:00AM – 12:00PM	Conference Registration in Pfahl Hall, 2 nd Floor Lounge
8:00AM – 1:00PM	Book Exhibit in Pfahl Hall, 3 rd Floor)
9:00AM – 12:45PM	Conference Panels in Pfahl Hall, see panel schedule
11:00AM – 12:45PM	Conference Committee Meeting in Executive Board Room, Plaza

Map of Ohio State University Campus



General Information

Transportation: The COTA bus system provides transportation throughout Columbus. Bus Number 2 travels North and South on High Street. Tickets can be purchased on the bus. Fares are \$1.75 for a one way ticket, or \$4.00 for a day pass. For more information about other routes see <http://www.cota.com/>. Also see the Campus Area bus services: <http://tp.osu.edu/cabs/>

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Lavash Café

Lebanonese Cuisine
2985 North High Street
<http://lavashcafe.com/>
Take Bus Number 2 North.
Get off near Crestview.

The Blue Nile

Ethiopian Cuisine
2361 N High St
<http://www.bluenilecolumbus.com/>
North of campus
Within walking distance.

Diaspora

Korean cuisine and Sushi
2118 N. High Street
[http:// www.eat atdiaspora.com](http://www.eat atdiaspora.com)
North of campus
Within walking Distance

Adriatica's Pizza

New York Style Pizza, thin crust,
thick crust, Sicilian
265 West 11th
On Campus
Walk South across the oval

Hang Over Easy

Breakfast food: Opens early
Opens at 7am
1646 Neil Avenue
<http://www.hangovereasy.com/>
On campus location.
Walk South on Neil.

Moy's Chinese Restaurant

Chinese Cuisine: a staff favorite
1994 North High Street
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Moys-Chinese-Restaurant/34082886237#!/>
On Campus
Walk North to High Street.

Dragon Fly Neo V.

Vegetarian, Vegan , Gluten-free
247 King Ave.
[http:// www.dragonflyneov.com](http://www.dragonflyneov.com)
Take Bus Number 2 South.
Get off near King.

Bodega

More than 50 kinds of beer
1044 North High Street
<http://columbusbodega.com/>
Take bus number 2 South.
Get off near Starr.

Karavan Treasures from Turkey

Folk art from Turkey and Central Asia
No food, but a great place to stop for directions
771-B North High Street
<http://www.karavancolumbus.com/>
Take Bus Number 2 South.
Get off near Hubbard.
Say hello to Bulent Bekcioglu, the shop owner and
our lecturer in Turkish Language
at Ohio State.

Barley's Brewing Company

Columbus's local brewing company
467 North High Street
<http://www.barleysbrewing.com/>
Take Bus Number 2 South.
Get off near Spruce Street.

Hubert's Polish Kitchen

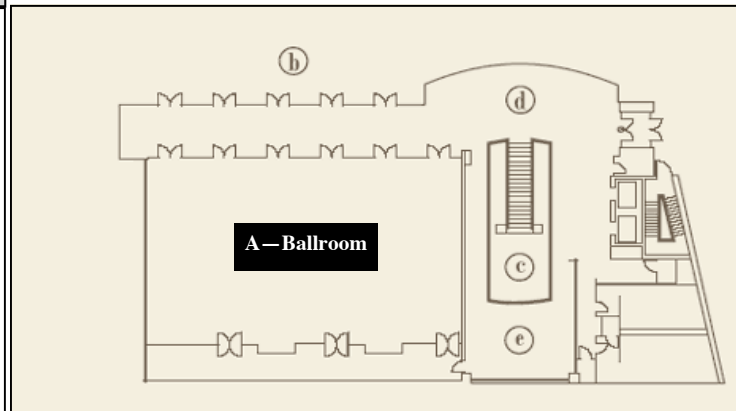
Home-made Polish Cuisine
Located in the historic North Market
59 Spruce Street
<http://www.northmarket.com/meet-the-market/merchants/huberts-polish-kitchen>
Take Bus Number Two South; get off at Spruce Street–
it's just behind Barley's

Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner (continued)	Campus places worth visiting
<p>Columbus Brewing Company Beer and Burgers 525 Short Street http://www.columbusbrewingco.com/ Take Bus Number 2 South. Get off near Front street .</p> <p>Schmidt's Restaurant and Sausage House The best Kalbasa in Columbus 240 East Kossuth Street http://www.schmidthaus.com/ Take Bus Number 2 South.</p>	<p>The Wexner Center for the Arts Contemporary art, film and performance: The Fall Exhibition opens September 15th! 1871 North High Street http://wexarts.org/ On Campus</p> <p>The Biological Science Greenhouse Conservatory Plants from all varieties of climate zones 332 W 12th Ave http://www.biosci.ohio-state.edu/pcmb/greenhouse/ghconserv_tour.html On campus</p>
Finer Dining	Miscellaneous Information
<p>Taj Mahal Indian Cuisine 2321 North High Street http://www.tajmahalcolumbus.com/informations.php</p> <p>Rigsby's Kitchen 698 North High Street http://www.rigsbyskitchen.com/</p> <p>G. Michael's Bistro 595 S. Third St. http://gmichaelsbistro.com/</p> <p>Shish Kebob Mediterranean Grill 450 Bethel Road, Bethel Road Center http://www.shishkebabgrill.com/</p> <p>Lindey's 169 East Beck Street http://www.lindeys.com/</p>	<p>Kinko's Fed Ex Office and Print Shop 18 E. 15th, just off of High Street (614) 294-7485</p> <p>Taxi Services Yellow Cab: (614) 444-4444 ACME Taxi: (614) 777-7777 Ask about the fare and method of payment before you get into the taxi.</p> <p>Port Columbus International Airport 4600 International Gateway Columbus, Ohio 43219 (614) 239-4000 http://flycolumbus.com/</p>

Map of Blackwell

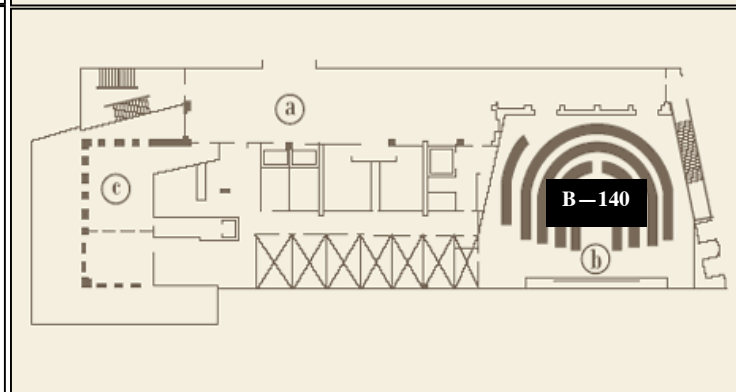
Blackwell ~ 2nd Floor

- A. Ballroom
- B. Outdoor patio
- C. Stairs from hotel lobby



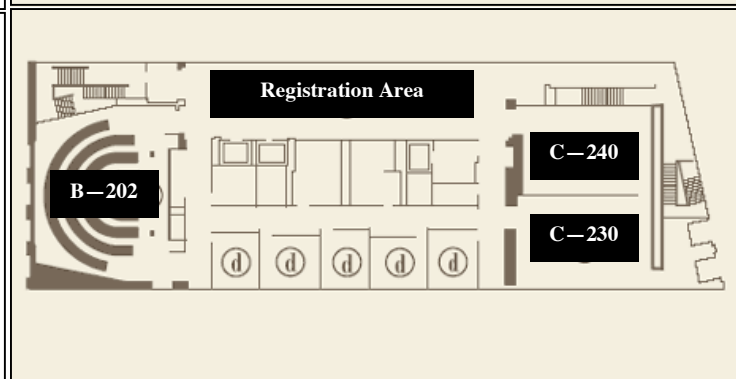
Pfahl Hall ~ 1st Floor

- A. First Floor Break Area
- B. Pfahl 140, Tiered Classroom
- C. Executive Boardroom



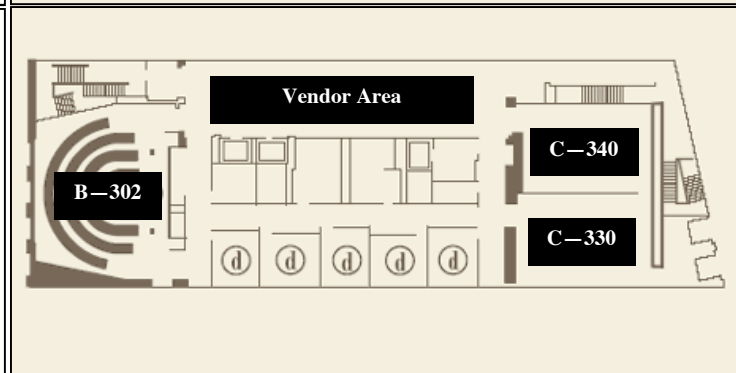
Pfahl Hall ~ 2nd Floor

- A. Second Floor Break Area, Registration/ Reception
- B. Pfahl 202, Tiered Classroom
- C. Pfahl 230 & 240, Conference Rooms



Pfahl Hall ~ 3rd Floor

- A. Third Floor Break Area, Vendors
- B. Pfahl 302, Tiered Classroom
- C. Pfahl 330 & 340, Conference Rooms
- D. Pfahl 320 & 324, Breakouts



List of Panels

Session 1: Friday, September 16, 8:30am-10:15am

- A. Historical and Contemporary Perspectives on the North Caucasus, Room 202
- B. Georgian Anthropology and Literature, Room 230
- C. *Water and the Environmental Transformation of Central Asia, Room 240*
Eurasian Environments (1)
- D. Techniques of State Power, Room 302
- E. Architecture and Urban Culture in Eurasia, Room 330
- F. Reform and Corruption in Education, Room 340

Session 2: Friday, September 16, 10:30am-12:15pm

- A. Colonial Turkestan, Room 202
- B. Contemporary Georgian Culture, Room 230
- C. *Land, Rocks, Soil, and the Eurasian Environment, Room 240*
Eurasian Environments (2)
- D. Central Asian Discourse Studies: Articulating Group, Nation and Faith, Room 302
- E. Making Government Accountable, Room 330
- F. Localizing Diversity in Tibet, Room 340

Session 3: Friday, September 16, 1:30pm-3:15pm

- A. Meeting Inequality with Justice, Room 202
- B. Investigating Central Asian History, Room 230
- C. *Understanding and Controlling Nature, Room 240*
Eurasian Environments (3)
- D. Film: "Through the Looking Glass: the Andijan Massacre," with Filmmaker Monica Whitlock, Room 302
- E. Eurasian Macro Trends, Room 330
- F. Creating Electronic Research Resources about Central Asia, Room 340

Session 4: Friday, September 16, 3:30pm-5:15pm

- A. Geopolitical Gamesmanship, Room 202
- B. Cooperation and Soft Power, Room 230
- C. *Roundtable: Eurasian Environmental History in a Global Perspective: Future Directions for Study and Contributions to the Field, Room 240*
Eurasian Environments (4)
- D. Islam as Anti-Politics, Room 302
- E. Testing, Teaching, Tuition, and Transitions: Higher Education in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Tajikistan, Room 330
- F. Economic Challenges Facing the Caucasus and Ukraine, Room 340

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Session 5: Saturday, September 17, 8:30am-10:15am

- A. Oral Histories, Minorities, and the People of the Diaspora , Room 202
- B. Diaspora, Exile, and Language in the Negotiation of Identities, Room 230
- C. *Steppe Environments, Room 240, Eurasian Environments (5)*
- D. Strategic Feasting: Exchange and Alliance in Tough Times, Room 302
- E. Cultural Confluences in Context, Room 330

Session 6: Saturday, September 17, 10:30am-12:15pm

- A. Central Asian History: New Approaches to Old Sources, Room 202
- B. Roundtable: New Research in Azerbaijan: Findings and Experiences Across Disciplines, Room 230
- C. *Fruits of the Waters, Room 240, Eurasian Environments (6)*
- D. The Making of Identities, Unpacked, Room 302
- E. Nation and Sentiment in Expression, Room 330
- F. Social Factors in Business Enterprise, Room 340

Session 7: Saturday, September 17, 1:30pm-3:15pm

- A. Roundtable: Contemporary Independent Islamic Literature in Central Asia, Room 202
- B. Mongol Rule in West Asia, Room 230
- C. *Infrastructure, Development, and Environment, Room 240, Eurasian Environments (7)*
- D. Reconceptualizing Religious Revival and Mobilization, Room 302
- E. Social Media, Mediated Society, Room 330
- F. Soviet Transformations of Childhood and Family, Room 340

Session 8: Saturday, September 17, 3:30pm-5:15pm

Presidential Panel Roundtable on *Central Asia* in World History with Peter Golden, Room 302

Session 9: Sunday, September 18, 9:00am-10:45am

- A. Political Elites in the Mongol Empire, Room 202
- B. Caucasian Linguistics, Room 230
- C. Self-Governing Groups in the Political Economy of Central Asia, Room 302
- D. Interpreting and Resolving Ethnic Conflict, Room 330
- E. Investigating Modern Central Asia, Room 340

Session 10: Sunday, September 18, 11:00am-12:45pm

- A. Roundtable: Impact of the Bologna Process on Russian Universities, Room 202
- B. Georgian History, Room 240
- C. New Directions in the History of Modern Xinjiang, Room 302
- D. Linguistic Investigations, Room 330
- E. Central Asian Historical Literature, Room 340

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5:30 – 7:00PM Welcoming Reception, Sitar performance, Cash Bar in Pfahl Hall, 2nd floor lounge

Friday, September 16

7:30AM Conference Registration begins in Pfahl Hall, 2nd floor lounge; Book exhibit, 3rd floor lounge

Session 1: Friday, September 16, 8:30am-10:15am

Session 1-A: Room 202: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives on the North Caucasus

Chair: Julie Fairbanks, Coe College; Discussant: Seteney Shami, Social Science Research Council

From Princely Fiefdoms to Soviet Nations: Border Delimitation, Nation-Building and Interethnic Relations in the Northwest Caucasus; Kabardino-Balkaria and its Neighbors, 1920-1928.

Ian Lanzillotti, Ohio State University

(Re)Writing Circassian Women's (Hi)Stories

Lidia Zhigunova, Tulane University

The Ideology of Contemporary Circassian Nationalism

Sufian Zhemukhov, George Washington University

Distinctive Features of Post-Soviet Circassian Literature

Madina Khakuasheva, National Humanities Institute (Nalchik, Russia)

Session 1-B: Room 230, Georgian Anthropology and Literature

Chair: John Colarusso, McMaster University; Discussant: Dodona Kiziria, Indiana University

Georgian National Narrative Culture, Certainty and/or Ambivalence

Bela Tshipuria, Ilia State University

The Neoplatonic Basis of the Indians and the Kajis in Shota Rustaveli's The Man in the Leopard Skin. Bert Beynen, Philadelphia University

Studies on Sassanian Geographic Terminology in Georgian Sources

Helen Giunashvili, Practical School of Advanced Studies at the Sorbonne/CNRS

Session 1-C: Room 240, Eurasian Environments: Water and the Environmental Transformation of Central Asia

Chair and Discussant: Nicholas Breyfogle, Ohio State University

Soviet irrigation policies in Central Asia under fire: the Ecological debate in the Turkmen and Uzbek Republics, 1970-1991

Julia Obertreis, Albert-Ludwigs-Universität, Freiburg

‘Native’ Rice, American Cotton, and the Struggle for Water in Central Asia Under Russian Rule

Maya Peterson, Harvard (mayaworld<a>gmail.com)

Changing Tides on the Oxus: The Lower Amu Daria, 1920s to 1940s

Christian Teichmann, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

Session 1-D: Room 302, Techniques of State Power

Chair: Virginia Martin, University of Wisconsin-Madison ; Discussant: Rian Thum, Loyola University

Vaccination of All the Imperial Subjects: On the history of the medical treatments of the Kalmyk Buddhist monks

Takehiko Inoue, Hokkaido University (Sapporo, Japan)

The Transformation of Islamic Law under the Russian Empire and the Decline of the Akhund

Nathan Spannaus, McGill University

Uyghur language, language policy and cultural identity in Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region

Mettursun Beydulla, Harvard University

Constructing Victimhood, Creating National Identity: Politics, Memory and the Legacy of Nuclear Testing in Kazakhstan

Cynthia Werner, Texas A and M University

Session 1-E: Room 230, Architecture and Urban Culture in Eurasia

Chair: Grigory Kaganov, The European University in Saint-Petersburg; Discussant: Michael Brose, University of Wyoming

New socio-spatial forms in Astana

Almagul Nurusheva, Eurasian National University after L.N. Gumilev

The collective memory of Yerevan as a Classification System

Susanne Fehlings, Institute of Asian and Oriental Studies, Eberhard Karls University

Authority and Urban transformation in 18th-19th century Russian and Ottoman Empires: comparative analysis

Gulchachak Nugmanova, The Research Institute of The Theory of Architecture and Town Planning of the Russian Academy of Architecture and Construction Sciences

Session 1-F: Room 340, Reform and Corruption in Education

Chair: Alan De Young, University of Kentucky; Discussant: Eric Lepisto, Independent Researcher

Characterizing corruption in higher education: information manipulation, confidence, uncertainty and risk of detection

Mariam Orkodashvili, Vanderbilt University

Importance of School Health Education in the Republic of Kazakhstan from the Viewpoint of World Development (HDI) and Its Actual Condition

Atsushi Ogihara and Atsushi Saito, Waseda University

Education in Turkmenistan: Past, Present and the Future

Maral Meredova, Union of Economists of Turkmenistan

10:15am- 10:30am: Coffee and Tea Break, Pfahl Hall, Second Floor

Session 2: Friday, September 16, 10:30am-12:15pm

Session 2-A: Room 202, Colonial Turkestan

Chair and Discussant: Adeeb Khalid, Carleton College

Re-Photography and Rule: A Contest for Turkestan in Album Images of Khodzhen and the Citadel

Heather Sonntag, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Compromise between Customs and Civilization: Integration of Traditional Institutions into Administrative System of Russia in Central Asia, 1864-1867

Dmitriy Vasilyev, Institute of Business and Politics

Self-identification of the representatives of imperial elite of Turkestan under the Soviet power (1917-1930)

Oksana Pugovkina, Institute of History of Uzbek Academy of Sciences

Session 2-B: Room 230, Contemporary Georgian Culture

Chair: TBA

Discussant: Bela Tsipuria, Ilia State University, Tbilisi, Georgia

Social Media and Voices of Dissent in the Republic of Georgia

Paul Crego, Library of Congress

The Generation of the Sixties in the United States and the Soviet Union

Dodona Kiziria, Indiana University

The Megrelian Alphabet and Megrelian Printed Books (1880-1900)

Tinatin Bolkvadze, Ivane Javakhishvili State University

Session 2-C: Room 240, Eurasian Environments: Land, Rocks, Soil, and the Eurasian Environment

Chair and Discussant: Christopher Otter, Ohio State University

Reusable Rocks and Soviet Pollution: The Case of Khibiny Nepheline

Andy Bruno, Northern Illinois University

Adapting to 'Permafrost Country': The Soviet Encounter with Frozen Earth

Pey-Yi Chu, Princeton University

The Metaphorics of Soil in Eurasia: The Legacy of Justus von Liebig

Mieka Erley, UC-Berkeley

Session 2-D: Room 302, Central Asian Discourse Studies: Articulating Group, Nation and Faith

Chair: Margaret A. Mills, Ohio State University; Discussant: Elo-Hanna Seljamaa, Ohio State University

Proverbs, Politics, and Patriotism

Erik Aasland, Fuller Graduate School of Intercultural Studies

The Guide after Rumi: Discourses of Tradition in Tajik Sufism

Benjamin Gatling, Ohio State University

Uncertainty and Authority in Contemporary Afghan Political Discourse

Margaret A. Mills, Ohio State University

Session 2-E: Room 330, Making Government Accountable

Chair and Discussant: Gulnaz Sharafutdinova, Miami University

Accelerating Non-oil Diversification for Azerbaijan - a Policy Dilemma

George Wright, University of Washington, Seattle, WA

Youth local movement against the Politburo in Communist Mongolia: (1989-12-7)

Tamir Chultemsuren, University of California, Berkeley

Rethinking Citizenship from Below: 'Usable Selves'™ and Everyday Politics in Rural Uzbekistan

Nicolas Gosset, University Libre de Bruxelles

Session 2-F: Room 340, Localizing Diversity in Tibet

Chair and Discussant: Elliot Sperling, Indiana University

Re-centering the Twentieth century Sino-Tibetan frontier: Power, Authority and Conflict in the Gung ru Mkha' 'gro ma female reincarnate lineage near Bla brang

Pete Faggen, Indiana University

From the Wild to the Nursery: Twentieth-century changes in collecting Tibetan medicinal herbs

Katie Ottaway, Indiana University

Contemporary knowledge of the Sa skya 'Bag mo

Sara Conrad, Indiana University

12:15pm– 1:30pm: Break for Lunch, see page 7-8 for suggestions

Session 3: Friday, September 16, 1:30pm-3:15pm

Session 3-A: Room 202, Meeting Inequality with Justice

Chair and Discussant: Laura Adams, Harvard University

Access to Justice in Post-Soviet Reality (case of Kyrgyzstan)

Seitek Asanov, Kyrgyz National University

Educational Stratification in the Second Decade of Post-Socialist Transition

Christopher Whitsel, North Dakota State University

Losers of Market Transition in Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan

Azamat Junisbai, Pitzer College

Session 3-B: 230, Investigating Central Asian History

Chair: Nurten Kilic-Schubel, Kenyon College; Discussant: Heather Sonntag, University of Wisconsin-Madison

The impact of the Mongol vengeance system on sedentary peoples

Florence Theresa Hodous, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London

Binding Books and Binding Geographies in Chinese Turkestan

Rian Thum, Loyola University

Session 3-C: Room 240, Eurasian Environments: Understanding and Controlling Nature

Chair and Discussant: Douglas Weiner, Arizona

Ambivalence and Imperial Knowledge: Geographies of the Kazakh Steppe, 1845-1860s

Ian Campbell, UC Davis

Unceasing Vigilance: Engineers, Professionalism and a Path to Modernity in the Russian Empire, 1809-1878

Randall Dills, University of Louisville

Explorations in Tiger Country: Travelers, Scientists, and Settlement and in Russian Primorye

Mark Sokolsky, Ohio State University

Session 3-D: Room 302, Film: "Through the Looking Glass: the Andijan Massacre," with Filmmaker Monica Whitlock

Session 3-E: Room 330, Eurasian Macro Trends

Chair and Discussant: TBA

Demographic Changes in Central Asia: Socio-Economic Implications

Zafar Husanov, Gallaaral Branch of Institute of Agriculture, Uzbekistan

Sub-national Political Variation and Property Rights in Russia

Gulnaz Sharafutdinova, Miami University

Session 3-F: Room 340, Creating Electronic Research Resources about Central Asia

Chair: Nathan Light, Max Planck Institute; Discussant: Arienne Dwyer, The University of Kansas

Constructing Comprehensive Database of the Islamic Sacred Sites(mazars) in Xinjiang.

Jun Sugawara, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies

Enhancing cyberinfrastructure for Central Eurasian Studies

Arienne Dwyer, The University of Kansas

Electronic Resources for Uyghur

Gulnar Eziz, Xinjiang Academy of Social Sciences/University of Kansas

3:15pm– 3:30pm: Coffee and tea break, Pfahl Hall 2nd Floor

Session 4: Friday, September 16, 3:30pm-5:15pm

Session 4-A: Room 202, Geopolitical Gamesmanship

Chair and Discussant: Noah Tucker, US Department of Defense

Playing Chess on the Eurasian Steppe: The State of the Energy "Game" Ten Years Into the New Millennium in Russia and the Near Abroad

Daniel Burghart,

Kazakh Nationalism in Eurasian Context

Gulnara Dadabayeva, KIMEP (Kazakhstan Institute of Management, Economics and Strategic Research)

Obama's Central Asia

Dilchoda Berdieva, Miami University

Session 4-B: Room 230, Cooperation and Soft Power

Chair and Discussant: Stanley Toops

Cooperation Possibilities at the Black Sea

Yelda Demirag, Baskent University

Actual problems and prospects of CIS interparliamentary institutions

Asel Murzakulova, Bishkek Humanities University

Session 4-C: Room 240, Eurasian Environments: Roundtable: Eurasian Environmental History in a Global Perspective: Future Directions for Study and Contributions to the Field

Session 4-D: Room 302, Islam as Anti-Politics

Chair: Marianne R. Kamp, University of Wyoming; Discussant: Morgan Y. Liu, Ohio State University

For Caesar and for God: Muslim Tatar Women's Negotiation of Islamic Piety and Loyalty to the Russian State

Liliya Karimova, University of Massachusetts-Amherst

Islam and Governance in Central Asia's "Stateless" Territories

Eric McGlinchey, George Mason University

Individual Moral Projects in the Ferghana Valley of Post-Soviet Central Asia

Svetlana Peshkova, University of New Hampshire

Unbearable "Secular" Islam in Central Asia

John Schoeberlein, Harvard University

Session 4-E: Room 330, Testing, Teaching, Tuition, and Transitions: Higher Education in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Tajikistan

Chair: Christopher Whitsel, North Dakota State University; Discussant: Safaroz Niyozov, University of Toronto

Negotiating Re-gendered Spaces at Khujand Pedagogical University

Alan DeYoung, University of Kentucky

Predicting Differential Item Functioning in Cross-Lingual Testing: The Case of a High Stakes Test in the Kyrgyz Republic

Todd Drummond, Michigan State University

Exports, Experts, and Experiments: Internationalizing Quality Assurance in Kyrgyzstan and Kazakhstan

Martha Merrill, Kent State University

The Teaching Methodology of Kazakhstan

Zhazira Turlanbekova, Kent State University

Session 4-F: Room 340, Economic Challenges Facing the Caucasus and Ukraine

Chair: Thomas Wood, University of South Carolina, Aiken

Discussant: Kijong Kim, Levy Institute of Economics

Effect of flat tax reform on the size of the shadow economy in Georgia

Karine Torosyan, Tbilisi State University

The Changes in the Nature of Self-Employment in Georgia

Tamar Khitarishvili, Bard College

The Role of Armenian Diaspora in Armenia's International Trade

Lilit Sargsyan, International School of Economics in Tbilisi

Gender Earnings Gap Dynamics in the Changing Ukraine

Norberto Pignatti, International School of Economics in Tbilisi

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

6:00 – 7:15PM: Plenary Address by Peter Perdue in Blackwell ballroom

“When Central Eurasia was not Central: Strange and Familiar Parallels, 1350–1750”

followed by banquet and cash bar

7:30PM– 9:30PM

Saturday, September 17

8:00AM: Conference registration begins in Pfahl Hall, 2nd floor lounge; Book exhibits, Pfahl Hall, 3rd floor

Session 5: Saturday, September 17, 8:30am-10:15am

Session 5-A: Room 202, Oral Histories, Minorities, and the People of the Diaspora

Chair: Daniel Prior, Miami University

Discussant: Jeff Sahadeo, Carleton University

Boy Loves Tractor: stories of mechanization on Uzbek collective farms

Marianne Kamp, University of Wyoming

Symbolism and politics of memory: Oral Histories of Minority Communities in post-Stalinist Azerbaijan

Krista Goff, University of Michigan

Soviet Heroines of Kyrgyzstan: Actresses and Beet-growers

Ali Igmen, California State University Long Beach

The Uyghur Retreat to Kashmir and into the Diaspora

Peter Sinnott, Independent Scholar

Session 5-B: Room 230, Diaspora, Exile, and Language in the Negotiation of Identities

Chair and Discussant: Margaret A. Mills, Ohio State University

The Complexities of the Role of the Armenian Diaspora on the Armenian National Identity (1988-2010): a View from Within

Sevan Beukian, University of Alberta

Differing Views on Exile: "Special Relocation" in Post-War Kazakhstan

Isaac Scarborough, Independent Scholar

Session 5-C: Room 240, Eurasian Environments: Steppe Environments

Chair and Discussant: John Brooke, Ohio State University

Changes in a Hungry Land: Nomads, Settlers and the Ecology of the Kazakh Steppe, 1870-1916

Sarah Cameron, Yale University

Desiccated Steppes: Droughts, Erosion, Climate Change, and the Crisis of Soviet Agriculture, 1960s-1980s

Marc Elie, CNRS Centre d'études des mondes russe, caucasien et centre-européen

Planting Trees in Unsuitable Places: Russian Steppe Forestry, 1696-1850

David Moon, University of Durham

Session 5-D: Room 302, Strategic Feasting: Exchange and Alliance in Tough Times

Chair and Discussant: Cynthia Werner, Texas A&M University

A View from a Kazakh Village: Family Wedding Strategies in Qilik

William Clark, University of Washington

Kyrgyz feasts and migrant modernities: making place through remittance practice

Igor Rubinov, Clark University

Good Feasts and Bad: Kyrgyz Feasting, Exchange Relations and Anthropological Theory

Nathan Light, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology

Alliances between *xesh* (parents) or between *begona* (strangers): Matrimonial strategies among Tajiks of Samarkand, Uzbekistan, alternating from endogamy to exogamy

Christilla Marteau d'Autry, University of Paris Ouest Nanterre La Défense

Session 5-E: Room 330, Cultural Confluences in Context

Chair and Discussant: Russell Zanca, Northeastern Illinois University

The Figurines of Tureng Tepe: A Morphological, Stylistic and Contextual Analysis

Kyle Olson, Ohio State University

Mongolian Modern: From Centered Places to Encompassing Spaces

Alan Wheeler, Lee University

Pashtun Women in Jalalabad Working for NGOs Negotiations between Cultures

Melissa Skye Kerr,
University of Connecticut

10:15am– 10:30am: Coffee and tea break, Pfahl Hall 2nd Floor

Session 6: Saturday, September 17, 10:30am-12:15pm

Session 6-A: Room 202, Central Asian History: New Approaches to Old Sources

Chair: Ruth Dunnell, Kenyon College

Discussant: Beatrice F. Manz, Tufts University

Insha collections in Uzbekistan: generalness, difference and peculiarity

Gulchekhra Sultonova, The Institute of History the Academy of the Sciences of Uzbekistan

The Death of Nadira-Begim: Narratives of Royal Women, Legitimacy and Gender Politics in Early Modern Central Asia

Nurten Kilic-Schubel, Kenyon College

O, Nava'i ! Imitation, emulation and aspiration in Khoqandian poetry ca. 1800-1822.

Nicholas Walmsley, Indiana University

Session 6-B: Room 230, Roundtable: New Research in Azerbaijan: Findings and Experiences Across Disciplines

Chair: Jeff Sahadeo, Carleton University

Marcy McCullaugh, University of California, Berkeley

Krista Goff, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

Nicholas Alexander Lund, Stanford University

Alison Mandaville, Pacific Lutheran University

Jennifer Wistrand, Washington University, St. Louis

Session 6-C: Room 240, Eurasian Environments: Fruits of the Waters

Chair and Discussant: Brian Bonhomme, Youngstown State

Collectivizing the Ocean: The Environmental History of the Pomor

Stephen Brain, Mississippi State University

A Revolution for the Fish? The Politics and Culture of Fishing in Lake Baikal

Nicholas Breyfogle, Ohio State University

Russia, Whales, and the World

Ryan Jones, Appalachian State University

Session 6-D: Room 302, The Making of Identities, Unpacked

Chair: Dilchoda Berdieva, Miami University

Discussant: Shoshana Keller, Hamilton College

Soviet Cultural Project in Central Asia

Farhad Atai, University of Tehran

Imomi Azam is the Father of the Tajiks: The Making and Unmaking of Identity in Tajikistan

Zohra Ismail Beben, Indiana University Bloomington

Daniel Beben, Indiana University - Bloomington

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Session 6-E: Room 330, Nation and Sentiment in Expression

Chair: Laura Adams, Harvard University

Discussant: Hans Utter, Ohio State University

Creativity and Sorrow in Kyrgyzstan

Maureen Pritchard, School of Oriental and African Studies

Modes of music circulation in Tbilisi, Georgia

Brigita Sebald, UCLA

Islamic and Pop Culture of Uzbekistan: Changing concepts after Osh tragedy

Laliya Yakhyayeva, FGCU (Florida Gulf Coast University)

Session 6-F: Room 340, Social Factors in Business Enterprise

Chair and Discussant: Eric McGlinchey, George Mason University

Social capital and Government Regulation in the Small and Medium Businesses sector: The Case of Kazakhstan

Marina Lukmanova, Rudnyi Industrial Institute

Corporate social responsibility of business in Kazakhstan

Bakhtnur Otarbayeva, International Academy of Business

Religion, ethnicity and entrepreneurship in Kyrgyzstan

Gul Berna Ozcan,

University of London

12:15pm– 1:30pm: Break for Lunch, see page 7-8 for suggestions

Session 7: Saturday, September 17, 1:30pm-3:15pm

Session 7-A: Room 202, Roundtable: Contemporary Independent Islamic Literature in Central Asia

Chair: David Abramson, US State Department

Allen Frank, Independent Scholar

Laliya Yahyayeva, Florida Gulf Coast University

Wendell Schwab, Indiana University

Noah Tucker, US Department of Defense

Session 7-B: Room 230, Mongol Rule in West Asia

Chair: Ruth Dunnell, Kenyon College

Discussant: Anne Broadbridge, University of Massachusetts

The Problem of the Pervane: Mongol rule in Rum

Timothy May, North Georgia College and State University

The Rich Rum Saljuqs and the Sprawling Il-Khanate: Evidence for Economic Integration

Judith Kolbas, Miami University

Mongol Coins in the Ilkhanate

Zohreh Baseri, National Museum of Iran

Session 7-C: Room 240, Eurasian Environments: Infrastructure, Development, and Environment

Chair and Discussant: Erika Monahan, University of New Mexico

Inter-Imperial Flows: The Development of Trabzon and the Russo-Ottoman Frontier

Megan Dean, Stanford University

The Environmental Costs of Soviet Arctic Development: The Russian Northwest

Paul Josephson, Colby College

The First Crimean Excursions: Scholarship, Enlightenment, and Nature, 1876-1914

George Lywood, Ohio State University

Session 7-D: Room 302, Reconceptualizing Religious Revival and Mobilization

Chair and Discussant: Russell Zanca, Northeastern Illinois University

Tensions between academic scholarship and Central Asian Muslim traditions: Perspectives from Religious Studies

Shaftolu Gulamadov, University of Toronto

Soul of the Mazar - Han Tourists, Uyghur Pilgrims, and Sacred Space in Xinjiang

Aaron Michael Gilkison, Miami University

Session 7-E: Room 330, Social Media, Mediated Society

Chair and Discussant: Arienne Dwyer, The University of Kansas

Social Media, Cyber-dissent, and Constraints on Online Political Communication in Repressitarian Central Asia

Eric Freedman, Michigan State University

Brian J. Bowe, Grand Valley State University

Robin Blom, Michigan State University

Camera Phones, Information communication Technologies and Social Movements

Afsaneh J. Haddadian, Wright State University

Session 7-F: Room 340, Soviet Transformations of Childhood and Family

Chair: Matthew Payne, Emory University

Discussant: Svetlana Peshkova, University of New Hampshire

Physical culture for modern children

Shoshana Keller, Hamilton College

Home, Family, and Mobility: South-North Migration Strategies in Brezhnev's USSR

Jeff Sahadeo, Carleton University

Playing at War: Children's *intsenarovki* (skits) of World War II in late Soviet-era Kazakhstan

Margarethe Adams, University of Illinois

Session 8: Saturday, September 17, 3:30pm-5:15pm

Session 8: Room 302, Presidential Panel Roundtable on Central Asia in World History with Peter Golden

Chair: Scott Levi, Ohio State University

Peter Golden, Rutgers University

Daniel Prior, Miami University

Carter Findley, Ohio State University

**5:30PM – 6:15PM: CESS Business Meeting in Pfahl Hall, Room 202
All CESS members are encouraged to attend**

Sunday, September 18

8:00 am: Conference registration, 2nd floor lounge; and book exhibits begins

Session 9: Sunday, September 18, 9:00am-10:45am

Session 9-A: Room 202, Political Elites in the Mongol Empire

Chair: Timothy May, North Georgia College and State University

Discussant: Charles Halperin, Indiana University

Networks of Learning in Yuan China

Michael Brose, University of Wyoming

Tangut Martial Families in Gansu under the Yuan Dynasty, 13th-14th centuries

Ruth Dunnell, Kenyon College

Imperial Women in the Mongol Empire

Anne Broadbridge, University of Massachusetts

Session 9-B: Room 230, Caucasian Linguistics

Chair: Helen Giunashvili, Practical School of Advanced Studies at the Sorbonne/CNRS

Argument structure in Georgian and Mengrelian nominalizations

Leila Lomashvili, Shawnee State University

Evidentiality in Svanetian Conjugation.

Ketevan Margiani-Subari, Arnold Chikobava Institute of Linguistics, Tbilisi

Some Historical Links between South and Northwest Caucasian

John Colarusso, McMaster University

Session 9-C: Room 302, Self-Governing Groups in the Political Economy of Central Asia

Chair & Discussant: Morgan Liu, Ohio State University

Informal Relations in the Central Asian Energy Sector

Stacy Closson, University of Kentucky

Changing State-Crime Dynamics in Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan

Erica Marat, American University, DC

Self-governing groups: norm, structure and function

Gul Berna Ozcan, University of London

Session 9-D: Room 330, Interpreting and Resolving Ethnic Conflict

Chair and Discussant: Thomas Wood, University of South Carolina, Aiken

Working Through Painful Past: Kyrgyzstan's Predicament and International Experience

Emilbek Dzhuraev, University of Maryland

To Cut the Knot: A Gordian Solution to the Turkish-Armenian Question

Robert Nalbandov, Angelo State University

Session 9-E: Room 340, Investigating Modern Central Asia

Chair and Discussant: Kimberly Powers, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

An Invitation to Tsarist Officials: Unlawful Marriage in the 19th-Century Caucasus

Kristin Collins, Independent Scholar

Afghanistan's Foreign Relations through Philately, 1948-1988

Lawrence Cohen, Independent Scholar

On The Armenian Manifesto circa 1923 and its Validation: As a point of departure for new dialog or adjudication

Arnold Reisman, Independent Scholar

10:45am– 11:00am: Coffee and tea break, Pfahl Hall 2nd floor

Session 10: Sunday, September 18, 11:00pm-12:45pm

Session 10-A: Room 202, Roundtable: Impact of the Bologna Process on Russian Universities

Chair: Alexey Savvin, Voronezh State University

Denis Smorchkov, Voronezh State University
Alexey Savvin, Voronezh State University
Olga Sleptsova, Voronezh State University
Dmitriy Semenko, Baltic Federal University
Elena Lomakina, Voronezh State University
Yulia Glukhova, Voronezh State University

Session 10-B: Room 240, Georgian History

Chair: Dodona Kiziria, Indiana University; Discussant: Julie Christensen, George Mason University

Significance of the Georgian Sources about History of Qipchaks

Giuli Alasania, University of Georgia

Dynamics of Syncretization of Religious Thinking of Georgian Mountainers (Khevsurian Beliefs)

Tina Gudushauri, University of Georgia

The first Sovereign of Achaemenids, Cyrus, and a Life of Kartli Nimrod

Manana Sanadze, University of Georgia

Session 10-C: Room 302, New Directions in the History of Modern Xinjiang

Chair: James Millward, Georgetown University; Discussant: Justin Jacobs, University of California - San Diego

Defining the Uyghur Authentic: The Loss of Literary Hegemony and the Creation of Tradition

Joshua Freeman, Xinjiang Normal University

Disjointed Dialogue: Idealism and the Turkic Imagination between Turkey and East Turkestan, 1876-1934

Eric Schluessel, Harvard University

Uyghur Music, History, and Intangible Heritage Discourse in Contemporary Xinjiang

Elise Anderson, Indiana University

The People's Festival: Improvisation and Formalization in Xinjiang Aitys

Sam Bass, Xinjiang Normal University

Session 10-D: Room 330, Linguistic Investigations

Chair: John Colarusso, Indiana University; Discussant: Andrea Sims, Ohio State University

Phonological Alternations of Loanwords in the Uzbek Tashkent Dialect

John A. Erickson, Indiana University
Umida Khikmatillaeva, Indiana University

Phonological unfaithfulness of Turkic /n/ in initial position

Jonathan Washington, Indiana University

Cognitive and pragmatic conceptualization of negation in Georgian, English, German and Russian

Mariam Orkodashvili, Vanderbilt University

Session 10-E: Room 340, Central Asian Historical Literature

Chair and Discussant: Uli Schamiloglu

Central Asia in the Context of the Russian Civil War

Christopher Fort, The Ohio State University

A Soviet 'Court Poet': Lahuti's 'Ode to the Kremlin' and Persian literary continuity in Soviet Central Asia

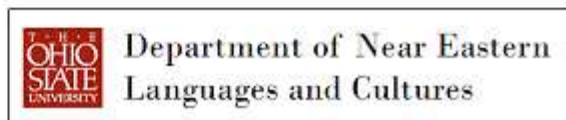
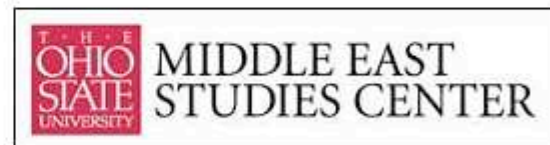
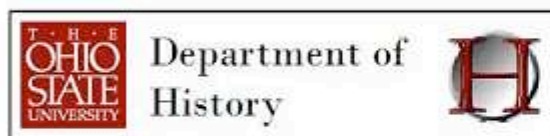
Samuel Hodgkin, University of Chicago

Critical Approach to Kazakh Historiography: Tynyshpaev's Cultivation of the *Aqtaban Shubyryndy*

Michael Hancock-Parmer, Indiana University

11:00pm – 12:45pm: Conference Committee Meeting in Executive Board Room

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For centuries, Central Asia has been a crossroads of civilizations, peoples and societies, a land ‘in between’ East and West and a territory contested by political powers. Its modern history, from imperial and Soviet domination to the emergence of independent nation-states, has witnessed a profound transformation of its political and social geography, calling for a re-evaluation of Central Asia as a ‘region’, not least in terms of its expressive cultures and music.

What is Central Asia as a musical region? How can we situate it musically, across its diverse localities, and in relation to the surrounding and outside worlds? What can continuity or difference in music and the existence of musical borders – whether real or imagined, inherent or imposed – tell us about the region’s social and political history and the interplay of ethnic and national identities today? It seems appropriate to ask these questions at a time when nation-building in former Soviet states, the war in Afghanistan and political conflicts in south Central Asia, migratory processes, social change and ever-increasing global influences have reshaped the region’s cultural landscape, affecting the way music is produced, mediated and experienced.

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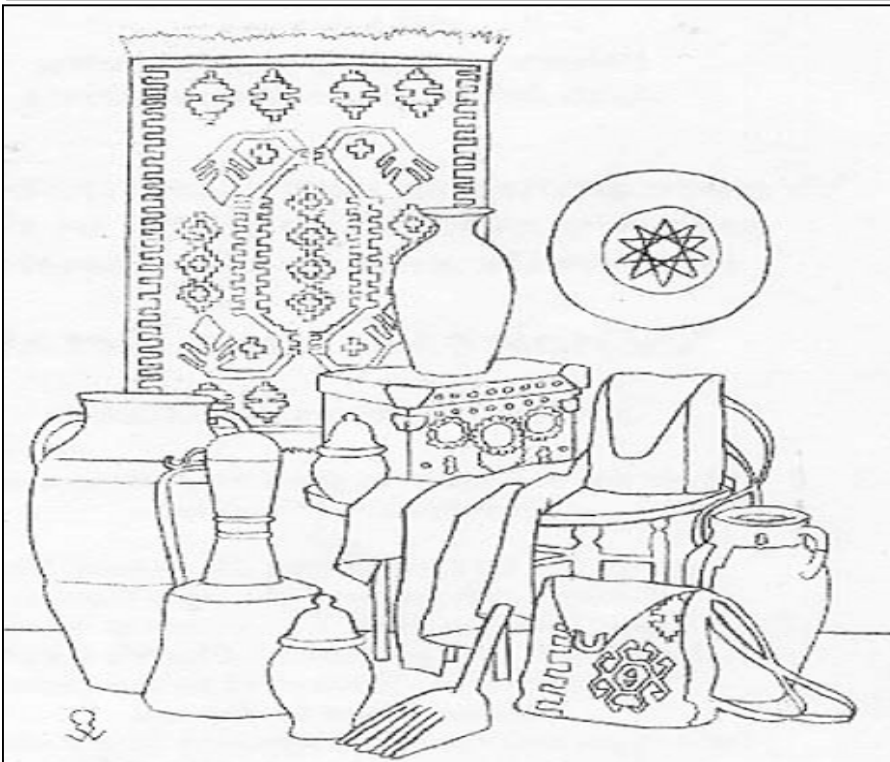
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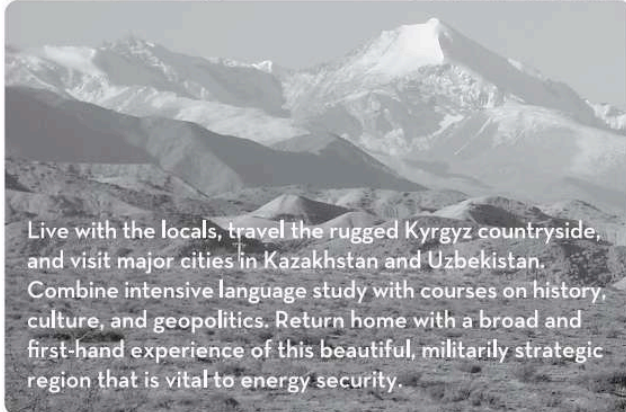
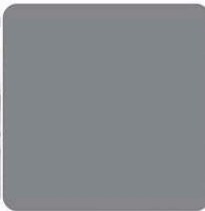
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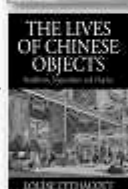
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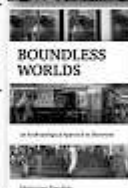
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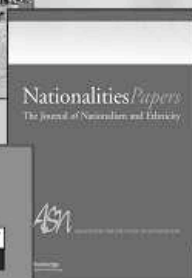
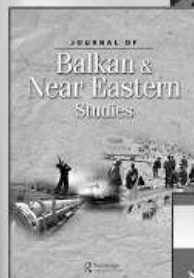
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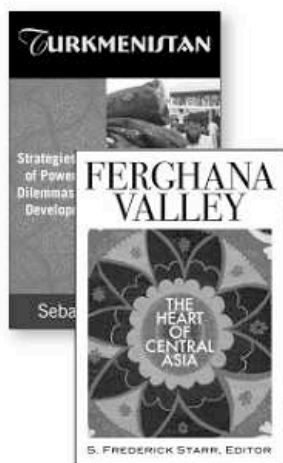
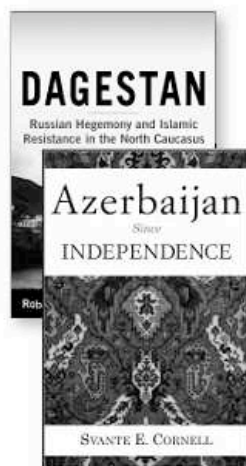
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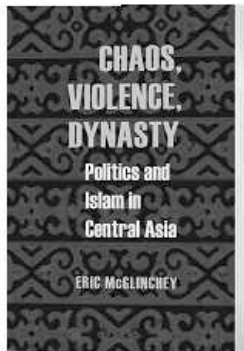
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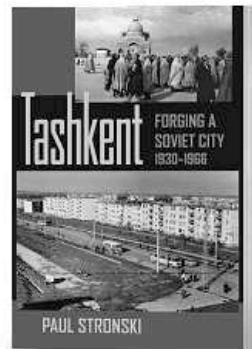
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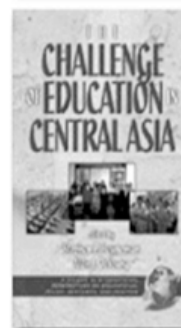
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