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Dear Colleagues and Guests,

Welcome to the Fifth Regional Conference of the Central Eurasian Studies Society, and welcome to Kazan Federal University!

This year’s program is an especially rich one, with fifty panels and a number of special highlights. Professor Michael Kemper of University of Amsterdam joins us this year to deliver the keynote speech on “Islam and the Orthodox Church in Russia: Competing Twins?” We also welcome Professor Taufik Ibrahim of Institute of the Oriental Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences, who will deliver a second keynote speech on “Quranic Principles of Inter-faith Harmony.”

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 support provided by the following units of Kazan Federal University: The Institute for International Relations, History and Oriental Studies, the Resource Center for the Development of Islamic Education and Islamic Studies, the “Islamica” Center of Excellence, and the Department of Oriental and Islamic Studies.

The Conference Committee would like to underline the contributions of a few individuals in particular who helped to make this event happen. In addition to all of the CESS members who have volunteered their time and effort, special thanks go to Ilshat Gafurov, Rector of Kazan Federal University, Linar Latypov, Vice-Rector of KFU, and Ramil Khayrutdinov, Director of the Institute for International Studies, History and Oriental Studies for their support in organizing the conference.

It is particularly fitting that the first CESS conference to be held in Russia is hosted by one of the most venerable and also dynamic institutions of higher learning in the Central Eurasian region. We hope that you will enjoy your time in historic Kazan and will come away enriched by a lively exchange of ideas and energized by the stimulating company of new and long-time colleagues.

Sincerely,

John Schoeberlein, CESS President, Professor of Anthropology, Nazarbayev University
Leila Almazova, CESS Board Member, Associate Professor, Kazan Federal University
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Sunday, June 5
09.00-20:00 - Excursion to the ancient city of Bolgar
Speakers, Organizers and Cultural Program

Michael Kemper
Micha Kemper is Professor of Eastern European Studies at the University of Amsterdam. Educated as a scholar of Islamic and Arabic Studies, Kemper published books on the Tatar Islamic literature in the Volga-Urals, with a focus on Islamic law, theology and Sufism, and on the legal and Sufi roots of Imam Shamil’s jihad movement in the North Caucasus. In cooperation with colleagues from Leiden and St. Petersburg, and funded by the Dutch Scientific Organization, he now investigates how Islamic authorities in Russia use and change the Russian language, and how the emergent “Islamic Russian” sociolect interacts with Arabic and Tatar, and with Church Slavonic.

Taufik Ibrahim
Taufik Ibrahim is Russian philosopher and specialist in Islamic studies. His doctoral dissertation was devoted to the philosophy of Kalam, the rationalistic tradition of Islamic theology, demonstrating Kalam’s pantheistic characteristics, and stressing its antifideism and rationalism. Professor Ibrahim also is the author of a multivolume biography of the Prophet Muhammad, “Sira”. Studying the Prophet’s biography and the Quran led him to a new understanding of crucial ideas that are often neglected in the study of Islam, such as tolerance, peace, and prosperity. This thesis is published in a book entitled “Quranic Humanism.”

Ramil Khayrutdinov
Ramil Khayrutdinov is a Director of the Institute for International Relations, History and Oriental Studies, Kazan Federal University, as well as the Director of the Resource Center for the Development of Islamic Education and Islamic Studies. He is an author of multiple publications of the problems of Tatar ethnic history, preservation of Cultural heritage, the history of Tatar enterprise and religious leadership. Among his publications we should be mention "The Republic of Tatarstan: Historical and Cultural Monuments of the Tatars" (1995), "Mosques of the Republic of Tatarstan" (2000), "Historical Mosques of the Kazan" (2005) and many others.
Leila Almazova

Leila Almazova is an Associate Professor of the Department of Oriental and Islamic Studies, Kazan Federal University, Vice-Director of the Resource Center for the Development of Islamic Education and Islamic Studies. The sphere of her scholarly interests concentrated on the evolution of Tatar Muslim theology during the period of 20-21 centuries. She is an author of such books as "Human Dilemma in the Legacy of Tatar Theologians (end of the 19th and early 20th centuries)" (2003), translation of the treatise "Falsafa Islamiya" by Zyaaddin Kamali (1873-1942) from Old Tatar into Russian (2010), "Religious Education in Tatarstan: the History, Current State and Innovative Processes" (2012).

John Schoeberlein

Professor Schoeberlein is President of CESS and played a central role in organizing the conference. Before taking a position at Nazarbayev University to help build Eurasian studies in the new institution, he taught for nearly twenty years at Harvard University, and served as Director of the Program on Central Asia and the Caucasus. His research focuses on identity, religion, secularism and related topics. His current research projects focus on Georgia and Kazakhstan.

Morgan Liu

Professor Liu is Chair of the CESS Conference Committee and a Member of the CESS Board. He is a cultural anthropologist studying Muslims in former Communist countries, the impact of oil extraction on Central Asian societies, urban space, and Islamic ideas of social justice. His broadest interests concern how Central Asians make sense of and act on structural inequalities and abuses of power. This includes using an ethnographic lens on the developing connections between Central Asia, Turkey, and China.

Exhibition of Tatar Shamail

In the Exhibition of Tatar Shamail within Qol Sharif Mosque, one may view a variety of forms of this Tatar Calligraphic art form, from old traditional Shamails on the glass and printed Shamails from the beginning of the 20th century to contemporary pieces that were entered in the competition “The Shamail of My Family.” The latter competition is prepared for June 2016, organized by Muslim Spiritual Board of the Republic of Tatarstan, under the direction of Rustam Batrov. In the Museum of Islamic Culture, you can see the old Shamails made in the technique of folk art. The secular trend in the Tatar painting on glass is exhibited in the exhibit hall of the Kazan branch of the Hermitage (in the Kazan Kremlin). Rustam Shamsutov, PhD, Art Director of the Gallery of the Tatar Shamail will hold a special lecture for the participants of the conference.
Ensemble: Tatar Musical Jewelry
The Tatar Musical Jewelry ensemble will present the audience with a concert program of different pieces from the traditions of Tatar music—from old folk songs and melodies to contemporary compositions. Damir Gabdrahmanov will perform a special section where he will play on multiple Tatar folk instruments—whistles, quray (end-blown flute), garmon (button accordion), accordion, and others. There also will be pieces written by famous Tatar composers, including Salikh Saydachev, Rustem Yakhin, and Shamil Sharifullin. The performance is organized by the “Tamasha” Musical Production Center under the direction of Guzel Abulkhanova.

The Ancient City of Bolgar

The Island City of Sviyazhsk
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Plenary  Thursday, June 2  12:15-13:30
Concert Hall in the UNIKS Complex, Academician Nuzhin St. 2

Keynote Speech: “Islam and the Orthodox Church in Russia: Competing Twins?”
by Professor Michael Kemper of the University of Amsterdam

Session 1  Thursday, June 2  14:00-15:45

RE-01 ♦ The Muslim Media in Northern Eurasia: Language, Nationalism, and Public Religion
Institute, Room 201

Chair: John Schoeberlein (Nazarbayev University)
Discussant: Michael Kemper (University of Amsterdam)
Aziz Burkanov (Nazarbayev University)
“Islam in the Contemporary Mass Media Discourse of Kazakhstan”
Alfrid Bustanov (European University, Saint Petersburg)
“The Journal ‘Islam’ (1924-1928) and the Limits of Public Religion in Early Soviet Russia”
Nurlan Kabdylkhak (Nazarbayev University)
“Din maselesi (Question of Religion) in the Kazakh-language Media in the Early 20th Century”

SO-01 ♦ Eurasian Labor Migration: Mobility and Attachment
Institute, Room 203

Chair: Rustem Davletgildeev (Kazan Federal University)
Discussant: Oleg Korneev (Tomsk State University)
Caress Schenk (Nazarbayev University)
“Labor Movement in the Eurasian Union”
Aleksey Starostin (Ural State Mining University, Ekaterinburg)
“Religious Practices of Muslim Migrants from Central Asia in the Urals and in Siberia at the Beginning of the 21st Century”
Endzhe Akhmadullina (Kazan Federal University)
“Distinctive Features of Adaptation Process of Migrants from Central Asia in Tatarstan”
Irina B. Kuznetsova (University of Birmingham) and John Round (University of Birmingham)
“Hostility towards Migrants from Central Asia in Russia: Discourse, Politics and Everyday Lives”

IR-01 ♦ Multilateral Dynamics in Central Eurasia
Institute, Room 215

Chair: Ambrish Dhaka (Jawaharlal Nehru University)
Discussant: Michael Barry (Mount St. Mary’s University)
Elaheh Kooalae (University of Teheran)
“Influential Regional Factors on Iranian-Georgian Relations”
William **Beacom** (American University of Central Asia)
“Explaining the Normative Shift in Central Asian States: The Twin Macrosecuritizations of the Global War on Terror and the Shanghai Cooperation Organization”

Maya **Nyagolova** (Sofia University; UNDP)
“The UN Approach to Central Asia: Regional Cooperation for Human Development and Human Security”

Kamen **Velichkov** (Sofia University)
“Constructivist Interpretations of Kazakhstan’s Foreign Policy Initiatives”

**PO-01  ♦  Understanding and Avoiding Conflict**
Institute, Room 209

*Chair: Funda Güven (Derin)* (University of Wisconsin-Madison)

*Discussant: TBD*

Carter **Johnson** (Higher School of Economics, Moscow)

Marissa **Quie** (University of Cambridge)
“Undermining Dichotomies: Women and the Peace Process in Afghanistan”

Valeria **Chelaru** (Babes-Bolyai University of Cluj-Napoca)
“Reassessing Frozen Conflicts in the Post-Soviet Space or Mediating between the Parties”

**HI-01  ♦  Legitimizing the State**
Institute, Room 206

*Chair: Mateusz Laszczkowski* (University of Warsaw / Halle-Zurich Centre for Anthropological Studies on Central Asia)

*Discussant: Alima Bissenova* (Nazarbayev University)

Vsevolod **Kritskiy** (Graduate Institute of Geneva)
“Decision-making during the National Delimitation of Central Asia in the 1920s”

Slavomir **Horák** (Charles University in Prague)
“Sport as a Tool of Propaganda in Authoritarian Regimes: The Case of Turkmenistan’s Aziada-2017”

Douglas Joseph **MacKay** (Columbia University)
“Varieties of Imperial Legitimacy: The Case of Russia”

**ED-01  ♦  Higher Education and Its Evolving Institutions**
Institute, Room 212

*Chair: Marat Gibatdinov* (Marjani Institute for History)

*Discussant: Galym Zhussipbek* (Suleyman Demirel University)

Martha **Merrill** (Kent State University)
“A Tale of Two Trajectories: International Accreditation in Kyrgyzstan and Kazakhstan”

Nazarkhudo **Dastambuev** (Open Society Institute Tajikistan)
“Reforming Access to Higher Education in Tajikistan: The Development and Role of the New National Testing Centre”

Thomas **Bussen** (American University of Central Asia)
“From Karl Marx to Groucho Marx: The Fall of the Soviet Union, the Rise of University Corruption, and the Imperative to Learn from Others”
Stuart Chen (State University of New York at Buffalo / EKSTU)
“Contrasting American and Kazakhstani University Environments, Expectations, and Experiences”

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RE-02 ♦ Islam in the Volga-Ural Region: Islamic Universality, State Intervention, and Local Responses to Modernity
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Institute, Room 201
Chair: Leila Almazova (Kazan Federal University)
Discussant: Azat Akhunov (Kazan Federal University)
Alfina Sibgatullina (Institute of Oriental Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences)
“On Sanitation Issues during Hajj (Based on Tartar Pilgrims’ Accounts of the Early 20th Century)”
Norihiro Naganawa (Hokkaido University)
Jesko Schmoller (Perm State University)
“The Mountains of Barda: Creation of Tatar Space in the Muslim South of Perm Region”

AN-01 ♦ Changing Social Dynamics in Rural Central Asia
Institute, Room 203
Chair: Guzel Guzelbaeva (Kazan Federal University)
Discussant: Jeanne Féaux de la Croix (University of Tuebingen)
Tommaso Trevisani (University of Tübingen)
“Growing cotton in Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan: Farm-level Perspectives on Continuity and Change in the Agrarian Structure”
Nurzat Sultanalieva (University of Tübingen)
“Living at the Lake: Dynamics of Change and Adaptation to Fluid Environments”
Aibek Samakov (University of Tübingen)
“Evolution of Commons Institutions in the Syr Darya Delta”

SO-02 ♦ Eurasian Youth, Culture, Language, and Activism
Institute, Room 215
Chair: Hamed Kazemzadeh (University of Warsaw)
Discussant: Samantha Lomb (Vyatka State University)
Mizuki Nakamura (University of Tsukuba)
“A Study of the Language Situation of Tatars in Uzbekistan: The Change of Attitudes toward Uzbek Language”
Feruza Shermatova (International Ataturk-Alatoo University)
“Construction of Youth Language in Kyrgyzstan”
Svetlana Dzardanova (OSCE Academy in Bishkek) and Janyl Bokontaeva (GIZ GmgH Program Professional Education in Central Asia)
“Social Activism in Central Asia: A Comparative Study of Activists-State Relations in Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan”
PO-02 ♦ Policy and the Diverse Population
Institute, Room 209

Chair: Olivier Ferrando (French Institute for Central Asian Studies [IFEAC])
Discussant: Douglas Joseph MacKay (Columbia University)

Lana Ravandi-Fadai (Institute of Oriental Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences)
“The Challenge of Ethnic and Religious Heterogeneity to the Unity of the Iranian State”

Hafiz Boboyorov (Academy of Sciences of Tajikistan)
“Local and Transnational Securityscapes of the Tajik Labor Migrants in Russia”

Amier Saidula (Institute of Ismaili Studies)
“State Law and the Peaceful Ismaili Tajiks of Xinjiang, China”

HI-02 ♦ Constructing the History of Central Eurasia
Institute, Room 206

Chair: Robert Shangaraev (Russian Islamic University)
Discussant: Vladimir Boyko (Altai State Pedagogical University/Altai State University)

Marta Jaworska (University of Warsaw)
“Inigenous or Foreign? Historians in Search for the Roots of the Zemskii Sobor”

Uli Schamiloglu (University of Wisconsin-Madison)
“An Outline of a Population History of the Middle Volga Region”

Dmitry Vasilyev (Moscow Institute of Commerce and Law)
“Russia and Central Asia in the 19th Century: Administrative Modeling of Space”

Larisa Usmanova (Marjani Institute for History) and Marat Gibatdinov (Marjani Institute for History)
“Presentation of the Academic Project ‘Japan and Turk-Tatar World’ (Institute of History, Tatarstan Academy of Sciences)”

ED-02 ♦ Raising the Next Generation
Institute, Room 212

Chair: Anastasiya Fakhrutdinova (Kazan Federal University)
Discussant: Martha Merrill (Kent State University)

Atsushi Saito (Waseda University, Graduate School of Human Sciences), Sayuri Kobayashi (Waseda University, School of Human Sciences), Zhanna Karchiganova (Waseda University, Graduate School of Social Sciences) and Atsushi Ogihara (Waseda University, Faculty of Oriental Studies)
“Attitudes toward Childrearing of Young Kazakhs: A Comparative Discussion”

Zhanar Nagayeva (Suleyman Demirel University) and Galym Zhussipbek (Suleyman Demirel University)
“Children’s Rights and Development of Pluralism and Core Liberal Values in Post-Soviet Societies”

Session 3 ♦ Friday, June 3 ♦ 9:00-10:45

AN-02 ♦ Labor Migration’s Effects on Sending Communities
Institute, Room 201

Chair: Endzhe Akhmadullina (Kazan Federal University)
Discussant: Caress Schenk (Nazarbayev University)

Malika Tukmadiyeva (George Washington University) and Natalia Zakharchenko (George Washington University)
“Betrayers or Saviors? Perceptions of High- and Low-Skilled Migrants in Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan”

Oleg Korneev (Tomsk State University) and Karolina Kluczewska (University of St Andrews)
“Policies and Practices of (Non)involvement: Tajikistan and Its Labour Emigrants”

Jeanne Féaux de la Croix (University of Tübingen)
“World Cafés with Migrants and Film-making with Teenagers': On the Possibilities of Collaborative Research in Central Asia”

RE-03  ♦  Exploring Muslim Religious Authority in Russia and Kazakhstan
Institute, Room 203

Chair: John Schoeberlein (Nazarbayev University)
Discussant: Alfrid Bustanov (European University, St. Petersburg)

Lili Di Puppo (Higher School of Economics, Moscow)
“What is ‘Traditional Islam’?: Defining the Borders of Islam in Russia”

Alina Bissenova (Nazarbayev University)
“Establishing Hanafi Orthodoxy in Kazakhstan: Between the “Good” and “Bad” Islam”

Roza Nurullina (Center for Islamic Studies, Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Tatarstan)
“Religious Authority in Islam: The Case of Tatarstan”

SO-03  ♦  Feminine Voice and Empowerment
Institute, Room 215

Chair: Rezeda Safiullina-Al Ansi (Kazan Federal University)
Discussant: Elena Maltseva (University of Windsor)

Funda Güven (Derin) (University of Wisconsin-Madison)
“Ahmed Agaoglu and the Emancipation of Muslim Women”

Galym Zhussipbek (Suleyman Demirel University) and Zhanar Nagayeva (Suleyman Demirel University)
“Analysis of the Factors Impeding Empowerment of Women in Post-Soviet Muslim Societies”

Chelsea Cervantes De Blois (University of Minnesota, Twin-Cities)
“Voiced or Voiceless? A Close Literary Analysis of The Azerbaijani Woman In Her Transitioning Society”

AN-03  ♦  Literature and Politics of Culture in Post-War Soviet Eurasia
[Panel in Russian and English languages]
Institute, Room 209

Chair: Azat Akhunov (Kazan Federal University)
Discussant: Anna Oldfield (Coastal Carolina University)

Rezeda Khurmatullina (Kazan Federal University)
“The Inter-War Avant-garde in Kazan: Ideology, Directions, and National Peculiarities”

Christopher Fort (University of Michigan)
“The End of History: A Post-socialist and Post-colonial Reading of O’tkir Hoshimov’s Lives Passed in Dream”

Zulkhumor Mirzaeva (Alisher Navoiy Language and Literature Institute, Tashkent)
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HI-03 ♦ Culture, Trade and Statehood in Ancient and Medieval Eurasia
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Chair: Gary Wintz (Independent Lecturer)
Discussant: Daniel Prior (Miami University)
Mohamad Ajmal Shah (University of Kashmir)
   “Silk Route Manifestations in Early Kashmir Art and Archaeology”
Dmitry Zhelobov (Ural Federal University)
   “Merchant Theocracies and the Silk Road in Medieval Xinjiang”
Leonard Nedashkovsky (Kazan Federal University)
   “The Chronology of the Low Volga Golden Horde Cities and Their Regions”
Aidyn Zhuniskhanov (Nazarbayev University)
   “The Problem of Forming the Early Scythian Cultural Complex in East Kazakhstan”

IR-02 ♦ China, Russia and Wider Economic Integration in Eurasia
   Institute, Room 212
Chair: Ariel Gonzalez Levaggi (Koc University)
Discussant: Akbota Zholdasbekova-Cimadevila (L. N. Gumilyov Eurasian National University)
Ajay Kumar Patnaik (Jawaharlal Nehru University)
   “Indian and Chinese Silk Road Strategies: Competition and Cooperation”
Michael Barry (Mount St. Mary's University)
   “Russia-China Trade Liberalization: Three General Equilibrium Models”
Albina Muratbekova (Al-Farabi Kazakh National University)
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Chair: Leila Almazova (Kazan Federal University)
Discussant: Tommaso Trevisani (Tuebingen University)
Xenia Prilutskaya (Nazarbayev University)
   “Expertise on Ecological Risk and Danger: A Case Study on Temirtau (Kazakhstan)”
Gulzat Baialieva (University of Tübingen)
   “The Naryn Gorge under Conditions of Deindustrialization”
Eeva Kesküla (Tallinn University)
   “The Oasis in the Steppe: Vitality and Infirmity in the Miners’ Sanatorium in Kazakhstan”

RE-04 ♦ Being Muslim: Practices, Perceptions, Texts, Interpretations
   Institute, Room 203
Chair: Robert Shangaraev (Russian Islamic University)
Discussant: Tone Bringa (University of Bergen)
Mei Ding (Fudan University, Shanghai)
   “Ethnicity and Everyday Practices: Uyghur Perceptions of Being Muslims in Contemporary Xinjiang, China”
Anna Cieślewska (Jagiellonian University in Krakow)  
“Women’s Islamic Education in the South Kyrgyzstan: Between Tradition and Change”

Rune Steenberg (Columbia University)  
“Variations on Nikah: Cultural Improvisation and Politically Embedded Custom in Kashgar”

Rustem Shamsutov (Kazan State University of Architecture and Engineering)  
“Folk Art of Painting on the Glass: The Tatar ‘Shamail’”

SO-04 ♦ Social Issues in Central Eurasia  
Institute, Room 215

Chair: Guzel Guzelbaeva (Kazan Federal University)
Discussant: Aliya Kuzhabekova (Nazarbayev University, Graduate School of Education)

Justin Ostrowski (University of Arizona)  
“Public Sex and the State: Struggle for Life Chances in a Changing Kyrgyzstan”

Elena Maltseva (University of Windsor) and Saltanat Janenova (Nazarbayev University, Graduate School of Public Policy)  
“The Politics of Pension Reforms in Kazakhstan: Pressures for Change and Reform Strategies”

Eduard Ponarin (Higher School of Economics, Moscow), Veronica Kostenko (Higher School of Economics) and Sofia Lopatina (European University, Saint Petersburg)  
“Family Behavior and Sexual Liberalization in Eight Post-Soviet Societies”

SO-05 ♦ Language, Identity and Politics  
Institute, Room 209

Chair: Naila Mingazova (Kazan Federal University)
Discussant: Gulnara Dadabayeva (KIMEP University)

Anastassia Zabrodskaja (Tallinn University / University of Tartu)  
“Images of Russia and Russians Living in Russia among Russian-Estonian Mixed Couples”

Kyle Marquardt (University of Gothenburg, V-Dem Institute)  
“Linguistic Cleavages, Linguistic Abilities and Support for Regional Sovereignty: Evidence from Russian Regions”

Michel Bozdémir (INALCO, Paris)  
“Turkish and Turkic Languages in a Globalizing World”

Sansar Tsakhirmaa (Johns Hopkins University)  
“Comparative Institutionalized Bilingualism: Fieldnotes from Kazan, Tatarstan (Russia) and Urumqi, Xinjiang (China)”

HI-04 ♦ Nomadic Militaries  
Institute, Room 206

Chair: Gary Wintz (Independent Lecturer)
Discussant: Uli Schamiloglu (University of Wisconsin-Madison)

Ariunbold Altankhoyag (Mongolian National University)  
“The Legacy of the Battle of Kalka River: ‘Chorni Klobuky’ or ‘Black Hats’ and the Possibilities of Their Participation in the Battle”

Beatrice Manz (Tufts University)  
“Should We Judge Nomads by Their Armies?”

Nadezhda Milutenko (Saint Petersburg State University)  
“Unprecedented Campaign: From Samarkand to the Volga 1220-1223”
IR-03 ♦ Economic Competition, Cooperation and Integration in Central Eurasia
Institute, Room 212

Chair: Ariel Gonzalez Levaggi (Koc University)
Discussant: Carter Johnson (Higher School of Economics, Moscow)

Seyit Ali Avcu (Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TIKA) and Yildirim Beyazit University, Ankara)
“Turkish Foreign Aid to Central Asia”

Zvi Lerman (Hebrew University of Jerusalem), David Sedik (Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN/Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia) and Ivan Stanchin (Voronezh Economic-Legal Institute)
“Food Security in Central Asia: Wheat Production Policies in Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan”

Akbota Zholdasbekova-Cimadevilla (L. N. Gumilyov Eurasian National University)
“Eurasia Interconnections: Approaches and Challenges”

Gulnar Iskakova (Shakarim State University of Semey)
“Central Asian Region in the Centre of Strategies of Russia, the USA and China”

Session 5  Friday, June 3  14:15-16:00

AN-05 ♦ Transformation of Public Space in Post-Soviet Cities: Changing Forms, Uses and Meanings
Institute, Room 201

Chair: Aygul Farkhaeva (Kazan Federal University)
Discussant: John Schoeberlein (Nazarbayev University)

Mateusz Laszczkowski (University of Warsaw / Halle-Zurich Centre for Anthropological Studies on Central Asia)
“Zillion (Im)possible Cities: Urban Space and the Game Encounter in Astana”

Tsypylma Darieva (Friedrich-Schiller-Universität, Jena)
“Making a Sacred Place in the Urban Context: Shia Saints in Baku”

Natalya Kosmanskaya (Institute of Oriental Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences) and Guzel Sabirova (Higher School of Economics in Saint Petersburg, Centre for Youth Studies)
“Frunze/Bishkek Changing Capital Centre: Symbolism, Materiality, and Everyday Practices”

RE-05 ♦ Traditional and Christian Religions in Central Eurasia
Institute, Room 203

Chair: Aleksandr Tokranov (Kazan Federal University)
Discussant: Dilyara Brilyova (Kazan Federal University)

Charles Carlson (Turkey-Kyrgyzstan Manas University)
“The Role of Traditional Religion in Kyrgyzstan”

Bruno De Cordier (Ghent University)
“Saint Bartholomew of the Southern Caspian: The Social Identity of Orthodox Christianity in Azerbaijan”

Alexandra Medzibrodszky (Central European University)
“Friend or Foe: Christianity and Socialism in Late Imperial Russia”
SO-06 ♦ Cooperation, Participation and Community
Institute, Room 215

Chair: Saltanat Janenova (Nazarbayev University, Graduate School of Public Policy)
Discussant: Aziz Burkhanov (Nazarbayev University)

Akmaljon Abdullayev (Academy of Public Administration, Tashkent)
“History of Social Movements in Central Asia before and after Independence”

Nurset Niyazbekov (KIMEP University)
“Social Capital in Kazakhstan: The Case of Taldykorgan City”

Svetlana Suslova (Higher School of Economics, Perm)
“Factors in Nonprofit Co-production of Educational Services: The Case of Secondary Schools in Russia”

Irina A. Skalaban (Novosibirsk State Technical University)
“Social Fears of the ‘Other’ as a Factor of Urban Civic Participation”

AN-06 ♦ The Past in the Present: Memorialization, Naming, and Legacies
Institute, Room 209

Chair: Leonard Nedashkovsky (Kazan Federal University)
Discussant: Aida Aaly Alymbaeva (Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology)

Dmitriy Melnikov (Nazarbayev University)
“Memorial Imagination of the Soviet Period in Astana”

Alexey Ulko (Independent Scholar)
“Code Switching in Contemporary Art in Uzbekistan”

Christilla Marteau d’Autry (University Paris Ouest Nanterre La Defense)
“What’s in a Name? Naming and Social Organization in Samarkand, Uzbekistan”

PO-03 ♦ Regimes, Governance, and Democratization
[Panel in Russian and English languages]
Institute, Room 206

Chair: Kairat Sak (Eurasian National University)
Discussant: Slavomir Horák (Charles University, Prague)

Serik Beimenbetov (Kazakh-German University, Almaty)
“The Regulation of Organizational Life in Hybrid Regimes”

Rustam Sabirov (Moscow State University)
“Democracy in Mongolia: How Did It Happen?”

Sharipa Nurzhanova (Al Farabi Kazakh National University)
“Current Problems of Formation of Local Government of the Kyrgyz Republic and the Republic of Kazakhstan Regulation of Their Activities [Актуальные проблемы формирования местного самоуправления Кыргызской Республики и Республики Казахстан и регулирование их деятельности]”

Azhar Baisakalova (KIMEP University)
“Research Methodology as Applied to the Study of Corporate Social Responsibility in the Context of Kazakhstan”

IR-04 ♦ Central Asia between China, Russia and the West
Institute, Room 212

Chair: Larisa Usmanova (Marjani Institute for History)
Discussant: Kamen Velichkov (Sofia University)
Ambrish Dhaka (Jawaharlal Nehru University)
“The Heartland Perspective and Evolution of Russian Geopolitical Discourse”

Rim Abdullin (Almaty Management University)
“‘Greater Central Asia Partnership’ Initiative: The Result of Shifting of US Priorities in Post-2014 Afghanistan”

Ksenia Muratshina (Ural Federal University)
“Russia-China: A Prospect of Nuclear Energy Rivalry in Central Asia?”

Session 6  Friday, June 3  16:15-18:00

SO-07  ♦  Gender, Society, and State
Institute, Room 201

Chair: Ildar Ahmetzyanov (Kazan Federal University)
Discussant: Svetlana Dzardanova (OSCE Academy in Bishkek)

Yulia Gradskova (Sodertorn University)
“Emancipation at the Crossroads between the ‘Woman Question’ and the ‘National Question’”

Aliya Kuzhabekova (Nazarbayev University, Graduate School of Education), Saltanat Janenova
(Nazarbayev University, Graduate School of Public Policy) and Ainur Almukhambetova
(Nazarbayev University)
“Exploring the Experiences of Female Leaders in Civil Service in Kazakhstan: Trapped between Economic Pressure to Earn and Traditional Family Role Expectations”

Didar Kassymova (KIMEP University)
“Longue Duree Affirmation of the Model Woman Mission: The Memoires of Shara Zhienkulova as a Source for Stalinist Socio-cultural Studies”

RE-06  ♦  Islam and the State
Institute, Room 203

Chair: Ilsur Nafikov (Kazan Federal University)
Discussant: Rune Steenberg (Columbia University)

Aidar Habutdinov (Kazan Federal University)
“The Role of an Official Islamic Institution, the Muslim Spiritual Assembly of Tatarstan, for the Legitimization of the Regime in the Republic”

Leila Almazova (Kazan Federal University)
“Religious Life of Muslims in Penal System of the Republic of Tatarstan”

Svetlana Akkieva (Kabardino-Balkarian Institute for Humanities Institute Researches)
“Ethno-political Processes, Islam and Ethnicity in the Northern Caucasus”

Marina Imasheva (Astrakhan Branch of Saratov State Law Academy)
“Islam in Astrakhan Region: History and the Modern State”

SO-08  ♦  Minorities, Co-existence, and State Security
Institute, Room 215

Chair: Tone Bringa (University of Bergen)
Discussant: Gulnara Dadabayeva (KIMEP University)

Elmira Muratova (Tarida National University [Crimean Federal University])
“To Be a Muslim in Russia: The ‘New’ Experience of the Crimean Tatars”
Moritz Florin (Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg)
   “Assimilation, Integration, Segregation: Managing Ethnic Diversity in Post-war Soviet Kyrgyzstan”
Anar Tleumaganbetova (Nazarbayev University)
   “The Chechen Diaspora in Kazakhstan: Why Do They Stay?”

LA-01 ♦ Language Interfaces
   [Panel in Russian and English languages]
   Institute, Room 209
Chair: Ramil Uzmuhamedov (Kazan Federal University)
Discussant: Sansar Tsakhirmaa (Johns Hopkins University)
Zeinekhan Kuzekova (Nazarbayev University)
   “Teaching Quantifier Category in Kazakh Language: A Functional Semantic Approach”
Mahire Yakup (Nazarbayev University), Nikolay Mikhailov (Nazarbayev University) and Saule Mussabekova (Nazarbayev University)
   “Code-switching Patterns in Kazakh-Russian-English Trilingual Speakers”
Gulzura Jumakunova (Ankara University)
   “I. Bukin’s ‘Kyrgyz-Russian Dictionary’ in Terms of Turkic Lexicography of 19th Century”
Meruyert Ibrayeva (Nazarbayev University), Nettie Boivin (Nazarbayev University, Graduate School of Education) and Baky Akbuzauova (Nazarbayev University)
   “Multilingual Community of Learning: Kazakhstan’s Pre-K Multiliteracy Approach”

HI-05 ♦ Perspectives on History
   Institute, Room 206
Chair: Rustem Ciunshuk (Kazan Federal University)
Discussant: Beatrice Manz (Tufts University)
Mounira Azzout (EHESS/CNRS-IRESCO)
Alexander Vasilyev (Institute of Oriental Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences)
   “A Liegeman or Troubled Neighbor: Rethinking the Ways of Russian Policy towards Kashgar at the End of the 1870s-Beginning of the 1880s”
Sunatullo Jonboboev (University of Central Asia; Institute of Philosophy, Political Sciences and Law AS RT)
   “Abu al-Rayhan al-Beruni, a Central Asian Pioneer of the Multiculturalism and Comparative Studies”

IR-05 ♦ Middle East and India in Relation to Central Eurasia
   Institute, Room 212
Chair: Guzel Mratkhuzina (Kazan Federal University)
Discussant: Bernardo Teles Fazendeiro (University of St Andrews)
Marat Safin (Kazan Federal University)
   “The Role and Place of the Islamic Factor in the Cooperation of Russia with the SCO Countries”
Hamed Kazemzadeh (University of Warsaw) and Anahita Shahrokhi (University of Warsaw)
   “Iran’s Role in Central Asia and the Caucasus after the Nuclear Deal”
Asad Mahrad (Berlin Municipal Government; Independent Scholar)
   “Connecting the Persian Gulf to the Volga-Caspian Waterway: New Goals after the End of Sanctions to Iran”
Session 7  Saturday, June 4  9:00-10:45

PO-04  ♦  Forming Cities and Nations
Institute, Room 201

Chair: Natalya Kosmarskaya (Institute of Oriental Studies (IVRAN), Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow)

Discussant: Olivier Ferrando (French Institute for Central Asian Studies [IFEAC])

Gulnara Dadabayeva (KIMEP University)
“Russian-speaking Urban Citizens: Construction of New Social Space (the Case of Almaty)”

Caroline Erin Elkin (Kazakh Leading Academy of Architecture and Civil Engineering)
“Our City Has Been Transformed: Soviet, Kazakh, and Kazakhstani Identities in Almaty’s City Parks”

Marem Buzurtanova (Al-Farabi Kazakh National University)
“Civic-ethnic Hybrid Nationalism Model for Kazakhstan: How It Emerged and How to Make It Successful”

Dina Sharipova (KIMEP University)
“The Determinants of Nationalist Sentiments in Kazakhstan: Evidence from a National Survey”

RE-07  ♦  Religion and Identity in Azerbaijan: Past and Present
Institute, Room 203

Chair: Rune Steenberg (Columbia University)

Discussant: Tsypylma Darieva (Friedrich-Schiller-Universitaet, Jena, Germany)

Irina Shingiray (Oxford University)
“Nomadic Influence on Religious Identity in Azerbaijan: The Case of Shia Muharram Rituals”

Elio Brancaforte (Tulane University)
“European Accounts of Shiite Rituals in Safavid-Era Azerbaijan and Iran”

Lala Aliyeva (Baku State University)
“Transformation of Orthodox Islam to Folk Islam in Azerbaijan: Existing Heresy Mixed with Old Azeri Tradition”

AN-07  ♦  Minority Identifications and Their Politics
Institute, Room 215

Chair: Evgeniy Hamidov (Kazan Federal University)

Discussant: Yuliya Shapoval (L. N. Gumilyov Eurasian National University)

Elena Marushchakova (Imre Kertesz Kolleg, Friedrich Schiller University Jena) and Veselin Popov
(Institute for Ethnology and Folklore Studies with Ethnographic Museum at Bulgarian Academy of Sciences)
“Gypsy (Rom - Lom - Dom) Identities in Georgia”

Akira Sakurama (Japan Society for the Promotion of Science)
“Ethnicity and Imperial Memory: N. I. Il’minskii in the Identity of Contemporary Tatars and Kriashens”

Miglena Dikova-Milanova (Ghent University)
“Literary Images of Bulgarian Muslim Minorities: Between Political Controversy and Transcendence of Historical Memory”

Aida Aaly Alymbaeva (Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology)
“Between Minority and Majority: Sart-Kalmaks in Kyrgyzstan”
AN-08  ♦ Performance Traditions and Epics
Institute, Room 209

Chair: Gary Wintz (Independent Lecturer)
Discussant: Elmira Kochumkulova (University of Central Asia)

Aida Almazova (Kazan Federal University)
“Axiological Analysis of Musical Heritage of the Tatar Composer Rashid Kalimullin”

Meiramgul Kussainova (Nazarbayev University) and Gultas Kurmanbay (Nazarbayev University)
“Historical Songs about Amaneg’dy Imanov: Mythologizing and Truth (Reality)”

Jutta Wintermann (University of Cologne)
“The Myth of the Jade-stone: Weather and Magic in Epic Poetry and Historical Documents”

HI-06  ♦ Modernizations and Their Technologies
[Panel in Russian and English languages]
Institute, Room 206

Chair: Elmira Muratova (Taurida National University [Crimean Federal University])
Discussant: Dilyara Brilyova (Kazan Federal University)

Aitmukhanbet Yesdauletov (L. N. Gumilyov Eurasian National University) and Ardak Yesdauletova (L. N. Gumilyov Eurasian National University)
“The Kazakhstani Economy in the Soviet and Post-Soviet Press”

Vladimir Boyko (Altai State Pedagogical University; Altai State University)
“Quest for Socio-economic Modernization in Afghanistan during World War II and Early Post-war Times: Domestic Impulses and International Environment”

Samantha Lomb (Vyatka State University)
“Personal and Political: A Micro-history of the ‘Red Column’ Collective Farm, 1935-36”

Ragnar Skre (University of Bergen)
“Hydro Power, Audit Regimes and Contested Knowledge”

IR-06  ♦ Turkey, Russia, Central Eurasia
Institute, Room 212

Chair: Michel Bozdémir (INALCO, Paris)
Discussant: Elaheh Koolae (University of Tehran)

Ariel Gonzalez Levaggi (Koc University)
“Coercion, Persuasion and Smartness in Foreign Policy Strategies: Russia and Turkey in Comparative Perspective”

Evrim Eken (Saint Petersburg State University)
“Contemporary Crisis in Turkish-Russian Relations: A Real Return to Security-oriented Foreign Policy Course in Bilateral Relations?”

Bernardo Teles Fazendeiro (University of St Andrews)
“The Uzbekistani-Turkish Relationship, 1991-2000: A Relationship that Never Took Off”
Session 8  Saturday, June 4  11:00-12:45

HI-07  ♦  Everyday Life in Extraordinary Conditions: On Materials of the Ural Periphery of the Russian Empire
[Panel in Russian language]
Institute, Room 201
Chair: Leonard Nedashkovsky (Kazan Federal University)
Discussant: Dmitry Vasilyev (Moscow Institute of Commerce and Law)
Elena Burlutskaya (Orenburg State Pedagogical University)
“Stress Factors in Everyday Life of the Merchants of the South Ural in the First Half of the 19th Century”
Stepan Dzhundzhuzov (Orenburg State University)
“Everyday Life of the Kalmyk Immigrants in Orenburg Province: Realization of a Crisis Model of Economic Adaptation (Second Half of the 19th Century)”
Sergey Lyubichankovskiy (Volga Branch of Institute of Russian History of the Russian Academy of Sciences)
“‘Proletarians of the Twentieth’: Everyday Life of the Ordinary Ural Officials in Late Imperial Russia”
Elena Godovova (Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration)
“Everyday Life of Orenburg Cossacks in Extreme Military Conditions (in the Second Half of the 19th-Early 20th Centuries)”

RE-08  ♦  Islamic Discursive Tradition and Modernity
Institute, Room 203
Chair: Ramil Uzmuhamedov (Kazan Federal University)
Discussant: Jesko Schmoller (Perm State University)
Selçuk Altuntaş (University of Wisconsin-Madison)
“A Debate over the Sacred among the Muslims of Imperial Russia: Ziyaeddin Kamali’s Attempt to Translate the Qur’an into the Tatar Language”
Ramil Galiullin (Kazan Federal University)
“The Neo-Jadidism Phenomenon in Contemporary Tatar Society”
Inessa Beloglazova (Kazan Federal University)
“Qur’an Ayahs in RuNet: What Russian-language Sites Call Muslims for?”
Rezeda Safiullina-Al Ansi (Kazan Federal University)
“Coverage of Religious Themes and Modern Theological Discussions of Muslims of the Volga Region in the Information Space of the Republic of Tatarstan”

AN-09  ♦  Construction of Identity and Practices of Representation in the Contemporary Kazakhstan
[Panel in Russian and English languages]
Institute, Room 215
Chair: Leila Almazova (Kazan Federal University)
Discussant: John Schoeberlein (Nazarbayev University)
Kuralay Yermaganbetova (L. N. Gumilyov Eurasian National University)
“Construction of Kazakhstani Identity in the Context of Cultural Branding”
Yuliya Shapoval (L. N. Gumilyov Eurasian National University)
“Cossack Identity in the Contemporary Kazakhstan: Identity Politics through Memory Practices”

Ruziya Kamarova (L. N. Gumilyov Eurasian National University)
“Biographical Narrative and the Construction of Identity: The Case of the Tatars in Astana”

**AN-10**  ♦  **The Oral Heritage of Central Asia: New Research Initiatives and Collaborations to Translate Kyrgyz Epics into English**
Panel Sponsored by the University of Central Asia Institute, Room 209

*Chair: Jutta Wintermann (University of Cologne)*

Karl Reichl (University of Bonn)
Daniel Prior (Miami University)
Elmira Kochumkulova (University of Central Asia)

**PO-05**  ♦  **Societal Contexts of Security Issues**
Institute, Room 206

*Chair: Hafiz Boboyorov (Academy of Sciences of Tajikistan)*

*Discussant: Dina Sharipova (KIMEP University)*

Rafael Sattarov (Higher School of Economics, Moscow)
“Security Threats in the Central Asia in the Context of Social Problems”

Serik Beissembayev (Center for Social and Political Studies)
“Religious Radicalism in Kazakhstan: The Fertile Soil of Gang Culture”

Punit Gaur (Centre for Research in Rural and Industrial Development)
“Multiculturalism: A Conduit between Europe and Asia”

**IR-07**  ♦  **Cold War Politics: Old and New**
Institute, Room 212

*Chair: William Beacom (American University of Central Asia)*

*Discussant: Carter Johnson (Higher School of Economics, Moscow)*

Tugrul Keskin (Maltepe University)
“Between Central Asia and Turkistan: Cold War Politics of Pan-Turkism”

Alexey Fominykh (Volga State University of Technology)
“A Forgotten Détente Episode: ‘Research and Development USA’ Exhibition in Kazan in 1972”

Rashid Gabdulhakov (Central Asian Development Institute)
“Portrayal of Refugees in the Russian Media: Unmanageable Crisis or Managed Opportunity?”

**Plenary**  **Saturday, June 2  14:15-15:30**
Concert Hall in the UNIKS Complex, Academician Nuzhin St. 2

Keynote Speech: “**Quranic Principles of Inter-faith Harmony**”
by Professor Taufik Ibrahim of the Institute of Oriental Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences
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- **Economics of Asian and African countries**
- **History**
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- **Anthropology and Ethnology**
- **Museology and preservation of cultural and natural heritage**
- **Cultural Studies** (Culture of countries and regions of the world)
- **Tourism** (International Tourism)
- **Linguistics** (specializations in: Translation; Theory and Methods of Teaching Foreign Languages and Cultures)
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*Anthropology and Ethnology* (Ethnic History of the Peoples of the Urals and the Volga Region)

*Tourism* (International Tourism Organization and Technology of International and Domestic Tourism)

*Art History* (Restoration of Historical and Cultural Heritage)

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