



European Society for Central Asian Studies (ESCAS)

**2023 Regional Conference: “Power, people and cultural change
in an ever-evolving Central Asia”**

21 - 24 September 2023, Almaty, Kazakhstan

Conference Program

THURSDAY 21.09

Pre-conference workshops

Address: KIMEP University, 4 Abay avenue (corner of Valikhanov street)

09:00 – 10:30 WORKSHOP SESSION I

Scopus Diaries training I: strategic Planning of your Research Career: identify, select and approach journals (RUS)

Abel Polese, Dublin City University, Ireland

Location: *Valikhanov building, Hall 102 (1st floor)*

(Copies of the volume “Scopus Diaries” (Russian translation) will be available for 1/3 of the cover price)

Journal publishing (humanities subjects)

Birgit Beumers, University of Passau, Germany

Location: *Valikhanov building, Hall 220 (2nd floor)*

11:00 – 12:30 WORKSHOP SESSION II

Scopus Diaries workshop II: fundraising, networking and identifying career opportunities (RUS)

Abel Polese, Dublin City University, Ireland

Location: *Valikhanov building, Hall 220 (2nd floor)*

(Copies of the volume “Scopus Diaries” (Russian translation) will be available for 1/3 of the cover price)

13:30 – 15:00 WORKSHOP SESSION III

Mapping history or going places: digital humanities in spatial history

Tatiana Saburova, Indiana University Bloomington, USA

Location: *Valikhanov building, Hall 102 (1st floor)*

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Using focus groups in qualitative research,

Vera Axyonova, University of Vienna, Austria

Location: *Valikhanov building, Hall 220 (2nd floor)*

FRIDAY 22.09

Location: Al-Farabi Kazakh National University, Main Library and History Faculty, 71/27 al-Farabi Avenue (see the campus map at the bottom of the conference program)

08:30 - REGISTRATION OPENS

Location: *KazNU Main Library, Room 416 (Conference Room)*

(NB registration will continue throughout day 1 and day 2 until lunch time)

09:00 – 10:30 SESSION I

ANT - PANEL **Migration and Diasporas**

Location: *KazNU main library, Room 304*

Chair/Discussant: **Abigail Scripka**, Leibniz Centre, Germany

Speakers:

“It’s half being queer, and half just wanting to leave:” Queer migration in Kazakhstan

Elliot Napier, University of Glasgow, UK

The migratory trajectories of the Koryo-saram from Central Asia to South Korea **Svetlana Russkikh**, Université Paris Cité, France

The challenges of cross-border relations in the Pamir mountains

Paul Fryer, University of Eastern Finland

GEN - PANEL **Women in Central Asia**

Location: *KazNU Main Library, Room 408*

Chair: **Alberica Camerani**, Dublin City University, Ireland

Speakers: Roles of Central Asian Women in Civil Societies: Prospects and Challenges

Anastassiya Lipovka, Almaty Management University, Kazakhstan;
Maigul Nugmanova, Narxoz University, Kazakhstan

Status of Women in Socio-economics set-up ok Kazakhstan
Rukhsana Iftikhar, University of the Punjab, India

To Comply or Not Comply: The Istanbul Convention in Kazakhstan
Yuliya Brin, University of Helsinki, Finland

Workplace Gender Inequality, Harassment and Violence in Uzbekistan:
Evidence from a quantitative study
Victoria O. Levinskaya, British Management University in Tashkent,
Uzbekistan;

POL ECO – **Inequality and neoliberal capitalism in Central Asia: Keeping up with**
BOOK **the rest of the world or embedding peripheral position?**
DISCUSSION **PLEASE NOTE THAT THE BOOK DISCUSSION WILL START AT 09:30**

Location: *KazNU Main Library, Room 409*

Chair/discussant: **Asel Doolotkeldieva**, OSCE Academy in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan

Speakers: **Kuat Akizhanov**, KazGUU University, Kazakhstan

Zhanibek Arynov, Nazarbayev University, Kazakhstan

INT REL - PANEL **China seen from Central Asia**

Location: *KazNU History Faculty, Room 405*

Chair/discussant: **Adrien Houguet**, Ala-Too International University /IFEAC, Kyrgyzstan

Speakers: Perceptions of Local People and Civil Society In Central Asian States
towards Belt and Road Initiative

Arfat Ahmad Bhat, Jawaharlal Nehru University, India

Asymmetry of cooperation and Chinese presence in Central Asia

Marie Hiliquin, Université de Lille, France

The (shifting) soft power of Russia, China, and the EU amongst top university students in Kazakhstan: *Impact of the Ukraine War as seen from survey and focus groups*

John Irgengioro, Ghent University, Belgium

URB - PANEL **Imagining the state: urban planning, mobility, and visual representations**

Location: *KazNU History Faculty, Room 406*

Chair/discussant: **Nataliya Volkova**, Center for Urban Studies Almaty Management University, Almatygenplan, Almaty, Kazakhstan

Speakers: “Eurasianism” and the image of the “West” Architecture and power in Astana (1998-2005)

Federico Marcomini, University of Florence, Italy

Almaty city planning evolution within neoliberal urbanization in Central Asia

Bakhytkul Tokbergenova, al-Farabi National University, Kazakhstan

The state and miniature messaging: Philatelic representations of Kazakhstan through 2021

Kristopher D. White, KIMEP University, Kazakhstan.

Ever-changing marketplaces in Central Asia: photographic tour through Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan and Tajikistan

Alexandre Lenoble, Strasbourg, France

10:30 – 10:45 Coffee break (main library building)

11:15 – 12:45 SESSION II

SOC - PANEL **Central Asian Migration in the Countries of the World: Identity, Adaptation, Integration (RUS)**

Location: *KazNU Main Library, Room 304*

Chair: **Botagoz Rakisheva**, Public Opinion Research Institute, Kazakhstan

Discussants: **German Kim**, Al-Farabi KazNU, Kazakhstan
Leila Delovarova, Al-Farabi KazNU, Kazakhstan

Speakers: The Comparative Analysis on Labor Migrations and its Correlations to the Domestic Economic Development: Focused on Uzbekistani and Mongolian Cases
Sangcheol Kim, Hankuk University of Foreign Studies, South Korea

Migration from Central Asia to South Korea: an adaptation strategy
Laura Mustafina, Public Opinion Research Institute, Kazakhstan

Central Asian diasporas in the USA
Gulden Ashkenova, Public Opinion Research Institute, Kazakhstan
Assel Aizhanova, Public Opinion Research Institute, Kazakhstan

Educational migration from Central Asian countries
Kalamkas Yessimova, Public Opinion Research Institute, Kazakhstan

Kazakh diaspora in Turkey: a new wave of 2020-2023
Ainur Mazhitova, Public Opinion Research Institute, Kazakhstan

SOC - PANEL **Kazakhstan in decolonial turn: identity, language and safe-spaces. Inclusivity and/or coloniality?**

Location: *KazNU Main Library, Room 408*

Chair/Discussant: **Caress Schenk**, Nazarbayev University, Astana, Kazakhstan

Speakers: **Zarina Mukanova**, Zurich University, Switzerland

Marsel Ganeyev, Gothenburg, Sweden [ONLINE TBC]

Aituar Kospakov, Astana IT University, Al-Farabi Kazakh National University, Kazakhstan

HIS - PANEL **Social mobility in Kazakh nomadic society in the 19th and the early 20th century: forms, opportunities, and motives**

Location: *KazNU Main Library, Room 303*

Chair: **Gulmira Sultangalieva**, al-Farabi Kazakh National University, Kazakhstan

Discussant: **Alexander Morrison**, University of Oxford, UK

Speakers: **Ainura Suinova**, al-Farabi Kazakh National University, Kazakhstan

Zhanna Dyussembek, al-Farabi Kazakh National University, Kazakhstan

Abdrahim Miras, al-Farabi Kazakh National University, Kazakhstan

Ulzhan Tuleshova, al-Farabi Kazakh National University, Kazakhstan

MEDIA - PANEL **Transformative role of media in politics and society**

Location: *KazNU Main Library, Room 409*

Chair/discussant: **Hugo Estecahandy**, Paris 8 University, France

Speakers: Language ideologies in the media: Latinization in Kazakhstan
Kara Fleming and **Juldyz Smagulova**, KIMEP, Kazakhstan

The impact of social networks on cultural change in Uzbekistan
Mirzokhid Askarov, Tashkent State University of Oriental Studies, Uzbekistan

Digital Information Flows and Political Polarization in Kazakhstan's Bilingual Media Environment

Adil Rodionov, L. Gumilyov Eurasian National University, Kazakhstan;
Serik Beissembayev, PaperLab Research Center, Kazakhstan

Legitimizing the Eurasian Economic Union through the Media in Belarus, Kazakhstan, and Russia

Zhanibek Arynov, Nazarbayev University, Kazakhstan

POL - PANEL **Political discourse and institutions: change and continuity**

Location: *KazNU Main Library, Room 416*

Chair/discussant: **Dina Kyzyrbek**, Kazakh National University, Kazakhstan

Speakers: Trapped by the Discourse: The Difficulties of Kazakhstan's
re-nuclearization
Martina Varkočková, Metropolitan University Prague, Czech Republic

Central Asian cross-border cooperation in the light of international
experience

Serghei Golunov, Suleiman Demirel University, Kazakhstan

Elements of the Western discourse in the form of ESG in election
programs of the 2023 Kazakhstan Parliamentary elections

Nygmət Ibadildin, KIMEP University, Kazakhstan

INT REL - PANEL **Central Asia and Eurasia**

Location: *KazNU History Faculty, Room 405*

Chair/discussant: **Yéléna Mac-Glandières**, Paris 8 University, France

Speakers: The Reconfiguration of post-Soviet Eurasia, 1991 to the Present
Jeremy Smith, University of Eastern Finland, Finland

The Turkic World in Turkish politics

Anar Somuncuoğlu, Hacettepe University, Turkey

Russia/Kazakhstan Germans: a population group between Central
Asia and Germany

Raphaël Pernoud, University of Strasbourg, France

12.45 - 13.45 Lunch (not provided, see list of nearby cafes at the bottom of the conference program)

SESSION III: 13:45 – 15:15

ANT - PANEL Transformation of traditional Institutions

Location: *KazNU Main Library, Room 304*

Chair/discussant: **Hélène Thibault**, Nazarbayev University, Kazakhstan

Speakers: Transformation of Uzbek Mahalla from civil society organization to the governmental institution
Victoria Levinskaya, British Management University in Tashkent, Uzbekistan.

The characteristics and social significance of feasting in Mongolian Kazakh society
Chieko Hirota, Hokkaido University, Japan.

Manifestations of social change in the funeral ceremony of Kazakhs: Case of Western Kazakhstan
Gulzhan Dosshanova, Charles University, Czech Republic

Understanding social mobilization in Kyrgyzstan: how civil society responds to crises
Medet Tiulegenov, University of Central Asia, Kyrgyzstan

GEND – PANEL Women and Women's labour in Kazakhstan: childcare, employment, inequality, research and museum practices (RUS/ENG) [pt.1]

Location: *KazNU Main Library, Room 408*

Chair: **Xeniya Prilutskaya**, Tübingen University, Germany

Discussant: **Olga Isupova**, Nazarbayev University, Kazakhstan

Speakers: **Kamila Kovyazina**, Nazarbayev University, Kazakhstan

Aigul Beimisheva, Narxoz University, Kazakhstan

Tatyana Rezvushkina, Buketov University, Kazakhstan

Maigul Nugmanova, Narxoz University, Kazakhstan

Anastassiya Lipovka, Almaty Management University, Kazakhstan

HIS - PANEL **Repressions and memories of the Soviet regime in Central Asia**

Location: *KazNU Main Library, Room 303*

Chair/Discussant **Mariia Koskina**, University of Fribourg

Speakers: Children of the Gulag camps in Kazakhstan (based on the materials of the Karlag)

Zauresh Saktaganova, Buketov University, Kazakhstan

Nuclear Testing in the Soviet Empire: The Poetics of Destruction in Two Qazaq Short Stories

Verena Zabel, University of Freiburg, Germany

DEVEL -
ROUNDTABLE **Development justice: Central Asian realities, continuities, and future(s)**

Location: *KazNU Main Library, Room 416*

Chair: **Aigul Abzhapparova**, Al-Farabi Kazakh National University, Kazakhstan

Discussant: **Dina Sharipova**, Nazarbayev University, Kazakhstan

Speakers: **Leyla Zuleikha Makhmudova**, FemAgora, Kazakhstan

Aigerim Kapar, ArtCom Platform

ANT - PANEL **Intersectional colonisation and marginalisation around XUAR**

Location: *KazNU Main Library, Room 409*

Chair: **Rune Steenberg**, Palacky University Olomuc, Czech Republic

Discussants: **Philipp Lottholz**, Universität Marburg, Germany

Speakers: **Sonya Imin**, Université Libre Bruxelles, Belgium

Zarina Mukanova, Zürich University, Switzerland

Siarhei Bohdan, Freie Universität Berlin, Germany

EDU - PANEL **Education in Central Asia. Trends and Perspectives**

Location: *KazNU History Faculty, Room 405*

Chair/discussant : **Elira Turdubaeva**, International Ala-Too University, Kyrgyzstan

Speakers: Kazakhstani teachers' beliefs about academically low attaining students and the influences of their beliefs on their teaching practices in selected mainstream primary school in Astana
Dinara Sekenova, Nazarbayev University, Kazakhstan

Representation of minority people in Kazakhstan school textbooks
Juldyz Smagulova and **Karina Narymbetova**, KIMEP, Kazakhstan

Investigating gendered work in Uzbekistan's emerging private education sector
Lisa Hoehn, University of Freiburg, Germany

Revenue Diversification and Tuition Fees in Universities of Kazakhstan: The Literature Review
Moldir Tazhibekova, Nazarbayev University, Kazakhstan

Coffee break: 15:15 – 15:30

Session IV 15:30 – 17:00

ANT - PANEL

Religion, Society and Art

Location: *KazNU Main Library, Room 304*

Chair/Discussants **Aleksandra Filatova**, Narxoz University, Almaty; MoFA+, Bishkek
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Speakers: Religious situation among the Uzbeks of Kyrgyzstan and its prospects
Shavkat Atakhanov, Southern Branch of the National Academy of Sciences, Kyrgyzstan

Slavic Muslims in Astana: Ethnographic Notes and Problem Statement
Alena Nikiticheva, Linnaeus University, Sweden

Religion and Contemporary Art in Kazakhstan: Exploring Shamanism and Ritual
Emina Yessekeyeva, Al-Farabi KazNU, Kazakhstan

Fears of Terrorism in Central Asia: Religion, Gender, and Media
Dina Sharipova, Nazarbayev University, Kazakhstan

GEND - PANEL

Women and Women's labour in Kazakhstan: childcare, employment, inequality, research and museum practices (RUS, ENG) [pt.2]

Location: *KazNU Main Library, Room 408*

Chair: **Xeniya Prilutskaya**, Tuebingen University, Germany

Discussant: **Olga Isupova**, Nazarbayev University, Kazakhstan

Speakers: **Aizhan Salimzhanova**, Kazakh National Women's Teacher Training University, Kazakhstan

Svetlana Shakirova, Kazakh National Women's Teacher Training University, Kazakhstan

HIS - PANEL **Время Д.А. Кунаева в истории Казахской ССР: личность и руководитель в период развитого и позднего социализма (RUS)**

Location: *KazNU Main Library, Room 303*

Chair: **Gulnar Mukanova**, Academy of Sciences, Kazakhstan.

Discussant: **Nygmets Ibadildin**, KIMEP University, Kazakhstan

Speakers: **Didar Kassymova**, KIMEP University, Kazakhstan
Konstantin Cherepanov, Valikhanov Institute of History and Ethnology, Almaty

HIS - PANEL **The Russian Empire in Central Asia: Interaction of Foreign and Domestic Policies**

Location: *KazNU Main Library, Room 409*

Chair/discussant: **Alexander Morrison**, University of Oxford, UK

Speakers: **Saule Uderbayeva**, al-Farabi Kazakh National University, Kazakhstan

Dmitry Vasilyev, Moscow City University, Moscow, Russia

Karlygash Bizhigitova, University of International Business, Kazakhstan

Nikita Mazaev, Higher School of Economics, Russia

POL - PANEL **Central Asia and China reconsidered**

Location: *KazNU Main Library, Room 416*

Chair/discussant: **Bakhytkul Tokbergenova**, KazNU, Kazakhstan

Speakers: Who gets what on the Belt and Road? National and elite interests in Kazakhstan's BRI projects

Shayakhmet Tokubayev, University of Exeter, UK

China's Central Asia Policies within the Context of Debt Trap
Diplomacy **Büşra Yengeç Ersin**, Trakya University, Turkey

The transnational features of Chinese Belt and Road initiative: Central
Asian (the case of Uzbekistan) and European perspectives
Aziz Mullaev, Academy of Sciences of Uzbekistan

Negotiating Terms of Trade: Russia, China & India in the Central Asian
Free Trade Movement
Johny Chalakal Jestin, Dalmia Institute of Management Studies and
Research, India; **Rudra Prasad Pradhan**, BITS Pilani KK Birla Goa
Campus, India

SOC - PANEL

Environmental Challenges

Location: *KazNU History Faculty, Room 406*

Chair/discussant: **Adrien Fauve** , IFEAC, Kyrgyzstan

Speakers: Greening Central Asia?
Margaret Norington, Australian National University, Australia

What is in the Air? Citizen science, Eco-internationalism and
Perception of Urban Air Pollution in Bishkek and Almaty
Xeniya Prilutskaya, University of Tübingen, Germany

Water Governance in the Syr Darya Basin: Balancing Cooperation and
Conflict in the Face of Climate Change in Kyrgyzstan
Eugénie Stoclet, Socio-Environmental Dynamics Research Group,
SONYA, Belgium

Climate change discourses in Central Asia: economic interests, image
concerns and Soviet heritage
Alina Bychkova, Nottingham Trent University, UK

SOC - PANEL **Сходства и различия корейских диаспор Центральной Азии (Russian)**

Location: *KazNU History Faculty, Room 405*

Chair: **German Kim**, KazNU, Kazakhstan

Discussant:

Speakers:

Plenary Session I 17:00 - 19:00

Location: KazNU main library, Room 416 (conference room)

17:00 – 17:30: Welcoming speech by Al Farabi, DKU and KIMEP representatives (TBC)

18:00 - 19:00: KEYNOTE SPEECH

“From the COVID pandemic to the war in Ukraine: did Central Asia finally become central? Some consequences in the field and for academic research ”,

Catherine Pujol, INALCO, France

SATURDAY 23.09

Conference Location: Al-Farabi Kazakh National University, 71 Al-Farabi avenue, Main Library and History Faculty

(see the campus map at the bottom of the conference program)

Registration from 8:30 till 13:00

Session V 9:00 – 10:30

EDU - PANEL **Sustainability Education in Central Asia: Improving Learning to Transform Society.**

Location: *KazNU Main Library, Room 304*

Chair/discussant: **Aurora Diaz-Soloaga**, Almaty Management University, Kazakhstan

Speakers: Introducing sustainability in the national curricula of Central Asian countries **Brendan Duprey**, Narxoz University, Kazakhstan

Teaching sustainability in Almaty: the importance of experiential learning **Alberto Frigerio**, Almaty Management University, Kazakhstan

Innovative approaches to teaching sustainability within the context of digital technologies

Maiya Suyunchaliyeva, KazNARU, Kazakhstan

GEND - PANEL **Visibility and invisibility of the women in Central Asia in the formation of national, ethnic, and diaspora identity (ENG, RUS)**

Location: *KazNU Main Library, Room 408*

Chair/discussant: **Aigul Sadvokassova**, Deputy Director of Institute of Applied Ethnopolitical Research, Kazakhstan

Discussant **Zhanar Nakipbayeva**, L.N. Gumilyov Eurasian National University, Kazakhstan

Speakers: **German Kim**, KazNU, Kazakhstan

Aizharkyn Kozhobeokva, University of Central Asia, Kyrgyzstan

Elmira Otar, L.N. Gumilyov Eurasian National University, Kazakhstan

HIS - PANEL **Knowledge, Messianism, Ideology: Russian Orientologists in the Mazes of Imperial Space**

Location: *KazNU Main Library, Room 409*

Chair/discussant: **Touraj Atabaki**, Leiden University, The Netherlands

Discussant: **Alexander Morrison**, University of Oxford, UK

Speakers: **Denis Volkov**, Higher School of Economics, Russia

Olga Bessmertnaya, Higher School of Economics, Russia

Maksim Alontsev, Higher School of Economics, Russia

Anton Ikhsanov, Higher School of Economics, Russia

HIS - PANEL **Negotiating Trade: Central Eurasia, Iran and Europe in the Early Modern World**

Location: *KazNU Main Library, Room 303*

Chair/discussant: **Akifumi Shioya**, University of Tsukuba, Japan

Discussant: **Ainura Suinova**, al-Farabi Kazakh National University, Kazakhstan

Speakers: **Stability by Contract?: The East India Company in Persia 1600-1747**
Peter Good, Independent Scholar, UK

Commercial Agreement as a Profit: Russian Relations with Khiva and Iran
Akifumi Shioya, University of Tsukuba, Japan

Pursuit of Agreement: the Dutch East India Company (VOC) in Iran
Norifumi Daito, University of Tokyo, Japan

SOC - PANEL **Reorient? Consequences and implications of the Ukraine war for Central Asia**

Location: *KazNU Main Library, Room 416*

Chair: **Zumrat Sanakulova**, Al-Farabi Kazakh-National University/German-Kazakh University, Kazakhstan

Discussant: **Alexander Ten**, German-Kazakh University, Kazakhstan

Speakers: **Philipp Lottholz**, Philipps-University of Marburg, Germany

Filipp Semyonov, Philipps-University Marburg, Germany

Georgy Mamedov, American University of Central Asia, Kyrgyzstan

Bakhytzhan Kurmanov, University of Central Asia, Kyrgyzstan

Bakhtiar Igamberdiev, Alatau International University, Kyrgyzstan

POL - BOOK DISCUSSION **Central Asia and Southeast Asia: Exploring the Dynamics of Greater Engagement**

Location: *KazNU History Faculty, Room 405*

Chair/discussant: **Ikboljon Qoraboyev**, International School of Economics of Maqsut Narikbayev KAZGUU University, Kazakhstan

Speakers: **Paradorn Rangsimaporn**, independent researcher, Thailand
Kairat Moldashev, Suleiman Demirel University, Kazakhstan
Assel Bitabarova, KAZGUU University, Kazakhstan
Nigel Li, Georgetown University, USA

MEDIA - PANEL Media Education and Media Literacy in Central Asia

Location: *KazNU History Faculty, Room 406*

Chair: **Galiya Ibrayeva**, al-Farabi Kazakh National University, Kazakhstan

Discussant: **Ainur Slamgazhy**, IT University, Astana, Kazakhstan

Speakers: How does fact-checking work in hybrid states?
Karlyga Myssayeva al-Farabi Kazakh National University, Kazakhstan

"БАҚ және өшпенділік тілі: өшпенділік тілінің тенденциялармен күресте медиасауаттың рөлі."

Dilyara Nuken, al-Farabi Kazakh National University, Kazakhstan

Исследование медиаграмотности в Кыргызстане: новые направления

Jazgul Ibraimova, Institute for War and Peace Reporting, Cabar Asia, Kazakhstan

Развитие медиаграмотности в Узбекистане: проблемы и перспективы

Nargis Kosimova, Uzbekistan State World Languages University

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee break

11:00 – 12:30 Session VI

SOC PANEL

Political and Societal Changes in Afghanistan

Location: *KazNU Main Library, Room 303*

Chair/discussant: **Alberto Frigerio**, Almaty Management University, Kazakhstan

Speakers: Poverty and Inequality Impact of COVID-19 Pandemic: The Case of Mazar-i Sharif, Balkh Province, Afghanistan

Baqir Khawari, OSCE Academy in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan

Political Change and Poverty among Rural Households in Afghanistan: Evidence from Marmul District, Balkh Province

Ahmad Walid Barlas, Greifswald University, Germany

Central Asia: Taliban and the Regional Security after August 2021

Akram Umarov, University of World Economy and Diplomacy, Uzbekistan

The Rise of Central Asia as a Changemaker in Afghanistan

Sitora Karimova, Tokyo University, Japan.

GEND - PANEL

Gender, entrepreneurship and informality

Location: *KazNU Main Library, Room 304*

Chair: **Eugenia Pesci**, University of Helsinki, Finland

Speakers: Empowerment of Women Entrepreneurs as a Tool of Enabling Effective Business Environment in Uzbekistan

Markhabo Nazarova, British Management University in Tashkent, Uzbekistan

Enterprising women in Kyrgyzstan: insights into the interaction between gender and entrepreneurship

Alberica Camerani, Dublin City University, Ireland

Importance of networking and soft skills in women entrepreneurship and empowerment in Central Asia

Kamola Azimova, Director of Careers and Industry Engagement Centre British Management University in Tashkent, Uzbekistan

Entrepreneurship across Central Asia - Early Insights from an Ongoing
Research in Applied Economic Anthropology
Philipp Schroeder, Nazarbayev University, Kazakhstan

LIT- PANEL Changing faces of culture and literature in Central Asia

Location: *KazNU Main Library, Room 408*

Chair/discussant: **Diana Skiba**, IFEAC/Kyrgyz Russian Slavic University, Kyrgyzstan

Speakers: “Asian shit” – expressions of Asianness in russophone Central Asian
rap music.
Florian Coppentrath, Humboldt-University, Germany.

Decolonizing the Self from National and Ethnic Belonging
Caterina Re, University of Genoa, Italy

Women’s East-South entangled encounters and the Cold War margins:
the case of conferences in Tashkent (1962) and Almaty (1975)
Yulia Gradskova, Södertörn University, Sweden

Ajköl Manas, a necessary scandal to recalibrate the epic tradition in
Kyrgyzstan
Julien Bruley, AUCA Technical School of Innovation, Kyrgyzstan;
Nestor Manichkin, IFEAC, Kyrgyzstan

HIS - PANEL **Material Encounters in Colonial Settings:What material culture tells
us about Central Asia in the late 19th-early 20th century**

Location: *KazNU Main Library, Room 409*

Chair/discussant: **Adrien Fauve**, IFEAC, Kyrgyzstan

Speakers: “Bloody” carpets: the road of Turkmen carpets into the museums’
collections
Snezhanna Atanova, Nazarbayev University, Kazakhstan

The Times of the Wicked Tatar Yoke: Indigenous Violence in the Central Asian Uprising of 1916

Aminat Chokobaeva, Nazarbayev University, Kazakhstan

Material Religion in Russian Turkestan

Daniel Scarborough, Nazarbayev University, Kazakhstan

POL - PANEL **Kazakhstan: Dreams, Realities, and Perspectives**

Location: *KazNU Main Library, Room 416*

Chair/discussant: **Zhanar Sekerbayeva** , Feminita Initiative, Almaty, Kazakhstan

Discussants: **Serik Beissembayev** , “PaperLab” Research Center, Kazakhstan
Galym Zhussipbek, Suleyman Demirel University, Kazakhstan

Speakers: **Assel Bitabarova**, KaZGUU University, Kazakhstan

Assylzat Karabayeva, Suleyman Demirel University, Kazakhstan

Zhanar Sekerbayeva, Feminita Initiative, Kazakhstan

Aktolkyn Rustemova, University of International Business, Kazakhstan

SOC - BOOK DISCUSSION **Navigating Positionality in Central Asia**

Location: *KazNU History Faculty, Room 405*

Chair/discussant: **Aijan Sharshenova**, Crossroads Central Asia, Kyrgyzstan
Serik Beimenbetov, Kazakh-German University, Kazakhstan

Speakers: **Alexa Kurmanov**, University of California Berkeley, USA

Paolo Sorbello, Ca' Foscari University of Venice, Italy

Kasiet Ysmanova, Central Asia Barometer, Kyrgyzstan

EDU - PANEL	Education, research and teaching in Central Asia (RUS, ENG)
Location:	<i>KazNU History Faculty, Room 406</i>
Chair/discussant:	Olivier Ferrando , Lyon Catholic University, France.
Speakers:	Developing supportive social interaction at the classroom: towards a responsible education in Central Asia Aurora Díaz Soloaga , Almaty Management University, Kazakhstan Teaching International Relations in Eurasian context: experience of introducing gamification into classes in Armenia, Tajikistan and Russia in 2018 – 2022 Natalia Piskunova , Moscow State University, Russia Features of publishing practice in predatory journals Sulushash Kaztayeva , L.N. Gumilyov Eurasian National University, Kazakhstan (RUS)

12.30 - 13.30 Lunch (not provided, see list of nearby cafes at the bottom of the conference program)

13:30 – 15:00 SESSION VII

SOC - PANEL	Living conditions in Central Asia
Location:	<i>KazNU Main Library, Room 303</i>
Chair/discussant:	Kuat Akizhanov , KazGU University, Kazakhstan
Speakers:	Socio-Emotional Development of Children in Kyrgyzstan in terms of Diversity Saikal Ibraimova , Osh State University, Kyrgyzstan. Determining the socio-demographic and economic factors affecting young people of becoming NEET (not in education, employment and training) in Kazakhstan Dinara Alimkhanova , Nazarbayev University, Kazakhstan

Happiness and Life Satisfaction in Uzbekistan

Shoirakhon Nurdinova, Center for Economic Research and Reforms,
Uzbekistan

Organizational culture and job satisfaction among faculty members: A
study of a higher education institution in Kazakhstan

Gulnar Orynbek, Nazarbayev University, Kazakhstan

SOC - PANEL **Population Movement in Eurasia in the 20th-21st Centuries: Social and Economic Aspects of Relations Between Incoming and Receiving Communities (RUS/ENG)**

Location: *KazNU Main Library, Room 304*

Chair/discussant: **Marem Buzurtanova**, Al-Farabi Kazakh National University, Kazakhstan

Discussant: **Rustam Burnashev**, Kazakh-German University, Kazakhstan

Speakers: Deportation as a Form of Population Resettlement in the 1930-40s (the
Case of Kazakhstan)

Gulnara Dadabayeva, KIMEP University, Kazakhstan

The Impact of Evacuation on Adaptation Strategies of Workers of
Defense Enterprises in Kazakhstan (1941-1945)

Roza Zharkynbayeva, Al-Farabi Kazakh National University, Kazakhstan.

Exploring Perception of Central Asian Migrants in Russia Through the
Lens of Social Status Divisions

Nataliya Kosmarskaya, Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow;

The Phenomenon of Present-Day Russian 'Relocation' to Kazakhstan:
Analysis of Narratives

Irina Chernykh, Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung in Central
Asia/Kazakh-German University, Kazakhstan

- PANEL

Location: *KazNU Main Library, Room 408*

Chair/discussant:

Speakers:

MEDIA - PANEL **Shifting historical narratives in Central Asian Cinema**

Location: *KazNU Main Library, Room 409*

Chair/discussant: **Birgit Beumers**, University of Passau, Germany

Speakers: **Gulnara Abikeyeva**, Turan University, Kazakhstan

Inna Smailova, Kazakh State University of Arts, Kazakhstan

Sultan Usualiev, American University of Central Asia, Kyrgyzstan

Eugénie Zvonkine, ESTCA Paris 8, France

POL - PANEL **The war in Ukraine from Central Asian perspective. Political and economic implications**

Location: *KazNU Main Library, Room 416*

Chair/discussant: **Slavomír Horák**, Charles University, Czech Republic

Speakers:

After Ukraine: Divided and together. The agenda-driven foreign policy of Central Asian countries

Anna Jordánová, Charles University Prague, Czech Republic

A Post-Soviet Multilateral Dissensus: Russia and Central Asian divergences on the War in Ukraine in multilateral fora

Luigi Nicolò Segarizzi, Université Libre de Bruxelles, Belgium.

Impact of sanctions against Russia on the agency of Central Asian states
Ikboljon Qoraboyev, International School of Economics of Maqsut
Narikbayev KAZGUU University, Kazakhstan

‘Geopolitical logistics: scaling the middle corridor upwards after 2022
Y el ena Mac-Glandi eres, Paris 8 University, France

SOC - BOOK DISCUSSION **Qazaqstan, Қазақстан, قازاقستان: Лабиринты Современного Постколониального Дискурса (RUS)**

Location: *KazNU History Faculty, Room 405*

Chair/discussant: **Sergei Abashin**, European University in Saint Petersburg, Russia

Speakers: **Alima Bissenova**, Nazarbayev University, Astana

Kulshat Medeuova, L.N. Gumilev Eurasian National University,
Kazakhstan

EDU -ROUNDTABLE **"New" platforms for Central Asian studies in Central Asia - on the evolution of scientific journals in Social Sciences (RUS)**

Location: *KazNU History Faculty, Room 406*

Chair/discussant: **Xavier Hallez**, IFEAC, Kyrgyzstan

Speakers: **Emil Nasritdinov**, American University of Central Asia, Kyrgyzstan
Kanat Uskenbay, Institute of Humanitarian Studies, ABDI Institute,
Kazakhstan

15:00 – 15:30 Coffee break

15:30 – 17:00 Session VIII

ANT- PANEL	<p>Гражданство и миграция: новые направления в антропологии мобильности между Россией и Центральной Азией (RUS)</p>
Location:	<i>KazNU Main Library, Room 304</i>
Chair/discussant:	Sergei Abashin , European University at Saint-Petersburg, Russia
Speakers:	<p>«Постколониальные миграции и переплетения систем социального обеспечения: кейс граждан Таджикистана, стремящихся получить «советскую пенсию» в России.</p> <p>Swetlana Torno, Max-Planck Institute, Germany</p> <p>«В следующей году у меня будет красный паспорт»: Migrant-Citizen (Il)legibility in Russia</p> <p>Mariana Peixoto Irby, University of Pennsylvania, USA</p> <p>«Долг и динамика стратегического гражданства»</p> <p>Elena Borisova, University of Sussex, United Kingdom</p> <p>Subaltern citizenship: Belonging and Anxiety in Russia Amongst Naturalized Citizens from Central Asia”.</p> <p>Malika Bahovadinova, Amsterdam university, The Netherlands</p>

POL - ROUNDTABLE	<p>The Need for a Paradigm Shift: Is there Alternative to the Mainstream Development Projects in the Central Asian Countries?</p>
Location:	<i>KazNU Main Library, Room 408</i>
Chair/discussant:	Ikboljon Qoraboev , International School of Economics of Maqsut Narikbayev KAZGUU University, Kazakhstan

Speakers: **Kuat Akizhanov**, KazGU University, Kazakhstan
Asel Doolotkeldieva, OSCE Academy in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan

GEND - PANEL **Gender and Ethnicity in late Russian and Soviet history**

Location: *KazNU Main Library, Room 409*

Chair/discussant: **Hélène Thibault**, Nazarbayev University, Kazakhstan

Speakers: Bab'i Bunty in Semirech'e: Gender, Class and Ethnicity in Central Asia during the First World War
Alexander Morrison, New College, Oxford, UK

How Linguistic Nationalism Helped Demarcating National Boundaries in the Early 20th Century Uzbekistan, Tajikistan and Afghanistan?
Ahmad Javeed Ahwar, Nazarbayev University, Kazakhstan

HIS - PANEL **Nations and religions in the 19th century Turkestan**

Location: *KazNU Main Library, Room 303*

Chair/discussant: **Vanessa Ozawa**, Nazarbayev University, Kazakhstan

Speakers: Through mundane paths to sacred ones: Hajj from Central Asia in the 19th and early 20th centuries
Diana Skiba, IFEAC/Kyrgyz Russian Slavic University, Kyrgyzstan

The Status of Bukhara Emirate as a Multinational Country, 1868-1920
Dilnoza Rajabova, Bukhara State University, Uzbekistan

Kalym and mahr in Imperial Russia
Rozaliya Garipova, Nazarbayev University, Kazakhstan

Studying and Settling an "Ungrateful Earth:" Scientific Travelogues About Central Asia Throughout the 19th Century

Hana Stankova, Yale University, USA

POL - PANEL	Politics and societies: understanding conflict and identity issues in Central Asia
Location:	<i>KazNU Main Library, Room 416</i>
Chair/discussant:	Martina Varkočková (Metropolitan University Prague, Czech Republic)
Speakers:	Karakalpak changing identity in the context of July 2022 events Slavomír Horák (and Martin Lepič) , Charles University Prague, Czech Republic
	The Unattained Ethnic Peace: A Comparative Study of Ethnic Violence in Kyrgyzstan and Kazakhstan Galymzhan Makashev , Nazarbayev University, Kazakhstan
	Conflict in the Fergana Valley through the lens of climate change Anastasia Protassov , Sciences PO Lille, France
	The Minority-Majority Dynamics underlying Kazakhstan's Indigenization Process: Between Singapore's Civic Model and Malaysia's Bumiputra Paradigm Jan Tomek , University of Oxford, UK

POL BOOK DISCUSSION	Post-Liberal Statebuilding and Social Ordering in Central Asia. Imaginaries, Discourses and Practices of Social Ordering
Location:	<i>KazNU History Faculty, Room 405</i>
Chair/discussant:	Bakhtiiar Igamberdiev , International Ala-Too University, Kyrgyzstan
Speakers:	Aida Bektasheva , Mikolc University, Hungary
	Bakhytzhhan Kurmanov , University of Central Asia, Kyrgyzstan
	Galym Zhussipbek , Sultan Demirel University, Kazakhstan

Indira Alibayeva, University of Zurich, Switzerland

17:00 – 18:00 PLENARY II

Location: *KazNU Main Library, Room 416 (Conference Room)*

KEYNOTE SPEECH:

“Being a social science researcher in Kazakhstan: ideas, institutions, and parallel cultures”

Kairat Moldashev, Suleiman Demirel University, Kazakhstan

18:00 - ESCAS Conference Reception (open to all speakers, chairs and discussants)

Location: KazNU Main Library

SUNDAY 24.09

Conference location: Kazakh-German University (DKU)

Campus on 173 Nazarbayev street

9:00 – 10:30 Session IX

SOC
ROUNDTABLE **WVS / WAPOR: Value Transformation of Central Asian Societies in the 21st Century (RUS)**

Location: *DKU, room 201*

Chair/discussant
: **Botagoz Rakisheva**, Public Opinion Research Institute, WAPOR + WVSA, Kazakhstan

Speakers: Value Change: Central Asia on the World Values Survey Cultural Map
Kseniya Kizilova, World Association for Public Opinion Research, World Values Survey Association

Value orientations of youth in the modern cultural realities of the information society

Komiljon Kalanov, Mirzo Ulugbek National University, Uzbekistan

Traditional and modern values of the Mongols

Tsetsenbileg Tseveen, Mongolian Academy of Sciences, WAPOR + WVSA, Mongolia

Changes and vector of religious values of the population of the Kyrgyz Republic (sociological aspect)

Kairatbek Jamangulov, National Academy of Sciences of the Kyrgyz Republic, Kyrgyzstan

Values of a multi-ethnic society: the experience of Kazakhstan
Aigul Sadvokassova, Deputy Director of Institute of Applied
Ethnopolitical Research, Kazakhstan
Ainur Mazhitova, Public Opinion Research Institute, Astana

SOC - ROUNDTABLE	Re-interpretation of Islam in post-Soviet Central Asia (KAZ, RUS)
Location:	<i>DKU, room 305</i>
Chair/discussant:	Zarina Akhmatova , Al-Farabi Kazakh National University, Kazakhstan
Speakers:	Damira Sikhimbayeva , Institute of Philosophy, Political Science and Religious Studies, Kazakhstan Gulnara Mukhatayeva , Al-Farabi Kazakh National University, Kazakhstan Assyltay Tasbolat , Al-Farabi Kazakh National University, Kazakhstan

HIS PANEL	Central Asian reforms in the 19th century and early 20th century. New approaches.
Location:	<i>DKU, room 207</i>
Chair/discussant:	Mariia Koskina , University of Fribourg
Speakers:	Dispersed Lines, Fragmented Archives: Women's Writing, Manuscript Culture and Textual Practices in the 19th Century Central Asia Nurten Kilic-Schubel , Kenyon College, USA Decolonial approach to the legacy of Alash-Orda intelligentsia and Jadids: Lessons can be learned in the face of the challenges of post-2022 Galym Zhussipbek , Suleyman Demirel University/ Kaskelen, Kazakhstan

HIS PANEL	Plots of the historical memory of the Kazakhstani society of the 20th - early 21st centuries: the historical agency and cultural transformations
Location:	<i>DKU, room 209</i>

Chair/discussant: **Tenlik Dalayeva**, Abai Kazakh National Pedagogical University, Kazakhstan

Discussant: **Ivan Peshkov**, Adam Mickiewicz University, Poland

Speakers: **Marietta Zacharian**

Nestor Manichkin, IFEAC Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan

Igor Krupko, Kazakhstan

POL PANEL **Dynamic Central Asia: Protest Making Around Environmental, Feminist, and Political Claims**

Location: *DKU, room 401*

Chair/discussant: **Bakhytkul Tokbergenova**, KazNU, Kazakhstan

Speakers: **Asel Doolotkeldieva**, OSCE Academy in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan

Syinat Sultanalieva, Human Rights Watch, Kyrgyzstan

Kamila Kovyazina, PaperLab Research Center, Kazakhstan

Xavier Hallez, IFEAC, Kyrgyzstan

POL - PANEL **Migration in the shadow of the war**

Location: *DKU, room 309*

Chair/discussant: **Marie Hiliquin**, Université de Lille, France

Speakers: Migration from Russia to Kazakhstan in 2022 in the Shadow of Russia's War in Ukraine and its Implications for the Destination Country
Yelena Sadovskaya, Kazakhstan

Being a Russian migrant in Kazakhstan in 2023: a mobility between ruptures and continuities

Olivier Ferrando, Catholic University of Lyon, France

Expanding Citizenship. Viewing Russia from the South

Caress Schenk, Nazarbayev University, Astana, Kazakhstan

EDU - PANEL

Globalization of education and research in Central Asia

Location: *DKU, room 304*

Chair/discussant: **Aurora Diaz-Soloaga**, Almaty Management University, Kazakhstan

Speakers: Expert Knowledge and Politics: Analyzing the Role of Think Tanks in Kazakhstan
Vera Axyonova, University of Vienna, Austria

“North”-“West” educational trajectories with postsocialist backpacks: Central Asian youth (un)making dreamlands at home and abroad
Anna Novikova, University of the Basque Country, Bilbao

Understanding human subject research ethics: The perspectives of social scientists in Central Asia
Markhabat Ramazanova, Nazarbayev University, Kazakhstan

SOC - PANEL

Visual language in knowledge production. Methods, approaches, examples (ENG,RUS) (Pt.1)

Location: *DKU, room 301*

Chair/discussant: **Aleksandra Filatova**, Narxoz University, Almaty; MoFA+, Bishkek

Speakers: Visual representation of the heroic: Soviet and post-Soviet interpretation (Kazakhstan). **Kulshat Medeuova**, L.N. Gumilyov Eurasian National University, Kazakhstan

“No Cap”: визуальные исследования поколения. **Georgiy Mamedov**, American University of Central Asia, Kyrgyzstan

Visualizing the labor of art: documentary as a potential method for studying contemporary art. **Marcos Cisneros**, University of California, Berkeley, USA

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee break

11:00 – 12:30 SESSION X

SOC - PANEL **Governing the extractive sector: the politics of authoritarian neoliberalism and labour resistance in Kazakhstan**

Location: *DKU, room 201*

Chair/discussant: **Serik Beimenbetov**, Kazakh-German University, Kazakhstan

Discussant: **Aijan Sharshenova**, Crossroads Central Asia, Kyrgyzstan

Speakers: Neoliberalism, labour and oil capital: Unravelling the uneasy relationship in the Kazakh oil sector

Serik Beimenbetov, Kazakh-German University, Almaty

Labour relations as a key determining factor for regional development
Saya Aitbay, Caspian Today /Yessenov University, Kazakhstan

Individual and collective bargaining in Kazakhstan: de-jure and de-facto
Zumrat Sanakulova, Gulmaidan Urozbaeva, Kazakh-German University, Kazakhstan

SOC PANEL **Central Asian Law: Legal Cultures and Business Environments in Central Asia**

Location: *DKU, room 305*

Chair/discussant: **Caress Schenk**, Nazarbayev University, Astana, Kazakhstan

Speakers: Local government and everyday business life: A case study of sectors in rural Uzbekistan

Rustamjon Urinboyev, Sherzod Eraliev, Lund University, Sweden

Comparative study of rural crime phenomenon in Latin America and Central Asia

Patrik Olsson, Lund University, Sweden

Various Understandings of Rule of law in Central Asia:

Conceptualisation of Actor-Centric Perspective

Nargiza Kilichova, Westminster International University in Tashkent, Uzbekistan

Legal Ordering, Lawyers and Globalization in the Context of Post-Soviet Eurasia

Naoko Kuwahara, Iwate Prefectural University, Japan

Questionable practices and publication strategies among Central Asian researchers

Berdymyrat Ovezmyradov, Tebiggy Kuwwat Public Association, Turkmenistan

HIS - PANEL

Степь как поле: жизнь, смерть, космос (RUS)

Location: *DKU, room 207*

Chair/discussant: **Kulshat Medeuova**, L.N. Gumilyov Eurasian National University; Kazakhstan

Discussant: **Adrien Fauve**, IFEAC, Kyrgyzstan

Speakers: Oral stories of a family burial in Buldyrty
Adiya Ramazanova, L.N. Gumilyov Eurasian National University, Kazakhstan

From the steppe to the city: stories of the Ulytau stones
Leila Bakytova, L.N.Gumilev Eurasian National University, Kazakhstan

Special Cosmic Zone: Locating Russian Space Program in Central Kazakhstan

Makar Tereshin, University College London, UK

Traditional Archery Practices: Sport as Identity
Aiym Tlepbergen, L.N.Gumilev Eurasian National University, Kazakhstan

ECON PANEL

Geoeconomics of Central Asia

Location: *DKU, room 401*

Chair/discussant: **Eugénie Stoclet**, Free University Brussels -ULB, Belgium

Speakers: Geopolitics of cryptocurrency mining in Kazakhstan : from an alternative digital activity to a State regulated industry?
Hugo Estecahandy, Institut Français de Géopolitique, France

The political economy of knowledge decolonization in Central Asia: Neoliberalisation of knowledge and its implications in Kazakhstan
Kuat Akizhanov, KazGUU University, Kazakhstan

Soil Knowledges in Central Asia: Recuperating Human-Soil Relationships
Susanne Bauer, University of Oslo, Norway

Water knowledge: everyday agricultural practice and economic regulation
Nataliya Volkova, Center for Urban Studies Almaty Management University, Almatygenplan, Almaty, Kazakhstan

URB - PANEL **Urban Spaces: Social and Infrastructural Change**

Location: *DKU, room 304*

Chair/discussant: **Yéléna Mac-Glandières**, Paris 8 University, France

Speakers: Soviet company towns in transition: communities and infrastructure under industrial change. A comparative research agenda
Guido Sechi, University of Latvia, Latvia

Precarious Half-Lives: Examining Environmental (Un)Knowing in a Former Uranium Mining Town in Kyrgyzstan
Nikolaos Olma, Leibniz-Zentrum Moderner Orient, Germany

Finding Closure: Local Identities, Economies and Community in Decommissioned Prison Towns in Kazakhstan
Gavin Slade, Nazarbayev University, Kazakhstan

SOC - PANEL

Visual language in knowledge production. Methods, approaches, examples (ENG, RUS) (Pt.2)

Location: *DKU, room 301*

Chair/discussant: **Aleksandra Filatova**, Narxoz University, Almaty; MoFA+, Bishkek

Speakers: Video Documentation of Cultural Heritage in 'New Uzbekistan'.
Alexey Ulko, CCA Lab, Uzbekistan; **Dona Kulmatova**, Independent Researcher, Uzbekistan

Watercolors from Davat Trips: on the Spiritual, Ethnographic and Artistic Perceptions of Mobility
Emil Nasritdinov, American University of Central Asia, Kyrgyzstan

12.30 – 13.45 Lunch (not provided)

SESSION XI 13:45 – 15:15

SOC PANEL **Multi-Level Orders of Corruption in Central Asia**

Location: *DKU, room 201*

Chair/discussant: Sofya du Boulay

Speakers: Art and Humor as Anti-corruption Tools in Authoritarian Contexts: Social Media in Uzbekistan
Sherzod Eraliev and **Rustamjon Urinboyev**, Lund University, Sweden.

Demand and supply nature of corruption
Nuruipa Mukanova, Anticorruption Business Council under the President of the Kyrgyz Republic, Kyrgyzstan

Administrative Law Reforms in Uzbekistan: Legal Motives vs Social Realities
Tolibjon Mustafoev, Law Enforcement Academy, Uzbekistan

Legal culture and business environment in Kyrgyzstan. A study of legal and moral aspects of running a business in Kyrgyzstan
Chekhs Kilichova, Lund University, Sweden

HIS - PANEL **Colonization and Decolonization in Kazakhstan**

Location: *DKU, room 305*

Chair/discussant: Sultan Sakhariyev, KIMEP, Kazakhstan

Speakers: Historical genre in Soviet literature (1960-70) as mirror of imperial transformation

Gulnara Dadabayeva, KIMEP, Kazakhstan

Budapest memorandum's legacy in Kazakhstan in the context of the Russian-Ukrainian war

Nygmets Ibadildin, Altynay Mambetova, KIMEP, Kazakhstan

Soviet Modernism and Urbanism of Almaty at the End of the 20th Century: Ideological Aspect

Zhamilya Utarbayeva, KIMEP, Kazakhstan

Post-colonial perspective: the Kunayev's period

Didar Kassymova, KIMEP University, Kazakhstan

POL - PANEL **Nation-Building at Local Level in Kazakhstan and Coping Strategies of Ethnic Communities**

Location: *DKU, room 207*

Chair/discussant: TBC

Speakers: **Zulfiya Imyarova**, Narxoz University, Kazakhstan

PANEL - EDU **The future of research ethics in Central Asia: Cultural relevance or Policy Adoption?**

Location: *DKU, room 304*

Chair/discussant: **Elaine Sharplin**, Nazarbayev University, Kazakhstan

Speakers: **Assel Sadykova**, Nazarbayev University, Kazakhstan

Markhabat Ramazanova, Nazarbayev University, Kazakhstan.

SOC - PANEL **Power, Knowledge, and History**

Location: *DKU, room 309*

Chair/discussant: **Pierre Chabal** , Le Havre University, France

Speakers: Gendered dimensions in post-Soviet Uzbekistani textbooks: An analysis of power-knowledge nexus through a post-structuralist lens
Vanessa Ozawa, Nazarbayev University, Kazakhstan

On (Re)centering Diverse, Resistant and Capable Central Asia: Lessons from the Diasporic Literatures

Olga Mun, University of Oxford; **Svetlana Ananyeva**, Kazakh Academy of Sciences, Kazakhstan

A historical review of the Kabul earthquake of 1505 AD based on the description by the Mughal emperor Zahiruddin Muhammad Babur
Abhijit Bal, M. Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, Glasgow, UK

15:15 – 18:30 Closing remarks

Location: DKU, room 201

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

1. CATHERINE POUJOL

Catherine Poujol is a university Professor at the Institut National des Langues et Civilisations Orientales, (INALCO), Paris (since September 2002). She is the co-director of the Observatory of ex-Soviet States at INALCO since 2010, and ex-director of IFEAC, the French Institute for Central Asian Studies in Bishkek (2016-2020). Dr. Poujol is the holder of the "History and Cultures of Central Asia" chair. She has taught the history and culture of Central Asia from its origins to the present day since 1982. She was the President of ESCAS (European Society of Central Asian Studies) from September 2005 to September 2009 and ESCAS General Secretary from 2001 to 2003. Dr. Poujol is Chevalier de l'Ordre National du Mérite (2017). Her research interests are the history and civilization of modern and contemporary Central Asia, including comparative studies on the colonial, Soviet, post-Soviet periods; the history of Islam from the colonial period to the independent states; the history of Bukharan Jews, and the urban history of Central Asia. She also researches current political affairs and international Relations in Central Asia, as well as social and multiple crisis risks in the region.

- 1998, June 13: "Habilitation thesis", L'Asie centrale de la période post-mongole à l'ère post-soviétique : problématique interculturelle et renouveau d'une confrontation.

- 1992, February 3: "Doctoral thesis" in "Oriental History", Sorbonne University, Paris III.

- 1985, June 18: Phd, Sorbonne University, Paris III, Slavic Studies.

Last publications:

2017 : « Central Asia going on « hyper-Islamisation », Between Adaptation to Post Communism and Calls for Radicalization », *Journal UNISCI/Revista UNISCI* n°45, Octobre/October 2017, *Central Asia in the Changing International System*.

2020 : « Les régimes politiques d'Asie centrale », *Les Etudes du CERI*, n°247-248, *Regards sur l'Eurasie, L'année politique 2019*, pp. 33-40.

2020 : sous la direction « Villes du futur en Asie centrale : Astana-Bichkek-Douchanbé au miroir du passé », *Cahiers d'Asie centrale* n°28, préface et « Bichkek, ville du futur au miroir de Frunze », pp. 107-123.

2021 : « International Relations in Central Asia: A Focus on Foreign Policies,(1991-2020) », in *European Handbook of Central Asian Studies : History, Politics and Society*, online, sous la direction de A. Fauve, J.B. de Cordier, J. Van der Bosch, pp. 685-751.

2022: «L'Eurasie trente ans après l'effondrement de l'URSS, Entre résilience et anxiété : les nouvelles tensions sociales dans l'Asie centrale « post-Covid », *Les Etudes du CERI* - n° 261-262 - *Regards sur l'Eurasie* - février 2022, pp. 34-41.

2022 : «L'Asie centrale face aux Taléban», *Esprit*, janvier-février, n° 481-482, pp. 33-37.

2022 : «Retour sur la crise kazakhe», *Esprit*, avril, n°483, pp.23-27

2. KAIRAT MOLDASHEV

Kairat Moldashev is an Associate Professor at Suleyman Demirel University in Kazakhstan. He possesses extensive experience in research management and has held senior management positions in higher education institutions both in Kazakhstan and abroad. His research focuses on two primary areas: (1) The political economy of regionalisms and identity politics; (2) Studies in higher education. In the field of the political economy of regionalisms, Kairat has published articles and book chapters on regional integration in prestigious journals such as the *Journal of International Relations and Development*, Palgrave, and Routledge edited volumes. He is an expert contributor to the Cabar.Asia analytical platform and frequently provides commentaries on political and economic issues to various local and regional media outlets. On higher education, Kairat has published in *Studies in Higher Education* and other international and local peer-reviewed journals. He is also the author of a widely-used research methods book in Russian, which serves as a coursebook in PhD programs across Kazakhstan. Kairat conducts research methods seminars and workshops for PhD students, early career researchers, and analysts in think tanks. His latest state-funded research projects include post-Covid strategic planning in higher education (2022-24) and the creation of a favorable research environment (2023-25).

PRACTICAL INFORMATION FOR CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS

1. ESCAS Contacts

ESCAS Website: <http://www.escas.org/>

ESCAS Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100089573395987>

NB!!!! During the conference we will launch the ESCAS Telegram channel. We are looking for administrators. If you are interested in joining our team as a social media manager, please contact us!

2. Wi-Fi at conference venues

KIMEP

Network name: KIMEP NWVB

Login: eec-forum2

Password: **eecforum2023**

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Password: **j7fn2zu8**

3. CONFERENCE LOCATIONS AND MAPS

Thursday 21.09 - Pre-conference workshops

Location: KIMEP University, Valikhanov building (College of Social Sciences)

Address: 4 Abay Avenue

Friday 22.09 - Conference Day 1

Location: Al-Farabi Kazakh National University (KazNU), main library and history faculty

Library Address: 71/27 al-Farabi Avenue

History faculty Address:

Saturday 23.09 - Conference Day 2

Location: Al-Farabi Kazakh National University (KazNU), main library and History Faculty

Library Address: 71/27 al-Farabi Avenue

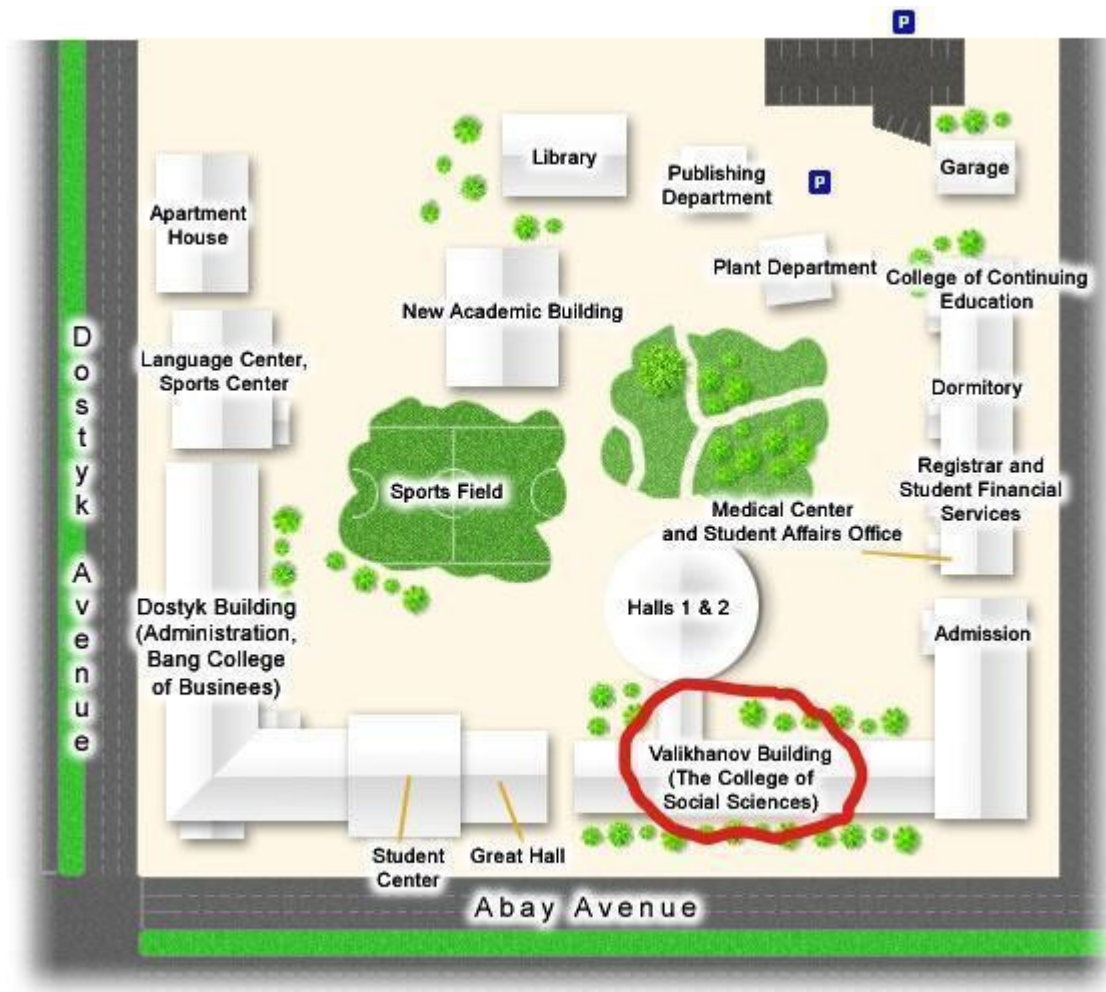
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Sunday 24.09 - Conference Day 3

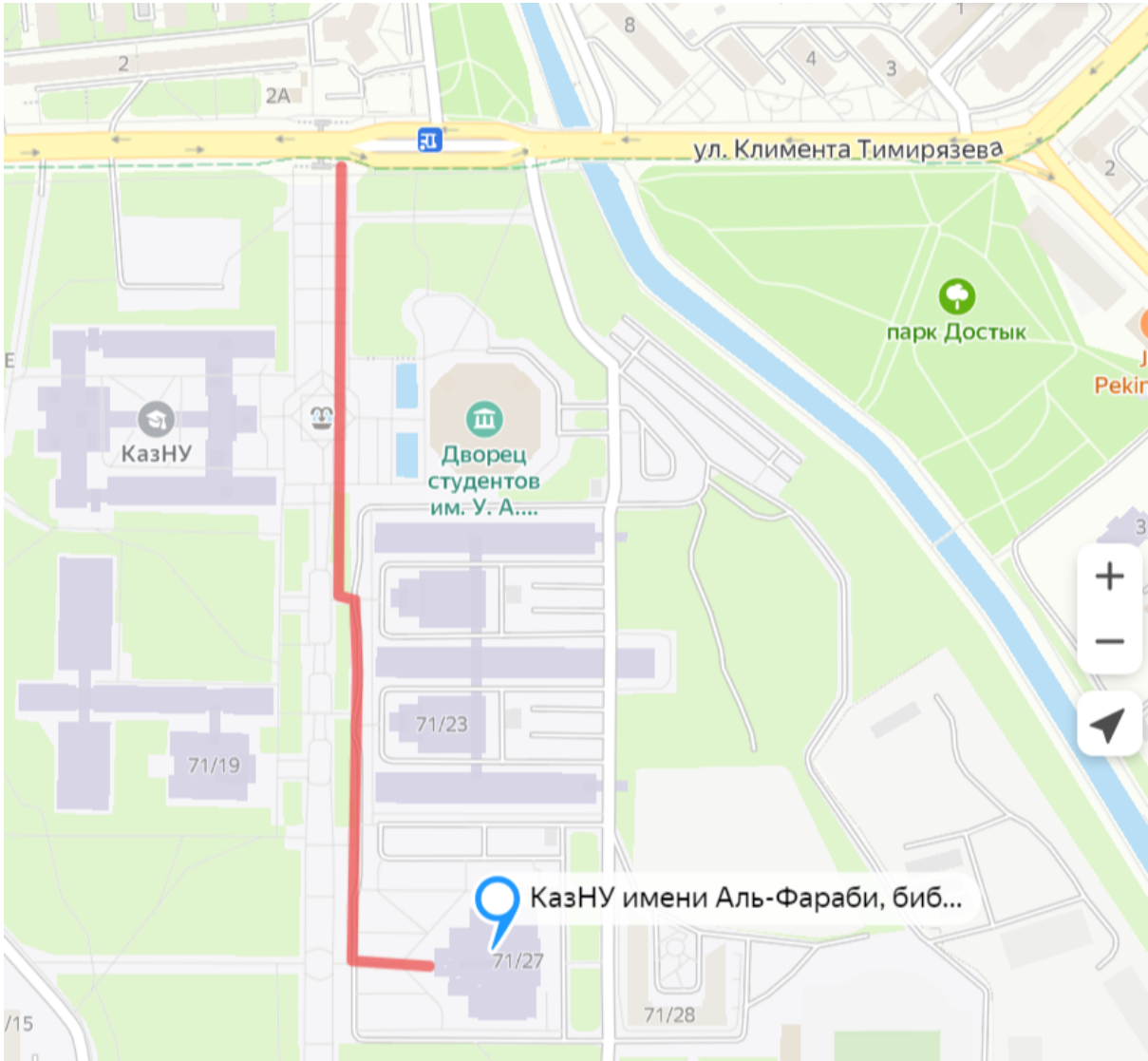
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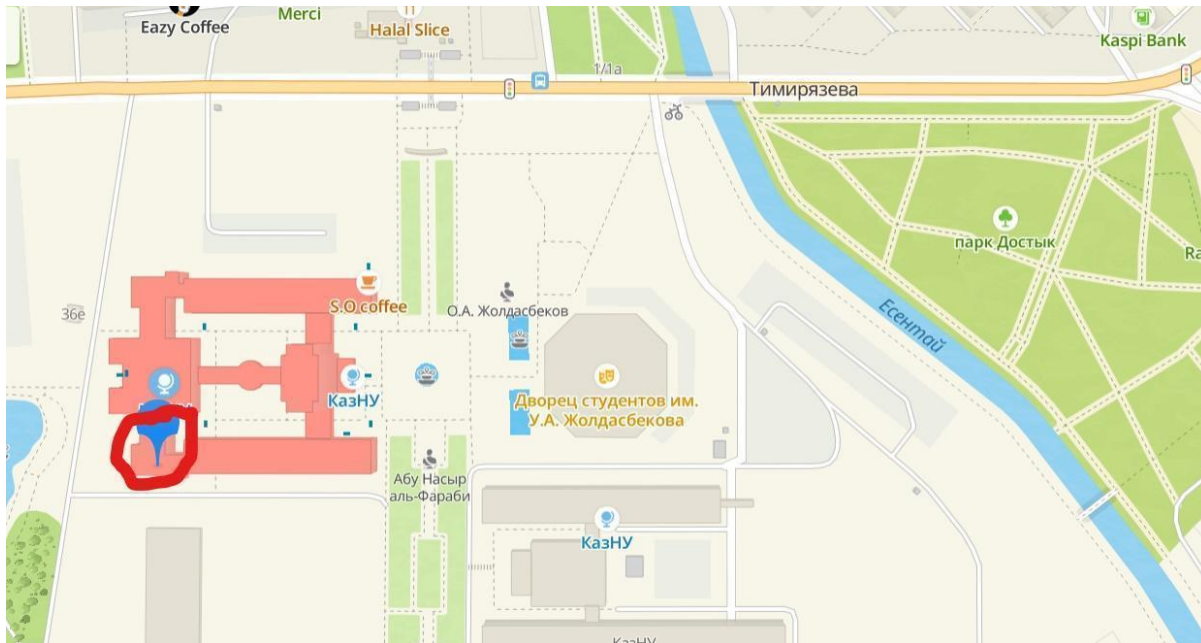
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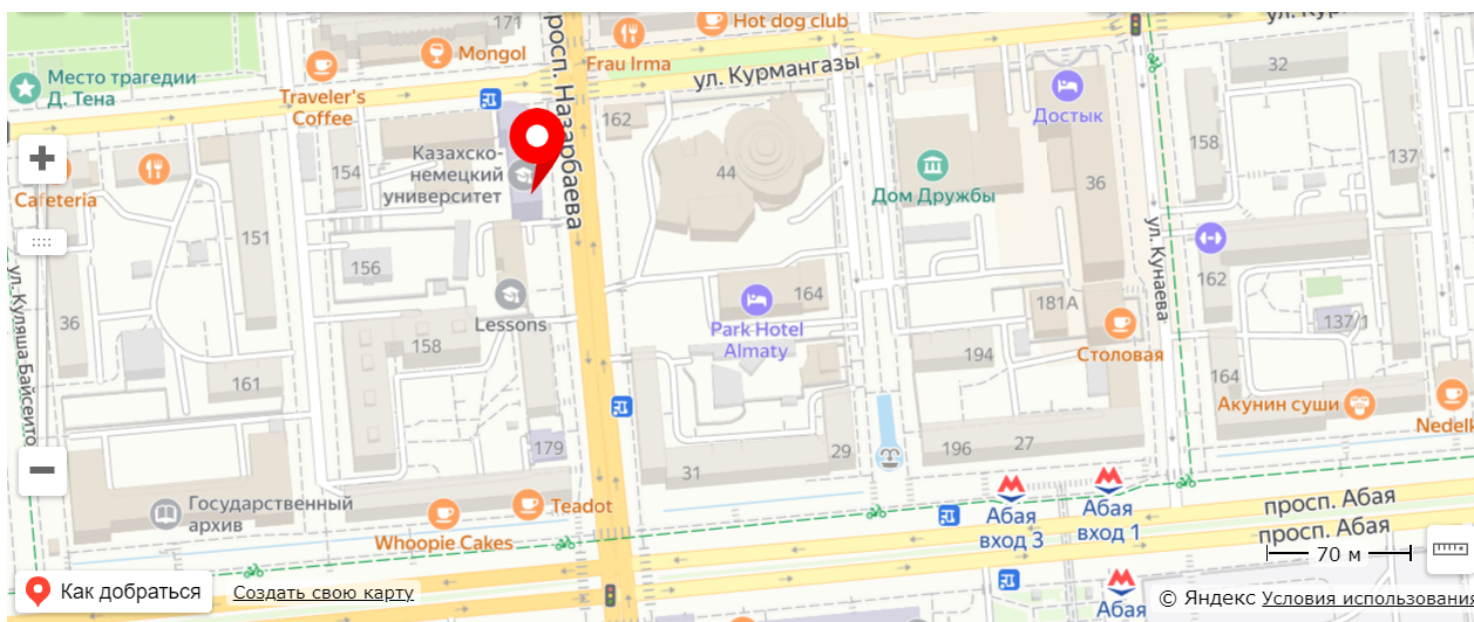
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MAP OF AL-FARABI KAZAKH NATIONAL UNIVERSITY - HISTORY FACULTY



MAP OF KAZAKH-GERMAN UNIVERSITY, KORPUS B



4. WHERE TO EAT

KIMEP

- KIMEP Grill student canteen, KIMEP' s Valikhanov building (Ground floor). Cost starting from 3-4 euros;

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KazNU (Al-Farabi Kazakh National University)

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DKU (building on Nazarbayev street)

- Navat, Dostyk avenue 48 (<https://navat.kg/en/>) (Central Asian food);
- Khachapuri Khinkal'evich, Dostyk avenue 29 (<https://hinkalnaya.kz/>) (Georgian / Caucasian food);
- Del Papa, Kabanbai batyr Str. 83 (<https://hinkalnaya.kz/>) (Italian food);
- Frau Irma, Kurmangazy Str. 33 (<https://frauirma.kz/>) (German food);
- Traveller's Coffee, Kurmangazy Str. 43 (fusion)
(<https://travelers-coffee.com/points/kazakhstan#2.1>).