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| **NAWRUZ-NOORUS POSTGRADUATE WORKSHOP:**  **Contemporary Spaces Of (Greater) Central Asia** |
| **Asian Studies Research Group** |
| **Tuesday 21 – Wednesday 22 March, 2017** |
| **Research Beehive, 2nd Floor Old Library Building** |

**TUESDAY 21 MARCH, 2017**

**10:15 - 10:30 Welcome remarks**

Joanne Smith Finley

**10:30 – 12:10**

**Panel 1: Economies of the Central Asian Nations**

**CHAIR: Madeleine Reeves**

1. Patterns of Food Consumption and Crop Commercialization in Uzbek Agrarian Change: Is cotton in competition with quality food?

*Lorena Lombardozzi, SOAS, University of London*

1. Post-Soviet Industrialization: A Comparative Study of the Kazakhstani and Uzbekistani Car Manufacturing Sectors.

*Damir Zhandossov, University of Cambridge*

1. YThe Copper-Development Nexus: Tracing the evolution of Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan’s copper industries to explore institutional landscapes

*Callie Berman, University of Cambridge*

1. Understanding Corporate Social Responsibility and the Case of Small and Medium Enterprises in a Kazakh Context.

*Yuliya Darmenova, University of Cambridge*

Q&A (20 minutes)

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**12:10 – 13:25**

**Panel 2: (In)security and Conflict in (Greater) Central Asia**

**CHAIR: Nick Megoran**

1. Aspiration or Security: The New Silk Road and the Legacy of China’s Past in Central Asia and Eurasia.

*Tom Harper, University of Surrey*

1. The Social Construction of Terrorism in Xinjiang by the Chinese State.

*Pablo A. Rodríguez-Merino, University of Warwick*

1. State and Business Responses to Worker Unrest in Western Kazakhstan (1991-2015).

*Paolo Sorbello, Glasgow University (CRCEES)*

Q&A (20 minutes)

**13:25 – 14:20 Cold buffet lunch (halal)**

**14:20 – 16:00**

**Panel 3: Ethnicity and Identity in (Post)-colonial Central Asia**

**CHAIR: Joanne Smith Finley**

1. ‘Consuming Otherness’: The Idealisation and Commodification of Ethnicity in the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region.

*David O’Brien, University of Nottingham (Ningbo)*

1. ‘I’m a local here!’: A decolonial perspective on the dialectics of identity in Kyrgyzstan.

*Philipp Lottholz, University of Birmingham*

1. Monuments are Temporary, People are Permanent: Soviet Monuments as Media in Mountainous Kyrgyzstan.

*Yuri Boyanin, La Trobe University, Australia*

1. Building Architectural Connections to Central Asia: Use and Perception of Central Asian Architecture in New Residential Apartment Houses in Urban Xinjiang.

*Madlen Kobi, Università della Svizzera Italiana*

*Q & A (20 minutes)*

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**16:00 – 17:15**

**Panel 4: International Relations of Central Asia**

**Chair: Diana Kopbayeva**

1. Russia’s Strategic Interests in Central Asia. **CANCELLED!**

*Dmitry Foryy, University of Siegen, Germany*

1. The EU as a Power: Images of the EU in Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan.

*Janibek Arynov, St. Andrew’s University*

1. Kazakhstan’s Development Cooperation Landscape since 1991.

*Sinead Mowlds, University of Cambridge*

Q&A (15 minutes)

**17:15 – 17:30 Break for refreshments (tea, coffee, juice, biscuits)**

**17:30 – 18:45**

**Panel 5: Islam in (Greater) Central Asia**

**CHAIR: Rachel Harris**

1. Islamization of the Chagatai Khans in the 14th – 15th Centuries.

*Saif Beg, University of St. Andrews*

1. Xinjiang’s Islamic Resurgence: A View from Post-1991 Chinese Sovietology.

*LI Jie, University of Edinburgh*

1. The Transregional Impact of the Arab Spring in Kazakhstan, 2005 – 2015.

*Sarah Dorr, University of Leeds*

Q&A (15 minutes)

**18:45 – 19:45 KEYNOTE LECTURE: ‘Soundscapes of Uyghur Islam’**

Dr Rachel Harris, SOAS, University of London.

**20:00🡪 DINNER** at Alsham Lebanese restaurant,15 Gallowgate, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 4SG.

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**Wednesday 22 March, 2017**

**9:30-10:45**

**Panel 6: Kazakhstan in / and the World**

**CHAIR: Nick Megoran**

1. Political Discourse, Nation Building and National Symbols in Kazakhstan.

*Sabina Insebayeva, University of Tsukuba, Japan*

*Nafissa Insebayeva, University of Tsukuba, Japan*

1. Imagining the 'Eternal Nation': Discourses of Nation in Kazakhstan

*Diana Kopbayeva, Newcastle University*

1. External Norms and Internal Pressures: Implementation of the EITI in Kazakhstan.

*Aliya Tskhay, University of St. Andrews*

Q&A (15 minutes)

**10:45 - 11:00 Break for refreshments (tea, coffee, juice, biscuits)**

**11:00 – 12:30**

**Panel 7: Education in (Greater) Central Asia**

**CHAIR: Joanne Smith Finley**

1. Educating the Other China: The Creation of Uyghur *Minkaohan.*

*LI Jiarui, University of Cambridge*

1. The Sinicised Self – The Ethical Elements of Identity in Contemporary Uyghur Culture.

*James McMurray, University of Sussex*

1. Uyghur *Molla* Education: The Central Asia Connection.

*Elke Spiessens, Munster/Lieden*

Q&A (20 minutes)



**12:30 – 13:30 Lunch break (hot soup and rolls)**

**13:30– 14:30 WORKSHOP ON ACADEMIC PUBLISHING: “Publishing without perishing? Navigating academia in precarious times."**

Facilitated by Madeleine Reeves, *Central Asian Survey*.

**14:30 – 16:30**

**Panel 8: Evolving Societies of Central Asia**

**CHAIR: Madeleine Reeves**

1. A Discourse Analysis of Welfare Rights in the Post-Soviet Context.

*Aigerim Kamidola, University of Roehampton*

1. Being Immobile at a Time of Mass Migration: Labour Migrants with Re-entry Bans and their Families in Northern Tajikistan.

*Elena Borisova, University of Manchester*

1. Speaker TBA
2. The Sovietisation of the Yssyk-Kul Lake: Dynamics of Change and Adaptation to Fluid Environments.

*Sultanalieva Nurzat, University of Tuebingen*

1. The Little Pamir’s Social Network, Afghan Kyrgyz and Wakhi: Coping Strategies from the Tip of Afghanistan.

*Tobias Marschall, University of Tuebingen*

Q & A (20 minutes)

**16:30 WRAP UP, DEPARTURE OF PARTICIPANTS**