

Conference Schedule

	Hodge Hall 211	Hodge Hall 219	Hodge Hall 223	Hodge Hall 209
7:30am-8:30am	Breakfast & Registration (Hodge Hall 109)			
8:30am-10:15am Session 1	International Relations and Comparative Politics	Archaeology in Central Eurasia		Institutions of Medieval Mongolia
10:30am-12:15pm Session 2	Traveling People and Ideas	Gender and Sexuality	Source Analysis in Mongolian Imperial Manuscripts Comparative Ethnographies (both in Rm. 223)	
12:15pm-1:30pm	Lunch (Hodge Hall 109)			
1:30pm-3:15pm Session 3	Space, Territory, and Power	Relations with Russia	History and Culture of Azerbaijan	Buryat Politics, History, and Identity
3:30pm-5:15pm Session 4	Society and Politics in Contemporary Hungary	Everyday Life and Culture in Modern Uzbekistan	Learning the Languages of Central Eurasia	Constructing Modern Mongolian Identity
5:30pm-7:00pm Keynote Address	Dr. Sarah Kendzior - The Future of Central Asian Studies (Hodge Hall 109)			
7:00pm-9:00pm Dinner	Closing Remarks and Dinner (IMU University Club, President's Room)			

Schedule of Panels

Session 1 (8:30am - 10:15am)

Hodge Hall 211: International Relations and Comparative Politics

Chair: Ambassador Rajendra Abhyankar

Miles Vining - American and Soviet small unit tactics in Afghanistan: A comparative perspective

Brandon Miliate - Revisiting Small State Foreign Policy: The Mongolian Model

Nasiba Amanova - Neutrality in 21st Century: The Case of Turkmenistan

Hodge Hall 219: Archaeology in Central Eurasia

Chair: Dr. Anne Pyburn

Ellen Platts - Pastoral Landscapes: A comparative study of two Bronze Age cemeteries in central Mongolia

Mark Gradoni - The Sasanians in the East: reassessing the chronology and context of early Sasanian expansion and the fall of the Kushan state.

Petya Andreeva - The Complex Realm of Scythian Art: Demystifying the Puzzle through Historiographical Analysis

Leland Rogers - Ancient DNA from Elite Xiongnu Burials at Battsengel, Arkhangai, Central Mongolia

Hodge Hall 209: Institutions of Medieval Mongolia

Chair: Dr. Christopher Atwood

Sam Bass - Slave-catching in the Mongol Empire

Christopher Balsirow - Chinggisid In-laws: A look at marriage alliances during the Mongol empire

Wei Luo - A Study on the Influence of Mongol-styled Clothing in the Society of the Ming Dynasty

Session 2 (10:30am - 12:15pm)

Hodge Hall 211: Traveling People and Ideas

Chair: Dr. Ron Sela

Zeynep Elbasan - Sultan Süleyman's Shrine Visitations during His 16th Century Reign

Amanda Lanzillo - Viewing the Safavids from the Deccan: Excerpts from Fayzi's Correspondence with Akbar

Jianfei Jia - Naqshbandiyya in Northwestern China in the 18th Century: Religious disputes, rebellions, and Qing's policies

Marissa Smit - Christians and Muslims in Medieval Asia Minor: Historiographical Considerations and New Research Pathways

Hodge Hall 219: Gender and Sexuality

Chair: Jedidiah Anderson

Samuel Buelow - Call of Beauty: Kyrgyz Krossdresseri and the Embodied Reorientation of Gender

Guldana Salimjan - Gendered Narratives and Authenticity as a Strategy in Kazakh Oral Poetry Duel "Aytis"

Daniel Metz - Trends in the Legal and Social Status of LGBT People in Turkey

Hodge Hall 223: Source Analysis in Mongolian Imperial Manuscripts

Chair: Dr. György Kara

Christopher Atwood - Manuscript Families of Rashīd al-Dīn and Their Affiliations: Survey of Japanese Scholarship and Evidence from Mongolian and Chinese Names

Hodge Hall 223: Comparative Ethnographies

Chair: Dr. Edward Lazzarini

Michael Hancock-Parmer and Janet Killian - Comparing Kazakhs: Comanches and Kazakhs and Empire

Kris Hellén - Emerging communities or violent disintegration?: Reframing the standard narrative of interethnic relations in Russia's Middle Volga region

Session 3 (1:30pm - 3:15pm)

Hodge Hall 211: Space, Territory, and Power

Chair: Dr. Gardner Bovingdon

Amita Vempati - Tajikistan, "The Clumsy Division," and the National Trauma of Nation-Building

Alyssa Meyer - Establishing National Borders and Nation-States in Central Asia: Impacts for the Energy Sector

Mirshad Ghalip - Battle on the Billboard: the Power Relation Between Different Languages in Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region

Hodge Hall 219: Relations with Russia

Chair: Dr. Toivo Raun

Tavus Jumanyazova - The Trade and Economic Relationship between Turkmenistan and Russia

Mendee Jargalsaikhan - Mongolia in New Inner Asian Order: Eurasian Crossroad or Chinese Backyard?

Hodge Hall 223: History and Culture of Azerbaijan: Tradition and Modernity

Chair: Dr. Shahyar Daneshgar

Aimee Dobbs - Imperial Education and the Russian Empire's Muslim Subjects: a Comparison of Pedagogical Approaches in Kazan', Crimea, and Transcaucasia in the 1860-80s

Uri Rosenberg - Was the Prehistoric Man an Azeri Nationalist?: On Mobilized Prehistory and Nation-building in Azerbaijan

Gholizadeh Maryam - Aşiq Rasool: A case Study on the Influence of Landscape Topography on Language and Musi

Gasimli Turkyay - The Civil Societies in Azerbaijan and the Role of the State in the 21st Century

Hodge Hall 209: Buryat Politics, History, and Identity

Chair: Dr. Tristra Newyear

Katie Stewart - Land and Nationalism in Buryatia: An Analysis of Two Territorial Restructurings

Kenneth Linden - Collectivization in the Buriat-Mongolian Autonomous Soviet Socialist Republic

Joseph Cleveland - Tseven Zhamtsarano as Ethnographer

Session 4 (3:30pm - 5:15pm)

Hodge Hall 211: Society and Politics in Contemporary Hungary

Chair: Valeria Varga

Jessica Storey-Nagy - The Face of Contemporary Hungarian Politics and the Voice that Moves the Nation

Bence Sagvari - Divergent Patterns of Trust and Attitudes towards Corruption among Young People in Hungary

János Kocsis - Yuppies in the Inner City of Budapest

Hodge Hall 219: Everyday Life and Culture in Modern Uzbekistan

Chair: Nick Walmsley and Malik Hodjaev

Kamol Mustaev - Poetics of Color in the Uzbek Heroic Epic “Alpomish”

Alexander Zakel - e-Islam: Self-Representation of the Muslim Board of Uzbekistan

Gulnoza Yusupova and Keely Bakken - The Khorezm Dialect: An Empirical Study of Linguistic Differences from Standard Uzbek and Similarities with Other Turkic Languages

Hodge Hall 223: Learning the Languages of Central Eurasia

Chair: Dr. Öner Özçelik

Solongo Chuluunbaatar - Language and Cultural Perspective on English as Second Language Learners

Gulnisa Nazarova and Aybike Seyma Tezel - In Search of An Approach to the Study of Turkic Languages: A Joint Dictionary Project

Narges Nematollahi - Towards writing a learner's dictionary for Persian

Hodge Hall 209: Constructing Modern Mongolian Identity

Chair: Dr. Kathryn Graber

Lumeng Chao - The Fragmentation of Mongols and The Creation of a New Version of “Inner Mongolia” by the People's Revolutionary Party of Inner Mongolia

Kip Hutchins - Twin Chords of the Fiddle: Balancing Anxiety and Solidarity with the Mongolian Morin Khuur in Urban Ulaanbaatar

Teresa Nichols - Indigenous Mongolia