Conference Schedule

Friday, 28 February, 2020

4:30 – 7:00 PM

*Dinner Reception and Book Exhibition*

Herman B. Wells Library
Hazelbaker Hall, East Tower First Floor

Join us for the evening to meet with fellow panelists and Indiana University faculty and explore the University’s collection on Central Eurasian Studies.

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Conference Schedule
Saturday, 29 February, 2020

8:00 – 9:00 AM
Registration and Breakfast – Global and International Studies Building (GISB) 1118

9:00 – 10:30 AM – Panel Session I

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Lunch – GISB 1118

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5:15 – 6:45 PM
“Hellenism in Central Asia? Archaeological Perspectives on Rural Bukhara during Antiquity”
Dr. Sören Stark, New York University
Shreve Auditorium

7:00 – 8:00 PM
Dinner Reception, GISB Atrium
Panel Information
Arranged by session

Environmental Issues in Eurasia
9:00 – 10:30 AM | GISB 1106

Discussant: Dr. Jonathan Schlesinger
Associate Professor, Department of History

Panelists: Louis-Philippe Campeau, American University of Central Asia
“Making Frunze Green, Red, or Both? Green Spaces and their Reception in Soviet
Kyrgyzstan’s Capital”

Kenneth E. Linden, Indiana University
“Zud, Livestock Loss, and Adaptation: Climatic Disasters in Socialist Mongolia”

Jessica Vinson, Indiana University
in the Mongolian Taiga”

Topics in Eurasian Linguistics
9:00 – 10:30 AM | GISB 1112

Discussant: Dr. Öner Özçelik
Director, Center for Languages of the Central Asian Region
Associate Professor, Department of Central Eurasian Studies

Panelists: Dinara Abakirova, Indiana University
“Changes in the Kyrgyz Language of the Pamir Kyrgyz People”

Corrina Fuller, Indiana University
“Connecting the Verbal Dots: Coordination and Subordination
in Khalkha Mongolian”

Julian Kreidl, Indiana University
“The Case Morphology of Volga Bulgarian”

Joshua Sims, Indiana University
“Stress to Tone Realignment of Loanwords in Dungan Chinese”
Empires Encountering Eurasia
9:00 – 10:30 AM | GISB 1122

Discussant: Dr. Toivo Raun
Director, Inner Asian and Uralic National Resource Center
Professor, Department of Central Eurasian Studies

Panelists:
Anton Ermakov, Indiana University
“Pyotr Badmayev’s 1893 Note on Russia, Mongolia, and China: An Annotated Translation”

Matthew Hulstine, Indiana University
“Depictions of Identity in 19th Century Central Asia: A Comparison of the Travel Accounts of Alexander Burnes and Alexander Semenov”

Politics and Security in Contemporary Central Eurasia
11:00 AM – 12:30 PM | GISB 1106

Discussant: Dr. Kristoffer Rees
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Indiana University East

Panelists:
Bryce Hecht, Indiana University
“Migration and Authoritarian Regime Stability: Evidence from Karimov’s Uzbekistan”

Katharine Khamhaengwong, Indiana University
“Caucasian Invasion: 300 Years of Georgians in Afghanistan”

Dr. Nurlan Sheripov, Indiana University
“From Super-Presidential to Premier-Presidential Republic: Trends in the Development of the Constitutional and Legal Status of the President of the Kyrgyz Republic”

Emily Stranger, Indiana University
“Hegemonic Masculinity, Male Gender Norms, and the ‘Real Men’ of the Zainabiyoun Brigade: An Analysis of Propaganda Distributed by Iran’s Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC)”
Nationalism and Identity in Central Eurasia
11:00 AM – 12:30 PM | GISB 1112

Discussant: Dr. Marianne Kamp
Associate Professor, Department of Central Eurasian Studies

Panelists: Javadbay Khalilzada, Kent State University
“Building State Religion? A Quest of Islamic Identity in Azerbaijan”

Cristina Palmer, Indiana University
“How to Read the Sign of the Technicolor Eagle: Mediatizing Kazakhstan’s Spiritual Revival”

Nicholas Seay, Ohio State University
“A Place for Revolution: Soviet Thaw, Imagined Geographies, and a New Territorial Conception of Tajik History”

Jessica Storey-Nagy, Indiana University
“‘Budapest is not a circus!’: The Linguist Landscape of Budapest’s 2019 Municipal Elections”

Textual Interpretations of Mongol History
11:00 AM – 12:30 PM | GISB 1122

Discussant: Dr. Michael Brose
Director, East Asian Studies Center, Pan Asia Institute

Panelists: Eduardo Acaron-Padilla, Indiana University
“The Immortal Khan Enters the Land of Darkness: Intertextuality, Patronage, and the Mongol Alexander in Rashid-Al Din’s Tārikh-e-Oghuz”

Dotno Pount, University of Pennsylvania
“Reading the Mongolian Chronicles in Light of the Cult of Chinggis Khan”

Anmol Swamy, Indiana University
“Looking for Reason in the Midst of Chaos: The Mongol Conquest of the Khwārezmian Empire”

Sharon Zhang, North Carolina State University
“Church Dedicator: Catholic Missionaries and Cross-cultural Exchanges in Mongol Eurasia (1206-1368)”
Central Eurasia in Antiquity
1:30 – 3:00 PM | GISB 1106

Discussant: Dr. Jamsheed Choksy
Chair, Department of Central Eurasian Studies

Panelists: Nikita Kuzmin, University of Pennsylvania
“‘Angels’ in the Heart of Asia: Rethinking Images of Winged Figures from Miran”

Chun-I Lin, SOAS University of London
“Transmission of Funerary Arts between the Tang Empire (618-907) and its Turko-Mongolian Neighbors: Ceramic Tomb Figurines in the Bayannuur Tomb and Pugu Yitu’s Tomb in Mongolia as Case Studies”

Mary Papadopoulos, Indiana University
“Definitions and Definers: Representations of Authority in Accounts of the Martyrdom of Simeon bar Sabba’e”

William Zieburtz, Indiana University
“Late Antique Correspondence in Contemplative Practice”

Hungarian Studies
1:30 – 3:00 PM | GISB 1112

Discussant: Valéria Varga
Senior Lecturer, Department of Central Eurasian Studies

Panelists: Dr. András Becker, Indiana University
“Talking to the Enemy: British–Hungarian Secret Peace Negotiations in 1942-43”

Alina Williams, Indiana University
“The Wise Men from Transylvania and Egypt’: Ritual Creativity in Post-Communist Hungarian Neoshamanism”

Gerry Williger, Indiana University
“On the Hungarian Academy of Sciences”
Tibetan Studies
1:30 – 3:00 PM | GISB 1122

Discussant: Dr. Stacey Van Vleet
Assistant Professor, Department of Central Eurasian Studies

Panelists: Sara Conrad, Indiana University
“Constructing Memories of a Tibetan ‘Home’ in New York City”

Coleton Hast, Indiana University
“Linguistic Classification in Tibetic Contexts and its Implications for Language Revitalization Efforts”

Addie McKnight, Indiana University
“Materiality of the Written Word: Tibetan Writing Implements in the Smithsonian Anthropology Collection”

Shaho Tamding, Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies
“A Critical Analysis on Ladhak Alchi’s Tibetan Stone Inscription and Sculptor during the Period of the Tibetan Empire”

Anthropological Perspectives on Eurasia
1:30 – 3:00 PM | GISB 1128

Discussant: Dr. Kathryn Graber
Assistant Professor, Departments of Anthropology, Central Eurasian Studies

Panelists: Boris Komakhidze, Tbilisi State University
“Yezidis in Georgia: Religion, Ethnicity, and Identity Transformation Processes”

Quentin Swaryczewski, Indiana University
“The Big Family”: Relations between Estonians and the Ukrainian Community in Contemporary Estonia”

Choenyi Woser, Bod-Kyi-Bangchen
“Gyöshed: Traditional Dispute Mediation System of Tibetan Nomads”
Buddhism in Central Eurasia
3:30 – 5:00 PM | GISB 1106

Discussant: Dr. Richard Nance
Associate Professor, Department of Religious Studies

Panelists: Jason Browning, Indiana University
“The Role of Mithra Among Iranian Buddhists: Evidence and Rationale for Mithra’s Key Role in the Taking of Buddhist Vows”

Elliott Ubelhor, Peking University
“Priest and Patron Conversations Between the Emperor Qianlong and His Tibetan Advisors During the 18th Century”

Chen Wu, Indiana University
“Early Central Asian Buddhism in China: the 2nd Century Monastery of Tse Jung”

Manuscript Studies in Eurasia
3:30 – 5:00 PM | GISB 1112

Discussant: Dr. Ron Sela,
Director, Islamic Studies Program
Associate Professor, Department of Central Eurasian Studies

Panelists: John DiCandeloro, Indiana University

Michael Krautkraemer, Indiana University
“Cloistered by the Graves of Her Forefathers: The Genealogy and Hagiography of a Female Saint of Yarkand”

Zhouyang Ma, Harvard University
“The Treatise on Music Revisited: A Textual-Based Perspective”
Political and Economic Issues in Contemporary Central Eurasia
3:30 – 5:00 PM | GISB 1122

Discussant: Dr. Nazif Shahrani
Professor, Departments of Anthropology, Near Eastern Languages and Cultures, Central Eurasian Studies

Panelists: James Baugh, Indiana University

Dr. Ilker Corut, American University of Central Asia
“A Qualitative Analysis of the Micro-Credit Programs in Bishkek: Empowering Women or Reinforcing their Subordination?”

Malik Hodjaev, Indiana University
“Uzbekistan After Three Years of New Presidency”

Political Changes and Musical Encounters: Unification and Cooperation
3:30 – 5:00 PM | GISB 1128

Discussant: Dr. John McDowell
Professor, Department of Folklore and Ethnomusicology

Panelists: Dr. Shahyar Daneshgar, Indiana University
“When the Walls of Musical Practices Came Down: Musical Encounters and Cooperations”

Dr. Aida Huseynova, Indiana University
“The New Life of the Old Azerbaijani Opera: Layla and Majnun by Uzeyir Hajibeyli in the United States”

John Liechty, Indiana University
“East-West Musical Practitioners and Understanding of Their Art”
About the Keynote Speaker

Dr. Soren Stark is an Associate Professor of Central Asian Art and Archaeology at New York University’s Institute for the Study of the Ancient World. Dr. Stark has close to two decades of experience in conducting and directing archaeological fieldwork in Central Asia. He has codirected archaeological surveys and excavations across Tajikistan and Uzbekistan, and currently co-directs an archaeological field project investigating agro-pastoral groups in Western Sogdiana during the Hellenistic and post-Hellenistic period, centered on excavations at the desert site of Bashtepa. Dr. Stark’s current research interests include Hellenistic and Late Antique / Early Medieval Sogdiana and the archaeology and history of nomadic groups close to oasis territories in Western Central Asia. He has published numerous articles and book chapters on the history and archaeology of Sogdiana between the Hellenistic and Islamic periods, and has served as co-editor of the Journal of Inner Asian Art and Archaeology and of Brill’s Handbook of Oriental Studies, Section 8: Uralic and Central Asian Studies. Dr. Stark received his PhD in 2005 from Martin-Luther-Universität Halle-Wittenberg, and previously taught at the Excellence Cluster TOPOI and the Freie Universität in Berlin before joining the faculty of ISAW.