

**ACES**

The Association of Central Eurasian Students at Indiana University

## 2021 ACES Conference Schedule

All conference sessions will take place online via Zoom.  
Times are given in U.S. EST (UTC -5:00).

### Saturday, 27 February 2021

9:00 - 10:30 AM | Panel Session I

Contemporary Kazakhstan	Media in Comparative Perspective
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11:00 AM - 12:30 PM | Panel Session II

Crime and Punishment in Modern Central Asia
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1:30 - 3:00 PM | Panel Session III

Persia and the Periphery	Religious-like Perspectives on Central Eurasia
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4:00 - 5:30 PM

*Elections, Virtual Reality, and Climate Change: What Can Anthropology of Mongolia Offer?*

Keynote address by

Dr. Manduhai Buyandelger, Associate Professor of Anthropology, MIT

Register at: [tinyurl.com/aces2021keynote](https://tinyurl.com/aces2021keynote)

### Sunday, 28 February 2021

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | Panel Session IV

History of International Relations	Mongol Empire Politics
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Eurasian Socialist Realities	Tibet Studies
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**Panel Information**

Arranged by Session

**Contemporary Kazakhstan**

Saturday, 27 February, 9:00 - 10:30 AM

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Discussant: Dr. Kristoffer Rees  
Assistant Professor of Political Science  
Program Coordinator, International Studies  
Indiana University East

Panelists: *Preeti Sahu, Jawaharlal Nehru University*  
Between Ethnic and Civil Nationalism: the Role and Status of Migrant  
Workers in post-COVID-19 Kazakhstan

*Pritish Gupta, O.P. Jindal Global University*  
Kazakhstan and Russia: from an Uneasy Alliance to a Pragmatic Partnership

*Samuel Elzinga, Utah Valley University*  
Success in Rehabilitating Islamic Terrorists: the Case of Kazakhstan

**Media in Comparative Perspective**

Saturday, 27 February, 9:00 - 10:30 AM

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

Panelists: *Abigail Gipson, Indiana University*  
Halal Cypher: Performing Nation and State in Tatarstan

*Biligtsaikhan Uuganbayar, Tsinghua University*  
The 2020 Trendy Parliamentary Election: the Effects of Youth Political  
Participation under COVID-19 in Mongolia



**Crime and Punishment in Modern Central Asia**

Saturday, 27 February, 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

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

Panelists: *James Baugh, Indiana University*  
*Vladislav Kim et al. v. Uzbekistan: International Investment Arbitration and  
Corruption in Uzbekistan*

*Umidjon Toshimov, Tashkent State University of Law*  
The 'Birth' of Prisons in Central Asia: Genesis of 'Penal Collectivism' and  
Post-transitional Problems of Penal Administration

**Persia and the Periphery**

Saturday, 27 February, 1:30 - 3:00 PM

Zoom ID: 752 450 1058 (no password required)

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

Panelists: *Murtaza Shakir, Columbia University*  
The Concept of Mu'jiza, explained in the Majalis of al-Mu'ayyad al-Shirazi

*William Zieburtz, Indiana University*  
Ardashir's Cosmic Rolex: How to Read a Sassanian Sundial City

**Religious-like Perspectives on Central Eurasia**

Saturday, 27 February, 1:30 - 3:00 PM

Zoom ID: 947 939 8961 (no password required)

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

Panelists: *Eduardo Acaron-Padilla, Indiana University*  
The Turco-Persian Alexander in the Chronicle of Oghuz Khan: Intertextuality,  
Mythology, and World-Conquering in the *Oghūz-nāmeḥ*



*Michael Krautkraemer, Indiana University*

The Dead are not Absent Here: Sainly Presences and an Empty Grave in Yarkand

*Alina Williams, Indiana University*

Freedom Passed to Us: Affect and the Religion-Like in the Estonian Singing Revolution

*Daphine Yeshi, Indiana University*

Diversity in Xinjiang - a Gaze into the Xinjiang Sibe's Religiosity and Identity through the Construction of the Jingyuan (Gorokingge be elhebure juktehen) Temple

### **History of International Relations**

Sunday, 28 February, 10:00 - 11:30 AM

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Discussant: Dr. László Borhi  
Associate Professor, Department of Central Eurasian Studies

Panelists: *Susruth Emmadi, Indiana University*  
Soviet-Iranian Relations Explored through the Scope of Soviet Interactions with the Tudeh Party

*Col. Steve Lacy, U.S. Army, Indiana University*  
Contemporary Ukrainian-Hungarian Relations

### **Mongol Empire Politics**

Sunday, 10:00 - 11:30 AM

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Discussant: Dr. Ron Sela  
Director, Sinor Research Institute for Inner Asian Studies  
Associate Professor, Department of Central Eurasian Studies

Panelists: *Aidar Saduakassov, Nazarbayev University*  
The Political Power of Nestorian Ecclesiastical Authorities in the Ilkhanate between 1284 and 1304 and Mamluk-Ilkhanate Warfare

*Dr. Jonathan Brack, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev*  
Mongol Religious Pluralism (and Occasional Violence): A Reevaluation



*Dr. Daniel Beben, Nazarbayev University*

The Politics of Autonomy in Mongol Central Asia: the 'Ali-Shahids of Badakhshan

**Eurasian Socialist Realities**

Sunday, 28 February, 1:30 - 3:00 PM

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

Panelists: *Anton Ermakov, Indiana University*  
Soviet Siberian Epics: Apollon Toroev as a Representative of State Folklore

*Theo Knights, University of Chicago*  
A Revolutionary Center in the East? Early Turkish Socialist Thought between the Third International and the Turkish National Movement

*Kenneth Linden, Indiana University*  
Guards, Companions, and Vermin: Dogs in the Mongolian People's Republic

*Jessica Storey-Nagy, Indiana University*  
Looks like Socialism: Materialities of an Old Socialist Regime in Contemporary Hungary

**Tibetan Studies**

Sunday, 28 February, 1:30 - 3:00 PM

Zoom ID: 947 939 8961 (no password required)

Discussant: Gedun Rabsal  
Senior Lecturer, Department of Central Eurasian Studies

Panelists: *Sara Conrad, Indiana University*  
Ode to Mothers: Songs Written by Tibetan Lamas

*Chen Wu, Indiana University*  
Fragmented Image of Kim Musang: the Transmission of Buddhism between Silla, Tang, and Tibet