2021 ACES Conference Schedule
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*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

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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: Preety 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
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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

Bilgitsaikhan Uganbayar, 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  
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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  
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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 Oghûz-nâmeh
Michael Krautkraemer, Indiana University
The Dead are not Absent Here: Saintly 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
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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
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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
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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
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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