

3rd Annual Nawruz-Noorus Postgraduate Workshop on Central Asia

**School of Geography, Politics and Sociology / School of Modern
Languages, Faculty of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences
Newcastle University**

Date: Thursday 21st – Friday 22nd March

**Location: Seminar Room 2.22, Research Beehive, 2nd Floor, Old
Library Building**

Thursday 21st March, 2013

12:00 – 1:00pm Buffet lunch (halal)

1:00 - 1:15pm Welcoming remarks from the organizers

Panel 1: Religion and Politics in Central Asia

1:15 - 3:00pm

1. Amrisho Lashkariev, Tuebingen University, Germany
Paper title: Nawruz in Yoged: Sunni-Ismaili relations in the context of the festival
2. Vera Vesela, Institute of International Relations, Czech Republic
Paper title: Alternative approaches to studying "Political Islam" in Central Asia
3. Edward Lemon, University of Exeter, UK
Paper title: The (mis)representation of Islamic radicalization in Tajikistan
4. Asel Dooletkeldieva, University of Exeter, UK
Paper title: Coping with contingency and uncertainty in the aftermath of April 2010: opposition networks in the Talas province of Kyrgyzstan

3:00pm – 3:30pm Break for refreshments (tea, coffee, juice, biscuits)

Panel 2: Governance, Security, and Cooperation in Central Asia

3:30 - 5:30pm

1. Aijan Sharshenova, University of Leeds, UK
Paper title: Evolution of governance in the post-Soviet Kyrgyzstan
2. Johan Engvall, Uppsala University, Sweden
Paper title: The state as investment market: an analytical framework for understanding politics and bureaucracy in Kyrgyzstan
3. Irna Hoffman, Leiden University, Netherlands
Paper title: Chinese land investments in Tajikistan
4. Svetlana Ancker, School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, UK
Paper title: Exploring issues of HIV/AIDS and social policy in Kyrgyzstan
5. Kemel Toktomushev, University of Exeter, UK
Paper title: Regime security, rent-seeking and the state: an analysis of the international political economy of supplying jet fuel to the American airbase in Kyrgyzstan

5:30 - 6:00pm **Break**

6:00 - 7.30pm **Keynote lecture:** The global performance state: a reconsideration of the Central Asian 'weak state'.

Followed by Q&A session
Dr John Heathershaw, University of Exeter

8:00pm→ **Dinner at *Red Mezze* Turkish restaurant, Leazes Terrace**



Friday 22nd March, 2013

Panel 3: Historical perspectives

9:00-11:00am

1. Timothy Nunan, Oxford University, UK
Paper title: 'The Thin Twisted Thread': Soviet Komsomol advisors in Southern Afghanistan, c. 1981-1988
2. Katherine Hughes, SOAS, UK
Paper title: Through a postcolonial/post-Soviet lens? Remembering the past in Tajik museums and indicating the future
3. Jampeissova Zhanar, University of Manchester, UK
Paper title: The impact of Russian statistical science on the academic views and statistical approaches of F. Sherbina in his expedition to the Kazakh steppe (second half of the XIXc.- the beginning of the XX c.)
4. Batir Xasanov, Tel Aviv University, Israel
Paper title: Chingis Khan from villain to national hero: the metamorphoses in historical discourse in Kazakhstan
5. Elena Paskaleva, Leiden University, Netherlands
Paper title: Uzbekifying the Timurid architecture in Uzbekistan

11:00 - 11:30am Break for refreshments (tea, coffee, juice, biscuits)

Panel 4: Society and Identity in Central Asia

11:30am - 1:00pm

1. Zulfiya Bakhtibekova, University of Exeter, UK
Paper title: The underlying causes of underage marriage: rural and urban cases from Tajikistan
2. Rano Turayeva, Max Plank Institute for Social Anthropology, Germany
Paper title: Social status and making of hierarchies: *kichkina* and *katta* in Uzbekistan
3. Mashura Akilova, Columbia University, U.S.
Paper title: Child labour: a narrative story of child labourers and their parents in Tajikistan
4. Mamtymyn Sunuodula, University of Durham, UK
Paper title: Multilingualism and negotiating Uyghur identity



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1:00 – 2:00pm Lunch break (halal buffet)

Panel 5: Borders and Migration in Central Asia

2:00 – 3:30pm

1. Guldana Sarbassova, University of Amsterdam, Netherlands
Paper title: Horse culture as a “prism” of national Kazakh heritage
2. Eliza Isabaeva, University of Zurich, Switzerland
Paper title: The journey of legalization: the case of an informal squatter settlement in Bishkek
3. Medina Aitieva, University of Manchester, UK
Paper title: Documented-ness: negotiations of belonging of Kyrgyzstani migrants in Russia
4. Katarzyna Kacmarska, Aberystwyth University, UK
Paper title: Two visions of the border: international society and Kyrgyz-Tajik cross-border cooperation

3:30 – 4:00pm Break for refreshments (tea, coffee, juice, biscuits)

4:00 – 5:00pm Workshop on Academic Publishing
Facilitated by Raphael Jacquet, Submissions Editor, *Central Asian Survey*

5:00pm → Departure of participants

