

*University of Exeter (England) & FSO Bremen (Germany)*

**Annual Nawruz Postgraduate Workshop on Central Asia:  
*Spaces of Central Asia*  
18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> of March 2016**

***WORKSHOP PROGRAMME***

**Thursday, 17 March 2016**

Arrival

18:00 –22:00 Evening Dinner (ZIZI, Exeter)

**Friday, 18 March 2016:**

Venue: St Olaves Hotel Exeter Conference Room (The Mulberry Suite)

**9:00-10:00** Welcome (Workshop objectives and programme day 1)  
Self-introductions by workshop members  
Keynote Speaker notes (Tim Epkenhans)

**10:30-10:45** Coffee break

**11:00 -12:00** Panel 1: Culture Religion and Woman in Central Asia (Chair Tim Epkenhans)

1. Nurbek Bekmurzaev (NUPI Oslo/ PhD): *“Independent and Official Islam in Kyrgyzstan: Reasons behind Islamic religious leaders’ loyalty and resistance towards the state control of religion”*.
2. Juliette Cleuziou (University of Paris West Nanterre La Défense /PhD): *“For the sake of the house. Migration, Ritual Economy and the reproduction of the house in Tajikistan”*.

Group Discussion

**12:30 – 13:30** Lunch

**13:45 -14:45** *Presentation of papers* (Chair Tim Epkenhans)

1. Negar Elodie Behzadi ( University of Oxford/ PhD): *“Gendered coal struggles at the margins - a feminist political ecology of informal mining in post-Soviet Tajikistan“*

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2. Selbi Jumayeva (University of Oxford /Research Fellow) : “*In defense of ‘civil society’ in Kyrgyzstan: exploring im/possibilities of collective resilience and solidarity organizing of activists*”.

Group Discussion

**15:00 – 15:15** Coffee break

**15:30 – 17:00** Panel 2: Nation Building (Chair Katharina Buck)

*Presentation of papers*

1. Diana Kopbayeva (Newcastle University/PhD): “*Building the nation through history writing. The role of Genghis Khan*”.
2. Katharina Hughes (SOAS London/ PhD): “*Between the Achaemenids and Somoni: Nostalgic imaginary in post-independent Tajik state architecture*”.
3. Seraphina Maerz: (CEU in Budapest/PhD): “*Ma’naviyat in Uzbekistan: An Ideological Extrication from its Soviet Past?*”.

Group Discussion

**18:00** Free time / Exeter City tour (Meeting point: West Front of Exeter Cathedral at 18PM).

**19:30** Evening Dinner (Dinosaur Cafe, Exeter)

**Saturday, 19 March 2016**

Venue: St Olaves Hotel Exeter Conference Room (The Mulberry Suite)

**9h-10h** Welcome (Workshop programme day 2)

Keynote Speaker notes (Katharina Buck)

**10:30-10:45** Coffee break

**11:00-12:00** Panel 3: Foreign Policy Perception (Chair Anna Matveeva)

1. Zhanibek Arynov (University of St Andrews/PhD): “*Self – images of the European Union in Central Asia*”.
2. Sarah Dorr ( University of Leeds/ PhD) : “*The transregional impact of the Arab Spring in Kazakhstan: 2010-2012*”.

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Group Discussion

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch

**13:45 -14:45** Panel 4: Energy and Trajectories and rentier states ( Chair John Heathershaw)

1. Serik Orazgaliyev (University of Cambridge /PhD) : “*Competition for energy resources of the Caspian region: The new Great Game or the New Silk Road*”.
2. Philipp Jaeger (Humboldt University Berlin/PhD): “*Oil industry, labour market and migration in Western Kazakhstan*”.

Group Discussion

**15:00 – 15:15** Coffee break

**15:30 – 16:30** *Presentation of papers*

3. Pal Gyene (Budapest Business School Hungary/ assistant professor): “*Relationship between rentierism and exercising power in post-Soviet Central Asia*”.
4. Zhanyl Moldalieva (Maastricht University/PhD): “*Transparency and Accountability in Resource Governance: The Case of Mining in the Kyrgyz Republic*”.
5. Alexandra Alekseeva (Univeristy of Talinn/PhD ): “*Informal Payments and Management of State Institutions in Post-Soviet spaces: A Comparison of Health and Education Sectors*”.

Group Discussion

**17:00-17:40** Concluding remarks by John Heathershaw, Katharina Buck, Tim Epkenhans

**19: 00** *Evening Dinner (Côte Brasserie Exeter)*

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