**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 Bkmurzaev (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”.


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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