

Second Annual Conference

FORMAL AND INFORMAL CENTRAL ASIA: INSTITUTIONS, IDENTITIES AND DISCOURSES

Venue: American University of Central Asia, 205 Abdymomunov St., Bishkek, Room 403, 4th floor

SEPTEMBER 28, FRIDAY		
Registration, coffee	8.30 - 9.00	
Welcome address	9.00 - 9.15	
Andrew Wachtel	President, AUCA	
Opening remarks	9.15 - 9.30	
Svetlana Jacquesson	Director, CASI	
Session 1	9.30 – 10.30	Chair: Michael Bobick, Department of Anthropology, AUCA
Rico Isaacs	Oxford Brookes University, UK	Weber and the formal and informal in Central Asian politics
A. Frigerio, N. Kassenova	KIMEP, Kazakhstan	Ordinary exceptions: Carl Schmitt in Kazakhstan
Coffee break	10.30 – 11.00	
Session 2	11.00-12.00	Chair: Bermet Tursunkulova, Department of International and Comparative Politics, AUCA
Assel Rustemova	KIMEP, Kazakhstan	Foucault in Central Asia: bureaucratic dissidence and governmentality of industrialization
René Provis	University of New South Wales, Australia	“Informal” institutions and the new institutional economics: a short history of the concept and its analytical relevance in post-Soviet Central Asia
Lunch break	12.00 – 14.00	
Session 3	14.00-15.00	Chair: Medet Tulegenov, Department of International and Comparative Politics, AUCA
Hasan Karrar	Lahore University, Pakistan	Bargains across borders: Central Asia, China and the discursive boundaries between formal and informal mercantilism
Caress Schenk	Nazarbayev University, Kazakhstan	Caught between formality and informality: coping strategies of Central Asian migrants in the Russian Federation
Coffee break	15.00 – 15.30	
Session 4	15.30-17.00	Chair: Svetlana Jacquesson, CASI, AUCA
Anna-Katharina Hornidge	University of Bonn, Germany	Boundary management and the discursive sphere: negotiating ‘realities’ in Khorezm, Uzbekistan
Andreas Mandler	University of Bonn, Germany	Post-Soviet land distribution in Kuhistoni Mastchoch, Tajikistan
Hafiz Boboyorov	National Academy of Sciences, Tajikistan	Stabilization of kinship and patron-client networks in the rural communities of southern Tajikistan.
General discussion	17.00 – 17.30	

SEPTEMBER 29, SATURDAY		
Session 5	9.00 – 10.30	Chair: Ruslan Rahimov, Department of Anthropology, AUCA
Roland Hardenberg	University of Tübingen, Germany	Kinship and village administration in rural Kyrgyzstan
Louise Bechtold	University of Tübingen, Germany	Understanding exchange of gifts and favors in Kyrgyzstan: the example of weddings in southern Kyrgyzstan
Susanne Fehlings	University of Tübingen, Germany	The informal and formal manifestation of kinship and housing concepts in the urban context of the Armenian capital Yerevan
Coffee break	10.30 – 11.00	
Session 6	11.00 – 12.00	Chair: Gulnara Ibraeva, Department of Sociology, AUCA
Aslisho Qurboniev	Oxford University, UK	Project identity: the discursive formation of Pamiri-Isma'ili identity in cyberspace
Emil Nasritdinov	American University of Central Asia, Kyrgyzstan	Parallel city: Bishkek's 1-st of April competitions and alternative discourses
Lunch break	12.00 – 14.00	
Session 7	14.00 – 15.00	Chair: Azamat Temirkulov, Department of International and Comparative Politics, AUCA
Baktygul Tulebaeva	University of Tübingen, Germany	Interdependence and discrepancy of formal and informal institutions: on the example of child health development projects in Kyrgyzstan
Seitek Kachkynbaev	Waseda University, Japan	Informal politics and political regime in post-Soviet Central Asia: the case of the Kyrgyz Republic
Coffee break	15.00 – 15.30	
Session 8	15.30 – 17.00	Chair: Emil Nasritdinov, Department of Anthropology, AUCA
John Schoeberlein	Nazarbayev University, Kazakhstan	Living out the Central Asian State: the collapsing boundaries around formal culture concepts
Zamira Dildorbekova	University of Exeter, UK	The dynamics of Islam and modernity in Tajikistan
Nazgul Mingisheva	Bolashak University, Kazakhstan	Formal and informal discourses of hijabs in Kazakhstan
General discussion	17.00 – 17.30	