



Third Annual Conference

CONSTRUCTING AUTHORITY THROUGH CUSTOM AND TRADITION

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

September 27-28, 2013

SEPTEMBER 27, FRIDAY		
Welcome addresses	9.00 - 9.20	
Bermet Tursunkulova	VPAA, AUCA	
Michael Green	Head of Mission, USAID	
Introductory remarks	9.20 - 9.30	
Svetlana Jacquesson	Director, CASI	
Session 1	9.30 – 10.30	Chair: Svetlana Jacquesson, CASI
Alexander Morrison	University of Liverpool, UK	Military Historiography, the Legend of Conquest and the Construction of Russian Colonial Authority in Central Asia
Christopher Baker	AUCA, Kyrgyzstan	At Play in the Soviet Library: History, Texts and Power in the Late Soviet era
Coffee break	10.30 – 11.00	
Session 2	11.30-12.30	Chair: Mateusz Laczszkowski, MPI
Aksana Ismailbekova	Zentrum Moderner Orient, Germany	Invisible Role and Authority of Women in Rural Kyrgyzstan
Jeanne Feaux de la Croix	Zentrum Moderner Orient, Germany	Respect for elders? Overt obedience, back-door negotiations of age-inflected notions of authority by Kyrgyzstani development workers
Lunch break	12.30 – 14.00	
Session 3	14.00-15.30	Chair: Olivier Ferrando, IFEAC
John Schoeberlein	Nazarbayev University, Kazakhstan	When Is Authority Granted? The Nation and Islam as Credible or Implausible Bases for Claims of Authority in Post-Soviet Central Asia
Tohir Kalandarov	Institute of Ethnology and Anthropology, Russia	Халифа – центральная фигура на свадьбах памирских трудовых мигрантов Москвы
Khurshid Sana Khan	Ministry of Women Affairs, Afghanistan	Authority, Migration and Education: The Case of the Gilgit-Baltistan Ismailis in Karachi (Pakistan)
Coffee break	15.30 – 16.00	

Session 4	16.00 -17.30	Chair: John Schoeberlein, Nazarbayev U
Yahia Baiza	Institute of Ismaili Studies, UK	Religious Rituals and the Construction of Authority: a Study of the Shia Ismaili Tradition in Afghanistan
Steven Lee	University of California, USA	The Construction and Reconstruction of Soviet Korean Traditions
Mukaram Toktogulova	AUCA, Kyrgyzstan	Translocal Tablighi Networks as Channels for Reconstruction and Deconstruction of Custom and Tradition : the Case of Tablighi Jama'at in Kyrgyzstan
General discussion	17.30 – 18.00	
SEPTEMBER 28, SATURDAY		
Session 5	9.00 – 10.30	Chair: Jeanne Feaux de la Croix, ZMO
Gabriel McGuire	Nazarbayev University, Kazakhstan	‘With My Words I Poison Them’: the Zar Zaman Poets and the Critique of the Indigenous Elite
Eva Maria Dubuisson	Bogazichi University, Turkey	Ancestral authority in Contemporary Aitys Poetry: Culture and Critique in Kazakhstan
Mustafa Coskun	Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Germany	Oral Traditions and Moral Citizens: Poets, Poetry and Politics in Transition
Coffee break	10.30 – 11.00	
Session 6	11.00 – 12.00	Chair: Eva Maria Dubuisson, Bogazichi U
Alima Bissenova	Nazarbayev University, Kazakhstan	Expectations of Paternalism: the Boom, the Bust, and the Mediating State in an Authoritarian Context
Mateusz Laczszkowski	Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Germany	Shrek Meets the President: Magical Authoritarianism in a Fairy-tale City
Lunch break	12.00 – 14.00	
Session 7	14.00 – 15.00	Chair: Mukaram Toktogulova, AUCA
Danuta Penkala-Gawęcka	Adam Mickiewicz University, Poland	Whose Authority, What Tradition? On the Legitimacy of Practitioners and Practices of Complementary Medicine in Bishkek
Baktygul Tulebaeva	Eberhard-Karls-University of Tuebingen	Meaning behind Transformed Traditions: on the Example of Child Related Rituals among Contemporary Kyrgyz Families
Coffee break	15.00 – 15.30	
Session 8	15.30 – 17.00	Chair: Alima Bissenova, Nazarbayev University
Olivier Ferrando	French Insitute for Central Asian Studies, Kyrgyzstan	Central Asia’s National Minorities: from “Ethnic Civil Society”to Traditional Networks
Joldon Kutmanaliev	European University Institute, Italy	Traditional Authority, Social Norms and Interethnic Cooperation during the Ethnic Riots in Osh in 2010
Jennifer Murtazashvili	University of Pittsburgh, USA	There are no <i>Arbabs</i> Anymore: the Evolution of Customary Governance in Rural Afghanistan
General discussion	17.00 – 17.30	