Seventh Annual OASIES Graduate Student Conference
Hinge of the World: Connections, Networks, and Linkages in Inner Eurasia

Saturday, March 29, 2014
International Affairs Building (Room 1512)
Columbia University

Preliminary Program

9:00 Coffee

9:15 Welcome

9:30 – 11:00 Panel I: Education Policy and Reform Across Eurasia

Shyla Dogan (Teachers College, Columbia University)
*Turkey’s North Caucasian Diaspora: Challenges of Cultural and Linguistic Preservation*

Ben Schwab (Teachers College, Columbia University)
*The Role of the Open Society Institute in the Implementation of the Bologna Process in the Republic of Armenia*

Amy Crompton (Teachers College, Columbia University)
*Donor Involvement in Educational Planning in the Ministry of Education in Afghanistan*

11:00-12:00 Round Table: The Intellectual Potential of Kazakhstan

Gulmira Sultanbayeva (Al-Farabi Kazakh National University)
*Problems of Intellectual Nation Formation*

Elmira Sultanbayeva (Turan University)
*Media Culture of Kazakhstan*

Aleftina Golovchun (Al-Farabi Kazakh National University)
*Peculiarities of Forming Professional Competence in Journalism Students*

12:00 – 1:00 Lunch

1:00 – 2:00 Keynote Talk, Andrew Wachtel

2:00 – 3:30 Panel II: Narratives of Post-Soviet Nationalism
Yulia Rimsky (Economic and Political Development, SIPA, Columbia University)
Youth Organizations in the National Integration Processes of Transitioning Democracies: A Case of Ukraine

Grazvydas Jasutis (Harriman Institute, Columbia University)
Simmering Nationalism Across the Post-Soviet Space: The Case of the Ossetian-Ingush Conflict

Diana Kudaibergenova (Department of Sociology, University of Cambridge)
Punk Shamanism, Revolt and Break Up of Traditional Linkage: The Waves of Cultural Awakening in Post-Soviet Kazakhstan

3:30 – 5:00  Panel III: Movement of People, Ideas, and Conflict Across National Lines

Veronika Zablotsky (Feminist Studies, University of California-Santa Cruz)
Implications of Armenian Diasporic Return in the 21st Century

Alex Lord (International Relations, City College of New York)
Migrant Workers and the Spread of HIV/AIDS: A Threat to National Security in Former Soviet States

Aisalkyn Botoeva (Department of Sociology, Brown University)
Piety & Profit: Exploring the Emergence of Islamic Businesses in Kyrgyzstan

Sarrah Bechor (IARO Fellow, IREX)
A Crisis in the Caucasus: The Wider Regional Implications of the Iranian Nuclear Crisis for Georgia and the South Caucasus

5:00 – 5:30  Closing Remarks

5:30 – 6:30  Reception