The Organization for the Advancement of Studies of Inner Eurasian Societies presents

INNER EURASIA THEN & NOW: LEGACIES OF THOUGHT, SPACE, AND EMPIRE

FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 2015
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PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

OPENING RECEPTION
9:30 – 10:00 AM

PANEL ONE
10:00 AM – 11:15 AM

Construction of Intersecting Identities
Chair: TBD
Discussant: TBD

Clayton Merkley (Slavic Department, Columbia University), “Kazakhs into Cossacks? Efforts to Assimilate Central Asians into the Russian Empire”

Hamed Kazemzadeh (Center for East European Studies, University of Warsaw), “Formation of National Identity Among Caucasian Nations in Confrontation with Persian, Ottoman and Russian Identities During the 18th and 19th Centuries”

Zhumatay Gabit (Harriman Institute, Columbia University), “The Sovietization of Kazakhstan and its Consequences, 1920-1930s”

COFFEE BREAK
11:15 AM – 11:30 AM

PANEL TWO
11:30 AM – 12:45 PM

Museums, Monuments, and Memory
Chair: Belle Cheves, Near Eastern Studies, New York University
Discussant: TBD

Rustin Zarkar (Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies, New York University), “Monuments, Memory, and the Politics of National Delimitation in Uzbekistan”

Aura Young (Slavic Languages and Literatures, Yale University), “Orhan Pamuk’s The Museum of Innocence: Novel and Museum on the Border Between West and East”

Shima Houshyar (Hagop Kevorkian Center for Near Eastern Studies, New York University), “Museumization of Occupation and Civilizational Discourse as Nation-building in Georgia”

LUNCH BREAK
12:45 – 2:00 PM
PANEL THREE
2:00 – 3:15 PM

Religion and Culture in Nationalist Discourse
Chair: TBD
Discussant: TBD

Ani Chkhikvadze (Center for Eurasian, Russian and East European Studies, Georgetown University), “Religious Nationalism and Ecclesia Politics in Georgia”
Serkan Yolacan (Cultural Anthropology, Duke University), “A Seesaw Across the Black Sea: Turkish-Azeri Encounters in Old Frontiers”
Marintha Miles (Department of Anthropology, George Washington University), “Switching to Satr: an Ethnography of the Particular in Women’s Choices in Head Coverings in Tajikistan”

KEYNOTE ADDRESS
3:15 – 4:00 PM

Shoshana Keller is a Professor of History at Hamilton College. She focuses on Soviet and Central Asian History and has written on the Stalinist campaign against Islam, women and women’s education, and the creation of Soviet Uzbek history. Keller is the author of To Moscow, Not Mecca (Praeger Publishers, 2001) and most recently an essay on the origins of coerced child labor in Uzbekistan’s cotton fields.

CLOSING RECEPTION
4:00 – 5:00 PM

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Conference Committee:

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