

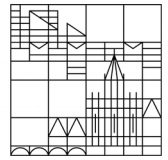


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The Future of Central Asian Studies

11–13 September 2017

Institute for Advanced Study, University of Konstanz

Organised by Judith Beyer and Madeleine Reeves

The last three years have seen a flourishing of anthropological and historical monographs on Central Asia. We propose an innovative workshop format that seeks to launch several of these recent monographs and to use a discussion of their findings as a basis for reflection on the future of Central Asian studies. The workshop will facilitate a series of focused discussions that emerge from bringing the texts into conversation with one another. How can material from Central Asia inform conceptual debates about order, knowledge,

modernity, empire, religion and resources in the widest sense? What can be gained from drawing together anthropological and historical scholarship on law and empire, or dynamics of peace and conflict? How can we better integrate the history and anthropology of Afghanistan to allow comparison with the rest of Central Asia? The book panel discussions will be videotaped and edited versions of these discussions will be made available to an international audience.

Programme

Monday, 11 September 2017

8.15 pm Dinner at Holly's (along the Seerhein) (fusion food)

Tuesday, 12 September 2017

9 am **Panel I: Ordering**

Discussants: Madeleine Reeves, Tim Epkenhans, Timothy Nunan

Books to be discussed:

- Judith Beyer. 2016. *The force of custom. Law and the ordering of everyday life in Kyrgyzstan.* University of Pittsburgh Press.
- Botakoz Kassymbekova. 2016. *Despite cultures. Early Soviet rule in Tajikistan.* University of Pittsburgh Press.
- Christian Teichmann. 2016. *Macht der Unordnung. Stalins Herrschaft in Zentralasien 1920-1950.* Hamburger Edition

11 am Coffee break

11.30 am **Panel II: Space**

Discussants: Christian Teichmann, Botakoz Kassymbekova, Magnus Marsden

Books to be discussed:

- Jeanne Feaux de la Croix. 2017. *Iconic places in Central Asia.* Transcript.
- Mateusz Laszkowski 2016. *City of the future. Built space, modernity and urban change in Astana.* Berghahn.
- Till Mostowlansky. 2017. *Azan on the moon. Entangling modernity along Tadjikistan's Pamir highway.* University of Pittsburgh Press.

1.30 pm Lunch

3 pm Panel III: Islam

Discussants: Till Mostowlansky, Eva-Marie Dubuisson, Aksana Ismailbekova

Books to be discussed:

- Julie Billaud. 2015. *Kabul carnival. Gender and politics in postwar Afghanistan*. Pennsylvania University Press.
- Magnus Marsden. 2016. *Trading worlds. Afghan merchants across modern frontiers*. Hurst.
- David Montgomery. 2016. *Practicing Islam. Knowledge, experience and social navigation in Kyrgyzstan*. University of Pittsburgh Press.

5 pm Coffee and walk along the Seerhein

7 pm Dinner (Institute for Advanced Study Konstanz)

Wednesday, 13 September 2017

9.30 am Panel IV: Nation

Discussants: Julie McBrien, Mateusz Laszczkowski, Jeanne Feaux de la Croix

Books to be discussed:

- Tim Epkenhans. 2016. *The origins of the civil war in Tajikistan. Nationalism, islamism, and violent conflict in post-soviet states*. Lexington Books.
- Adeb Khalid. 2015. *Making Uzbekistan: nation, empire and revolution in the early USSR*. Cornell University Press.
- Timothy Nunan. 2016. *Humanitarian invasion: Global development in cold war Afghanistan*. Cambridge University Press.

11.30 am Coffee break

12 pm Panel V: Kinship and Belonging

Discussants: David Montgomery, Julie Billaud, Judith Beyer

Books to be discussed:

- Eva-Marie Dubuisson. 2017. *Living language in Kazakhstan. The dialogic emergence of an ancestral worldview*. University of Pittsburgh Press.
- Aksana Ismailbekova. 2017. *Blood ties and the native son*. Indiana University Press.
- Julie McBrien. 2017. *From belonging to belief. Modern secularisms and the construction of religion in Kyrgyzstan*. University of Pittsburgh Press.

2 pm Lunch and Farewell

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