

HISTORY MAKING IN CENTRAL AND INNER ASIA

Conveners

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PROGRAMME

FRIDAY, February 22, 2013

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| 08:30–09.00 | Registration |
| 09.00–09.15 | Welcome address
<i>Prof. Dr. Burkhard Schnepel, project leader, director of ZIRS</i> |
| 09.15–09.30 | Welcome address
<i>Conference Organizers</i> |
| 09.30–10.15 | Key-note lecture: National Narratives as “Cultural DNA”
<i>James V. Wertsch (Washington University, St. Louis, USA)</i> |
| 10.15–10.45 | Coffee break |

10.45–12.15 **Panel 1: The Mythic and the Global in History Making**

10.45–11.30 **Hieromancers of History: Transacting Politics and Values through Popular Historical Narratives in Central Asia**

Nathan Light (ZIRS, Halle, Germany)

11.30–12.15 **Landlocked Arabia**

Saulesh Yessenova (University of Calgary, Canada)

12.15–13.45 Lunch Break

13.45–15.15 **Panel 2: New Ventures in History Making**

13.45–14.30 **The Words of *Akhyns* and the Voice of the Ancestors: Sovereignty and Social Responsibility in Independent Kazakhstan**

Eva-Marie Dubuisson (Boğaziçi University, Istanbul, Turkey)

14.30–15.15 **From “Authentic” to “True” History: Negotiations of Value and Authority in Post-Independence Kyrgyzstan**

Svetlana Jacquesson (American University of Central Asia, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan)

15.15–15.45 Coffee break

15.45–18.00 **Panel 3: History Making and Social Practices**

15.45–16.30 **A Nation’s Glorious Heritage as a Spiritual Journey? History-making and the Sakha Shamanic Revival**

Eleanor Peers (Max Planck Institute, Halle, Germany)

16.30–17.15 **Practising Genealogies in Kyrgyzstan**

Amantur Japarov (Kyrgyz Academy of Sciences, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan)

17.15–18.00 **Oasis History in Eastern Xinjiang: a Contested Field?**

Ildikó Bellér-Hann (University of Copenhagen, Denmark)

SATURDAY, February 23, 2013

09.00–10.30 **Panel 4a: Memories and Collective Knowledge of the Past**

9.00–9.45 **Our Farm, Our Country: Motifs in Uzbek Rural Oral Histories**

Marianne Kamp (University of Wyoming, USA)

9.45–10.30 **The Violence of History: Differential Social Memory and Political Violence in Mongolia**

Chris Kaplonski (University of Cambridge, UK)

10.30–11.00 Coffee break

11.00–12.30 **Panel 4b: Memories and Collective Knowledge of the Past**

11.00–11.45 **Born for Misery and Woe: Ways of Remembering the 1916 Great Revolt in Kyrgyzstan**

Aminat Chokobaeva (Australian National University, Canberra)

11.45–12.30 **Making Sense of Kyrgyz Oral-Derived Historical Sources**

Dan Prior (Miami University, Oxford OH, USA)

12.30–14.00 Lunch break

14.00–15.30 **Panel 5a: The Interplay of Personal and Collective Memories and Memoirs**

14.00–14.45 **Surnames and Genealogies in Central Yakutia**

Mészáros Csaba (Institute of Ethnology, Budapest, Hungary)

14.45–15.30 **The Past in the Present: Modes of Remembering a History without Prospect**

Ines Stolpe (Humboldt University Berlin, Germany)

15.30–16.00 Coffee break

16.00–17.30 **Panel 5b: The Interplay of Personal and Collective Memories and Memoirs**

16.00–16.45 **Communicative and Collective Memories: Two Examples of Local History Production from Kyrgyzstan**

Roland Hardenberg (University of Tübingen, Germany)

16.45–17.30 **Histories from Below, Above, and Offside: A Literary Genre from Uzbekistan**

Ingeborg Baldauf (Humboldt-Universität, Berlin, Germany)

17.30–18.00 **Final discussion**