

Draft Program as of 5 March, 2014

**“The “Post” and the “Past” in Central Asia’s Future”
Conference**

14-15 March 2014,

**Hosted by Cambridge Central Asia Forum & Centre for Development Studies,
Alison Richardson Building,
7 West Road, Cambridge, CB3 9DT, United Kingdom
University of Cambridge, UK
Program**

Friday, 14 March 2014, Alison Richardson Building, Room SG1

09:00-9:50 Coffee

10:00 – **Opening remarks:** Siddharth Saxena, HE Ambassador of Republic of Kazakhstan and HE Ambassador of the Republic of Uzbekistan

10:30-11:15 **Keynote Address by Sally Cummings, University of St. Andrews, followed by Q&A**

11:15-12:00 **Panel 1**

Andrew KP Leung, “Global Dynamics of the China Dream and Possible Turkish-China Partnership on a New Silk Road to Renaissance by 2023”

Camila Hagelund, Kings College London, “Regional Economic Integration in Central Asia – Impact On Extra-Regional Trade Potential”

12:00-13:00 Lunch

13:00-14:15 **Panel 2, Room SG2**

Mohira Suyarkylova, Mountain Societies Research Institute, University of Central Asia, “Creating Consensus on Water Commodification in Central Asia”

Timur Dadabayev and Sabina Insebayeva, KIMEP, “Transforming Political Culture in Central Asia”

Phillip Lottholz, University of Birmingham, “On the Hybridisation of Historical heritage in the societies and politics of Central Asia”

Weeda Mehran, POLIS, University of Cambridge, “Privatization of state administrations: former warlords, new democratic bureaucrats in Afghanistan?”

13:00-14:15 **Panel 3, Room S2**

Aygul Isayeva, International Black Sea University, Tbilisi and SOCAR, “Comparative Analysis of Economic Factors Affecting Export and Import in the Countries of South Caucasus”

Daniyar Kosnazarov, Eurasian Research Institute, “Geopolitics of Change: Manipulating 'New Great Game' and the Politics of Invisibility”

Marzhan Thomas, Birkbeck College, University of London, “Analysis of Representative Social, Environmental and Economic Sustainability Indicators for Kazakhstan”

Eleanor Harrowell, University of Birmingham, “Standing for a Modern City” – visions of modernity in Osh, Kyrgyzstan”

15:30-15:45 Tea

15:45-17:00 Panel 4 Development in Central Eurasia

Nike Wentholt, University of Oxford, “Shaping Nationalities in South Ossetia: EU’s and OSCE’s Intervention in South Ossetia during the years 1992-2004”

Valeria Melnichuk, University of Cambridge, “Persistence of Informal Networks in Negotiating Access”

Fiona Natusch, University of Cambridge, “The Evolution of Social Entrepreneurship in the Kyrgyz Republic: A Case Study on the Central Asian Craft Support Association (CASCA)”

Dinara Tokbayeva, Westminster University, “Media Entrepreneurship in Transition Economies”

Saturday, 15 March 2014, Alison Richardson Building, Room SG1

09:00-9:30 Coffee

09:30-10:15 **Adeeb Khalid Keynote Address followed by Q&A**

10:15-11:30 Panel 5 History

Zhanar Zhampeissova, Gumilyov Eurasian National University, University of Manchester, “F. Sherbina’s Statistical Expedition in the Steppe Region (1896 – 1903): From the Investigation of Kazakh Land Tenure Boundaries to Their Creation”

Mattias Battis, University of Oxford, “Emancipatory Orientalism in Soviet Central Asia”

Artemy M. Kalinovsky, University of Amsterdam, “Soviet Central Asia as Vision of the Third World’s Future”

11:30-12:00 Coffee

12:00-13:15 Panel 6 Culture and Identity

Lucille Lisack, Ecole des hautes études en sciences sociales, Centre Georg Simmel (Paris), Humboldt-Universität (Berlin), “Soviet Frames of Thought in the Post-Soviet Music of Tashkent”

Birgit Beumers, Aberystwyth University, “Forward Projection: Visual Experiments with National Traditions in Recent Films from Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan”

Galina Wood, FF UK UBVA Prague/AUL Baku, “From the Fortress of Lahij to the Melting Pot of Baku”

EunJoo Koo, University of Cambridge, “Language, Labour and Urban Modernity in Kazakh Society: Symbolic Value Economic Value?”

13:15-14:15 **Panel 7 Common Heritage of Eurasia** (Lunch will be served)

14:15-15:30 Panel 8 Energy, Coal: Cooperation and Contradictions

Tina Xu and Nikolay Kolev, University of Hull, “Emerging Markets Outward. A Comparative Study of Chinese and Russian Oil Companies in Kazakhstan”

Serik Orazgaliev, University of Cambridge, “Petroleum Resource Management in Kazakhstan: Co-Evolution of Governance, Institutions and Partnership”

Cauvery Ganapathy, Global India Foundation “Energy in Eurasia: An Indian Perspective”

15:30-15:45 Coffee

15:45-17:00 **Panel 9 State and Society**

Maurizio Giuseppe Totaro, SOAS, University of London, “The Neutralisation and 'Ethnicisation' of Islam in Soviet and Post-Soviet Azerbaijan”

Mumtoz Kamolzoda, Durham University, “State-building and National Identity in Post-Soviet Central Asia”

Matluba Anvar, University of Sussex, “The Transformation of Consumption Practices Associated with Weddings, Funeral and Other Life Cycle Ritual Practices in Uzbekistan”

Diana Ibanez-Tiraldo, University of Sussex, “Before” and “Today” as Categories of Time Among Kulobi Women in Southern Tajikistan”

17:30 Conclusion