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Studies on Mazar Cultures of Silk Road (Mazar 2008)

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Academic Exchange Center (Honghu Hotel), Xinjiang University

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PROGRAMME

First Day (August 26)
Registration: Lobby, Honghu Hotel (19:00-20:00)
Reception: 2nd Floor Reception Room, Honghu Hotel (20:00-22:00)

Second Day (August 27)
At Conference Room, 5th floor, Honghu Hotel

OPENING CEREMONY
11:00-12:00 (Beijing Time)

Welcome address:
President of Xinjiang University
Arslan Abdulla (Organizer, Director of The School of Huimanity Studies, Xinjiang University)

Keynote:
SUGAWARA Jun (Organizer, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, Japan)

SESSION 1 THE VOICE OF TAZKIRAS
12:00-14:30 (Beijing Time)

SAWADA Minoru (University of Toyama, Japan)
"Genealogy of Makhdūm-i A'zam and Cultural Tradition of Mazārs"

SUGAHARA Mutsumi (Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, Japan)
"Tazkira-yi Awliya in the Uyghur script"
SESSION 2 MAZARS IN PRESENT DAY CENTRAL EURASIA

16:00-20:30 (Beijing Time)

Hakan GÜNES (Istanbul University, Turkey)
"Central Asian Islam versus Radical Islam: Role of Ziyara and Mazar Rituals in rebuilding the Local Islamic Identities in Post-Soviet Central Asia"

Aitzhan Sh.NURMANOVA (Institute of Oriental Studies, Kazakhstan)
"Ziyarah to the holy places (mazars) in present day Kazakhstan: Revival and innovation processes"

Patrick HÄLLZON (Stockholm University, Sweden)
"Shrine Pilgrimage in the Footsteps of Swedish Explorers"

SESSION 3 MAZAR DOCUMENTS STUDIES

10:00-12:30 (Beijing Time)

Zhang Shicai (Xinjiang University, China)
"Mazar Economy and Uyghur Society in Qing Dynasty" (in Chinese)

Nodirjon U. ABDULAHATOV (Fargona viloyat madaniy meros boshqarmasi, Uzbekistan)
"Fargona vodiysi mozorlari hujjatlari organinilishi" (in Uzbek)

Alisher Q. TOSHQULOV (Farg'ona viloyat «Ma'naviyat» gazetasi, Uzbekistan)
"Hakim Termiziy avlodlari mozori hujjatlari" (in Uzbek)

SUGAWARA Jun (Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, JAPAN)
"Opal, a Sacred Site on Karakolam Highway - A Historical Approach by the Description of Mazar Documents-"

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Third Day (August 28)

Lunch Break 14:30-16:00 (Beijing Time)

Tea Break (20 min.)
SPECIAL SESSION  

12:50–13:30 (Beijing Time)

Invited Lecture by Mr. MA Pinyan (Xinjiang Academy of Social Sciences)

on his reminiscences of mazar studies in Xinjiang  (in Chinese, with English handout)

Lunch Break 13:30–15:00 (Beijing Time)

SESSION 4  MAZARS IN HISTORY  

15:00–17:30 (Beijing Time)

Devin A. DEWEESE (Indiana University, USA)
“The Tale of Jānbāz Khwāja: Pilgrimage and Holy War in a 19th-Century Tazkira from Xinjiang”

Alexandre PAPAS (CNRS, France)
“A Sufi Travelogue as a Source for the History of Mazars in the Tarim Basin”

SHINMEN Yasushi (Chuo University, Japan)
“Mazars in Xinjiang from Strangers’ View”

Ashirbek K. MUMINOV (Institute of Oriental studies, Kazakhstan)
“Significance of Holy Place and Holy Family in the History of the Khoqand Khanate in the XIX Century”

Uktambek A. SULTANOV (Institute of Oriental Studies, Uzbekistan)
“19-asr Tashkent ziyaratgakhlar tarihiga dair mukhim manba.” (in Uzbek)

=====Discussion=====

===== Tea Break (20 min.)======

SESSION 5  FUNCTIONS AND ELEMENTS OF MAZAR CULTURES  

17:30–20:00 (Beijing Time)

Rahile DAWUT (Xinjiang University, China)
“Artistic Expression of Muslim Devotional life of Uyghurs—Case study on Mazars in Xinjiang”

Gulbahar GHOJESH (Beijing Normal University, China)
“A Research on Kyrgyz Bakhshi and Mazar” (in Chinese)

ZHOU Xijuan (Willamette University, USA)
“Transition and Transformation: Healing rituals and Mazar worship”

Terrance Anthony HAYES (Griffith University, Australia)
“Tugh and Tulum: a preliminary ethnohistory of Uyghur Muslim ex-votos”

=====Discussion=====

CLOSING CEREMONY  

20:00–20:30 (Beijing Time)

Closing address  Rahile DAWUT (Organizer)

Fourth Day (August 29)

One Day Excursion to Toyoq Khojam Mazar in Pichan County, Turpan District