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Panels

1. Spaces in History

Chair: Professor Madhavan K. Palat

Discussant:

Sergei Lyubichankovsky: *Experience of creation of regions' images in the Russian Empire military science*

Dmitry Vasiliev: *Russians Myths about Turkestan: Dynamics of Images and Practices*

S.I. Kovalskaya- *Kazakh steppes of 19th– early 20th century: the northernmost end of the Muslim world or the south of the Eurasian space?*

Iqboljon Qoraboyev-*Escaping 'Central Asia': How the region's image influencing normative search for regional identity in post-Soviet space*

Yoko Tateishi: *Rewriting "the history of the USSR" during the Khrushchev period*

Arup Banerji- *Perceptions of Central Asia in Mohanlal's travels*

2. Post-Soviet as Post-Colonial: Shared or Non-Shared History of Soviet Past in Eurasia

Chair: Prof. Zifa Auezova

Discussant: Dr. Munira Shahidi

Diana Kudaibergenova: *Imagining Post-colonial Geography in Post-Soviet Central Asia*

Boram Shin: *The Construction of the Red Colony in Uzbekistan between the 1920s-1930s*

Nikolai Murashkin: *Russian Foreign Policy Beyond Central Asia: Construction of post-Soviet Eurasia*

3. Regional conflicts in Eurasia: Political Violence as a Factor of Domestic Politics: Dagestan, South Ossetia, and Transnistria

Chair: Professor Purabi Roy

Discussant: Prof. Gautam Basu

Magomed-Rasul Ibragimov: *Politics around the so-called Struggle against Wahhabism in Dagestan (in Russian)*

Kimitaka Matsuzato: *Domestic Politics of South Ossetia in the Environment of Conflict Regulation: 1990-2012*

Keiji Sato: Europeanizing Moldova at the 'Grassroot' level: How to Deal with the Transnistrian Conflict Effectively?

Debidutta Aurobinda Mohapatra: Mapping Ethnic Conflicts in the Caucasus

4. Policies and Structures

Chair: Professor Ajay Patnaik

Discussant: Bijoy Kumar Das

Wang Ning-Analysis of Russian foreign policy strategy after Vladimir Putin's comeback as President

Abdurahim Juraev-Prospects of studying of the Central Asia in a new research field "Regional Studies" in framework of University of SCO (The Shanghai Cooperation Organisation)

Akbota Zholdasbekova-The foreign policy of the Republic of Kazakhstan as a factor in creating a positive image of the state

Rupakjyoti Borah- The energy factor in India's foreign policy towards Russia and Central Asia

Lopamudra Bandyopadhyay- Nation-building in Turkmenistan: A comparison of the Evolution of Nations within the Central Asian Sphere

The image of Central Asian borderlands

Chair:

Discussant:

Feng Shaolei. Historical Inheritance and Evolution of Northeast Asian Regional Image

Hyun G. Park- 'Comparing image of neighbour in China-Russia borderland of Northeast Asia'.

Sharad Soni: Debates on the nomadic space of Mongolia and Kazakhstan

Arai Yukiyasu-The Language Policy of Kalmykia in 1990s-search for new identity after collapse of Soviet Union

5. Images of transition and integration (Session I)

Chair: Prof. Mahavir Singh

Discussant:

Haiyan Wang- Comparative study of economic structural reform about medium and small countries in transition-based on the basis of analysis of the five Central Asian countries

Yang Cheng-: Chinese Acts Shape the Behaviour of Central Asian Countries in Post-Soviet Period: Research on Contemporary Political Developments from the Perspective of Regime Security

Sreemati Ganguli:- Silk Road as an integrative Concept: the 21st Century Scenario

Meena Singh Roy- Iran's engagement with Central Asia: trends and analysis

6. Images of transition and integration (Session II)

Chair:

Discussant:

Paul Richardson- Reordering and reimagining post-Soviet space: The Eurasian Union
Zamirbek Manasov- Evaluation of New Custom Union within the dimensions of Central Asian Economic integration: New dimension, new hope
R.G. Gidadhubli- Eurasian Economic Union: Opportunities and challenges

7. Image of the region in the Archives

Chair:

Discussant:

H.S. Vasudevan-

Purabi Roy-

Sobhanlal Duttagupta-

8. The Indo-Persian ecumene

Chair: Professor Mushtaq Kaw

Discussant: Dilorom Karomat

Umedjon Majidi- Tajik-Indian Relations in XX-XXI centuries - Cultural aspects

Nandini Bhattacharya- Reinventing Culture: The Tajik experience of Post-Soviet Years

Rajarshi Ghose- Comparative Paradigms of Islamization: Inner Asia and India

Anwasha Ghosh- The Central Asia factor in India-Afghanistan Relations

9. Central Europe as a region in Slavic Eurasian studies

Chair: Purushottam Bhattacharya

Discussant:

Hiroshi Fukuda- Milan Hodza's Idea of Central Europe: Agrarian Democracy between Germany and Soviet-Russia

Dmitry Selster- Comparing Postcommunism «Big» and Postcommunism «Small»: The Constitutional Elections in Russia (1991) and Macedonia (1990).

Minori Takahashi- The EU 'Regulatory Empire' and Whale Protection Regulation

10. Culture and the region (Session I)

Chair: Dr. Ranjana Saxena

Discussant:

Gafur Juraev-Image of Central Asia in fine arts: pre-Soviet, Soviet and post-Soviet periods

Tassiya Marmontova-Culture of post-Soviet Kazakhstan: between traditionalism and globalization

Takahashi Sanami: Everyday life and the Soviet rituals under Khrushchev and Brezhnev

Baktygul Ismailova- Education and Nation Building in post-Soviet Central Asia

11. *Culture and the region (Session II)*

Chair: Prof. Anuradha Chanda

Discussant- Goutam Ghosh

Akiko Honda- The "Ensemble" of People's Bodies and Socialist Realist Architecture: The All-Union Agricultural Exhibition (VSKhV) in Soviet Movies

Rashmi Doraiswamy- Presentation and representation: Subjectivity through history in Kazakh cinema

Reyaz Mohammad- Post-Soviet Media in Central Asia: With Special Focus on Coverage of Presidential elections of Kyrgyzstan

12. *Some aspects of Soviet Literature and Society*

Chair: Prof. Rashmi Doraiswamy

Discussant:

Mike Nicholson- Patterns of Contemplation and Resistance in early writings of Solzhenitsyn

Isabelle Faure Jaitley- The Eurasian philosophical movement and Solzhenitsyn's vision of Russia

Junna Norimatsu- Questions of Property and Desire in Early Soviet Literature

Maeda Shiho- Gender Hierarchy in Representation of War in Soviet Culture and Literature in the Second Half of the 20th Century

Ranjana Saxena- Representing the Region: Creative writings 'then' and 'now'