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The time of each session is set according to the Rome time zone (GMT+1)



Thursday, 3 December 2020

Introductory Session - Opening greetings - 9:15 to 9:45

Aldo Ferrari , Ca' Foscari University of Venice, President of ASIAC

Antonello Biagini, Rettor UNITELMA Sapienza e Presidente della Fondazione Roma Sapienza

Session 1 - Central Asia and Caucasus Art - 9:45 to 11:00

Chair: **Paolo Sorbello**, Ca' Foscari University of Venice

Karolina Kluczevska, University of Giessen, *Creating at the periphery: Artists' subjectivities and perceptions of freedom in Soviet and post-Soviet Tajikistan*

Giovanni De Zorzi, Ca' Foscari University of Venice, *Notes on the Birth of Art Music (On Ikki Muqam) among Uyghurs*

Break – 11:00 to 11:15

Session 2 - Identity, Access, and Labour in Kazakhstan's Oil Sector - 11:15 to 13:00

Chair: **Tommaso Trevisani**, Università degli Studi di Napoli "L'Orientale"

Maurizio Totaro, Ghent University, *Governing Extraction and Making Neoliberal Subjects in Kazakhstan's "Troublesome" Oil Region*

Paolo Sorbello, Ca' Foscari University of Venice, *Transmission belts of hegemony: Trade Unions in Kazakhstan's Oil Sector*

Aydyin Lukpanov, Al-Farabi Kazakh National University, *Professional and Labor Identity of Oil and Gas Industry Employees in the Atyrau Region: Methodology of Sociological Research*

Break – 13:00 to 14:30

Session 3 - Regime legitimation and social change in contemporary Azerbaijan - 14:30 to 16:00

Chair: **Carlo Frappi**, Ca' Foscari University of Venice

Cristina Boboc, Ghent University, *Modernization in steel and glass. The politics of social change in the capital city of post-Soviet Azerbaijan*

Eske van Gils, Leiden University, *Azerbaijan as a transport hub and implications for authoritarian regime legitimacy*

Laura Luciani, Ghent University, *Practices of (in)visibility in the authoritarian state: human rights activists and the EU in Azerbaijan*

Break – 16:00 to 16:15

Session 4 – Change and Continuity in Central Asia – 16:15 to 17:30

Chair: **Fabio Indeo**, OACC

Guido Orange, Independent researcher, *The intricate cultural policy of Central Asia: A reflection on the Turkmen case*

Alberto Turkstra, European Institute for Asian Studies, *Uzbekistan – a two-speed reform process*

ASIAC Assembly – 17:45 to 18.45 (In Italian)

Friday, 4 December 2020

Session 5 – Ossetian Studies – 1 – 9:30 to 11:00

Chair: **Vittorio Springfield Tomelleri**, University of Macerata

Diana Sokaeva, SOIGSI of V.I. Abaev, *Sacral characters of Ossetian folklore and mythological and religious belief systems: their connection with Scythian, Sarmatian and Alanian mythology*

Madina Tezieva, Journalist Union of the Russian Federation", *The epos David Sasunsky and Shah-name in the light of the markers of the patrimonial history of the ancient Ossetian clan Tsargasat*

Elmira Gutieva, SOIGSI of V.I. Abaev, *Longevity of Historical Heroes in Epics*

M.A. Tsalikova, North Ossetian State University, *Reflection of gender stratification in North Ossetian society in the media*

Break – 11:00 to 11:15

Session 6 – Ossetian Studies – 2 – 11:15 to 13:00

Chair: **TBD**

Izeta Mamieva, SOIGSI of V.I. Abaev, *Syrdon's Priestly Essence in the Ossetian Narts Epic and its Refraction in Fiction*

Elizaveta Dzaparova, SOIGSI of V.I. Abaev, *The contribution of Russian poets translators to the Ossetian literary process*

Indira Cherdzhieva, Union of Cinematographers of the Russian Federation, *Cinema of North Ossetia. Origin and developmental features*

Break – 13:00 to 14:30

Session 7 – Echoes of Tragedies between Caucasus and Black Sea: Events, Documents, Heritage – 14:30 to 16:00

Chair: **Andrea Carteny**, Sapienza University – Rome

Fabio L. Grassi, Sapienza University – Rome, *A Survey on the Oral History of the Circassians of Turkey*

Valentina Sommella, Università degli Studi di Perugia, *Pan-Turanism in Turkey and in the Caucasus in the eyes of Italian diplomats (1919-1922)*

Giuseppe Motta, Sapienza University – Rome, *The Trial of Soghomon Tehlirian and its impact for the New Perspective of International Law*

Alessandro Vagnini, Sapienza University – Rome, *Civil War, Refugees and the Great Powers: the Italian Navy in the Black Sea (1919-1922)*

Break – 13:00 to 14:30

Session 8 – Literature and Tradition – 16:15 to 17:30

Chair: **Daniel Pommier**, Sapienza University of Rome Rome

Andriy Danylenko, Pace University, *Bridging al-Qabq (Caucasus) with Aldeigjuborg (Old Ladoga): Ibn al-Nadīm on Rus' Writing*

Elisabetta Ragagnin, University of Ca' Foscari, Venice, *Gastronomica in Bābur-nāma*

Alessio Giordano and **Vittorio Sprengfield Tomelleri**, IUSS Pavia and University of Macerata, *Khetagurov's Dodoj. Between written and oral tradition*

Break – 16:00 to 16:15

Saturday, 5 December 2020

Session 9 – Caucasus History and Records – 9:30 to 11:00

Chair: **Aldo Ferrari**, University of Ca' Foscari, Venice

Manuel Castelluccia, Università degli Studi di Napoli "L'Orientale", *From Chiefdoms to Kingdom: Military Elites in the Caucasus in the First Millennium BC*

Irakli Tskhvediani, Akaki Tsereteli State University, *"Across the Main Caucasus Ridge": The Caucasus Writings of George Kennan*

Ana Cheishvili, École des hautes études en sciences sociales, *Importance of Correspondence in Studying the Activities of 19th Century Researchers: Expedition of Stephen Sommier and Emile Levier to the Caucasus*

Break – 11:00 to 11:15

Session 10 – Eurasia between the EU and the BRI – 11:15 to 13:00

Chair: **Fabio Indeo**, OACC

Rustami Suhrob, Ural Federal University, Yekaterinburg, *The new European Union strategy for Central Asia*

Paolo Sorbello and **Gian Marco Moisé**, University of Ca' Foscari, Venice and DCU, *Reframing Geopolitics in the Energy Sector of Central Asia*

Giulia Sciorati, University of Trento, *Looking East? An Analysis of Kazakhstan's Geopolitical Code after the Launch of the Belt and Road Initiative*

Break – 13:00 to 14:30

Session 11 – Contemporary Caucasus Language and Literature – 14:30 to 16:00

Chair: **Daniele Artoni**, University of Verona

Ketevan Gadiliya, Russian State University for Humanities, *The early stage of Georgian-Russian language contacts*

Elena Simonato, University of Lausanne, *Swiss communities in the Caucasus, 19-20th centuries*

Tamari Lomtadze, Akaki Tsereteli State University, *Georgian Language in the Educational System*

Valentina Marcati, Università degli Studi di Milano, *Identity construction and fragmentation in contemporary Russophone literature by North Caucasian writers: the case of German Sadulaev*

Break – 16:00 to 16:15

Session 12 – Gender and Political Discourse – 16:15 to 17:30

Chair: **Giorgio Comai**, OBCT/CCI

Claudia Ditel, University of Bologna, *Challenges and Opportunities of Women's Transformative Power in the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict*

Flavia Lucenti, Roma Tre University, *Discussing Russia's Growing Dissatisfaction: a Political Discourse Analysis*

17:30 End of conference