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CSACTI Summer School 2024

POWER, ECONOMY, AND SOCIETY IN CENTRAL ASIA: PAST AND PRESENT

1st-4th July
(+PRIN Workshop 5th July)

Palazzo Corigliano
Piazza S. Domenico Maggiore 12

July 1st, Monday (15:30-19:00)

Summer School Opening session

Venue: Sala Conferenze, 2nd Floor, Palazzo Corigliano

15:30-16:00

Institutional Greetings and Welcome

Prof. **Augusto Guarino**, ProRettore Vicario con delega
all'Internazionalizzazione

Prof.ssa **Roberta Giunta**, Direttrice Dipartimento Asia,
Africa e Mediterraneo

Prof. **Michele Bernardini**, Direttore Dottorato Asia,
Africa e Mediterraneo

Prof. **Tommaso Trevisani**, Coordinatore Centro Studi Dip.
Eccellenza sull'Asia Centrale, Caucaso, Turchia, Tibet,
Iran (CSACTI)

16:00-17:00

Keynote lecture

Jeffrey Lerner, Wake Forest University, USA

At the Foot of God: A Cult Statue from Hellenistic Ai Khanoum (Afghanistan)

The conquests of Alexander the Great ushered into the former Achaemenid realm an unprecedented Greek diaspora that resulted in multifaceted settlements throughout Asia. One such site was the city of Ai Khanoum in Hellenistic Bactria (ancient Afghanistan). Its historical significance is rooted in its status as a rare Hellenistic city in the heart of Central Asia. The discovery of this site in 1964 stands as a testament to the rich tapestry of Hellenism at the crossroads of civilizations that once converged in this region. Although excavations conducted between 1965 and 1978 by the French Archaeological Delegation were never completed, enough material was recovered to allow us to form a general picture of the city's history. In the mid-3rd century BCE, a self-proclaimed king named Diodotos I declared the country of Bactria independent. He was faced with the problem of asserting his legitimacy as a viable authority. One method that he used

to establish his sovereignty was by maintaining Greek cult sanctuaries established by his predecessors. Such was the case with the remains of the so-called *Temple with Indented Niches* at Ai Khanoum. Among the sculptural fragments found in this Hellenistic temple were portions of a statue. These constitute the last vestiges of a living religion that once thrived in the heart of the city. Ever since the temple was excavated in 1969, this cult statue has been recognized as Zeus. With the aid of art, coins and historical texts, this talk will propose that the sculptural remains form a narrative, revealing a different identification of this deity. The result is a number of implications regarding the kind of cult that was worshipped and our understanding of the nature of Hellenism in this Greek city in Central Asia.

17:00-18:00

Welcome Drink

19:00

Dinner

(booking only via CSACTI Summer School team)

La Taverna di Santa Chiara

Address: Via Santa Chiara, 6, 80134 Napoli



July 2nd, Tuesday (9am-6pm)

Material Culture, Archaeology and Ancient History

Morning session (9:00-13:00)

*Venue: Aula Mura Greche, Palazzo Corigliano,
Piazza S. Domenico Maggiore 12*

9:00-9.45

Manuel Castelluccia, Università di Napoli L'Orientale

From Siberia to the Danube: The Nomads and the Eurasian Steppes

9.45-10:30

Michele Minardi, Università di Napoli L'Orientale

The Achaemenids in Central Asia: written sources and archaeology

10:30-11:00

Coffee break

11:00-11:45

Anna Filigenzi, Università di Napoli L'Orientale

*The cultural impact of the Kushan Empire: traditions, innovations
and legacies*

11:45-12.30

Simone Mantellini, University of Bologna

*Archaeology of a territory through a diachronic landscape
approach: Samarkand oasis and the Middle Zeravshan Valley*

13:00-14:00

Lunch break

Afternoon Session (15:00-18:00)

Venue: Aula Mura Greche, Palazzo Corigliano

Chair: **Gian Pietro Basello**, Università di Napoli L'Orientale

15:00-15:45

Session 1 – hybrid session*

Aman Begjanov, Independent Scholar, Turkmenistan

Migration of Turkmen Tribes to Khorasm Oasis in the XIX Century

Axamal Issaliev, Maqsut Narikbayev University Kazakhstan

Kazakh-GCC Relations: Static or Dynamic?

15:45-17:45

Session 2

Almash Sedikenova, Kazakh National University Al Farabi

Gastrodiplomacy with a focus on Central Asia and Europe's cultural variety

Kristina Bekenova, Istituto Alti Studi Lucca, Italy

From the steppe/nomad to the Soviet nation: the role of the museum in representing 'new' Kazakhstan (second half of the 19th – first half of the 20th cc.)

Marina Fedorovsky, University of Geneva

Development and Fate of Soviet Mass Housing in Bishkek

* presentations in this panel will be held remotely (via zoom), presentations will be streamed and discussed in presence in Aula Mura Greche

July 3rd, Wednesday (9am-6pm)
**History of Islamic, Medieval and Early
Modern Central Asia**

Morning session (9:00-13:00)

Venue: Aula Mura Greche, Palazzo Corigliano

9:00-10:00

Michele Bernardini, Università di Napoli l'Orientale

Introduction to Medieval and Early Modern Central Asia

10:00-10:30

Francisco Apellaniz, Università di Napoli l'Orientale

*"In secret they worship idols": The Limits of Islamic Empire in
Medieval Central Asia*

10:30-11:00

Discussion, Q/A

11:00-11:30

Coffee break

11:30-12:00

Isabella Gagliardi, Università di Firenze

Religious and cultural Landscape of Early Modern Central Asia

12:00-13:00

Lorenzo Pubblici, Università di Napoli l'Orientale

Politics, Trade and Commerce in Early Modern Central Asia

13:00-14:00

Lunch break

Afternoon Session (15:00-18:00)

Venue: Aula Mura Greche, Palazzo Corigliano

Chair: **Lorenzo Pubblici**, Università di Napoli L'Orientale

15:00-15:45

Session 1

Ashutosh Kumar, McGill University, Canada

Locating Chinggiz Khan in the early modern Iranian-Central Asian-Indian cosmopolitan world

Emiliano Zanelli, University of Geneva

Armenian Communities in Central Asia

15:45-16:30

Session 2

Achille Rajola Pescarini, University of Naples L'Orientale, DAAM
Doctorate/DREST

The New Face of Central Asian Islam: Contemporary Islamic Spirituality in Kazakhstan between Soviet legacy and Globalization

Antonio Carluccio, DREST Doctorate

Shamil's Imamate and Muridism in Russian Sources

16:30-18:00

Session 3 – Roundtable: Higher Education and the Humanities in Kazakhstan: International Cooperation, Perspectives and Challenges

Anara Makatova, Buketov State University Karaganda

Tatyana Serozhkina, Kazakh Ablai Khan University of International Relations and World Languages

Almash Sedikenova, Kazakh National University Al Farabi

Tommaso Trevisani, University of Naples, L'Orientale

July 4th, Thursday (9am-6pm)

Colonial, Soviet and Post-Soviet Central Asia

Morning session (9:00-13:00)

Venue: Aula Mura Greche, Palazzo Corigliano

9:00-9:45

Andrea Zinzani, Università di Bologna

Geographies of the Environment and Resources in Central Asia

9:45-10:30

Jeroen van den Bosch, University of Poznań

Political Regimes in Central Asia: Navigating frames, theories and disciplines

10:30-11:00

Coffee break

11:00-11.45

Riccardo Cucciolla, Università di Napoli l'Orientale

The International Encounters of Soviet Central Asia

11:45-12:30

Niccolò Pianciola, Università di Padova

Mobility Histories in Central Asia: Research Paths, Open Questions

12:30-13:00

Discussion, Q/A

13:00-14:00

Lunch break



Afternoon Session (15:00-18:00)

Venue: Aula Mura Greche, Palazzo Corigliano

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

15:00-15:45

Session 1

Anastasiia Serikova, University of Bielefeld

*The Kazakh Famine (1930-1933) Heritage
in Museums of Contemporary Kazakhstan*

Muhayyoi Rahimzoda, Corvinus University Budapest

Varieties of Capitalism in Central Asia: A systematic literature review

15:45-16:30

Session 2

Anara Makatova, Buketov State University Karaganda

*Corporate social responsibility of the extractive
sector in Kazakhstan and in Mongolia*

Tatyana Serozhkina, Kazakh Ablaihan University
of International Relations and World Languages

*Kazakhstan's "snow leopard" between
the Russian "bear" and the Chinese "dragon"*

16:30-17:45

Session 2

Virginia Mancarella, University of Naples L'Orientale

*Karaganda: a city in transition? Urban and
social perceptions through mental maps*

Flora J. Roberts, Utrecht University

*Too much of a good thing? Selitra, salts
& superbugs in Central Asian Soviet satire*

Soil degradation and shifting agrarian orders in Central Asia

Workshop Program

Workshop of the 2022 PRIN “Water management and environmental change in Central Asia: politics, society, and transnational connections (1948-2020s)” at the University of Naples L'Orientale.

July 5th 2024, Naples, Italy

Venue/Directions:

Palazzo Du Mesnil – Sala Conferenze /Sala Bianca

<https://www.unior.it/en/node/366>

Palazzo Du Mesnil, Via Partenope 10/A - 80121, Napoli

Schedule

Morning session 9.00-13.00

Chair: **Andrea Zinzani**

9.00-9.15

Greetings/Opening remarks

Niccolò Pianciola/Riccardo Cucciolla/Tommaso Trevisani

The PRIN 2022 Project “Water management and environmental change in Central Asia: politics, society and transnational connections (1948-2020s)”

9.15-9.45

Tommaso Trevisani

Introduction: Soil degradation and shifting agrarian orders in Central Asia

9.45-10.15

Askar Djumashev, Karakalpak Institute of Humanities, Academy of Sciences of Uzbekistan
Agriculture of Karakalpakstan (1960-1980): Problems and Consequences

10.15-11.00

Xeniya Prilutskaya, University of Naples L'Orientale
Soil scientists and practitioners and the problem of secondary soil salinization in Soviet Kazakhstan in the 1940s -1980s

11.00-11.30

Coffee break

11.30-12.15

Nozilakhon Mukhamedova, Justus-Liebig-Universität Gießen, Institut für Agrarpolitik und Marktforschung Gießen / "Tashkent Institute of Irrigation and Agricultural Mechanization Engineers" National Research University

Martin Petrick, Justus-Liebig-Universität Gießen, Institut für Agrarpolitik und Marktforschung, Gießen

Coping with Constraints: Crop Diversification and Soil Salinization in two Central Asian Cotton Regions

12.15-13.00

Irna Hofman, University of Oxford
Slow violence and silent dissent after state withdrawal and war: Soil salinisation and the agrarian order in southwest Tajikistan

13.00-14.00

Lunch break

Afternoon session: 14.00-18.15

Chair: **Flora J. Roberts**

14.00-14.45

Serghei Golunov, SDU University Kaskelen, Kazakhstan
Soil degradation: a security issue for the post-Soviet Central Asia?



14.45-15.30

Robert Willard, IHE Delft Institute for Water Education

Muzaffar Ismailov, Webster University in Tashkent

Janez Susnik, Land and Water Management Department,
IHE Delft Institute for Water Education, The Netherlands

*Group Model Building with Rural Youth for a Social Ecological
Model on Environmental Degradation in Karakalpakstan*

15.30-16.00

Coffee break

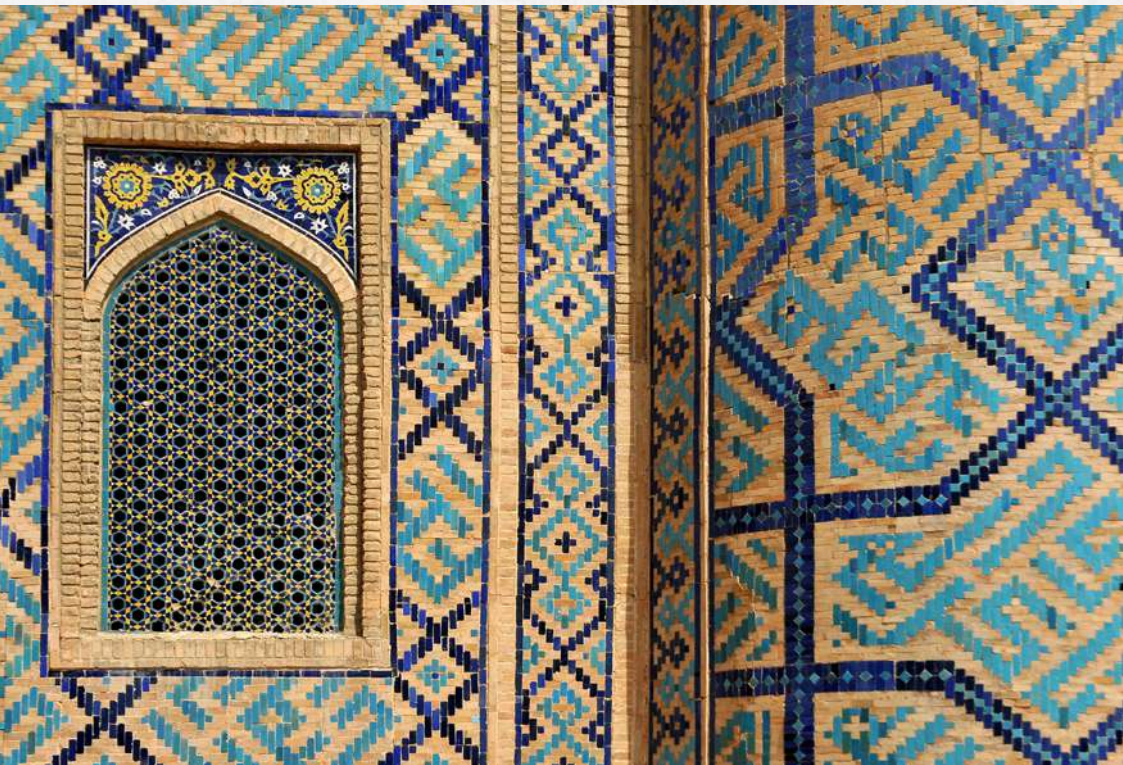
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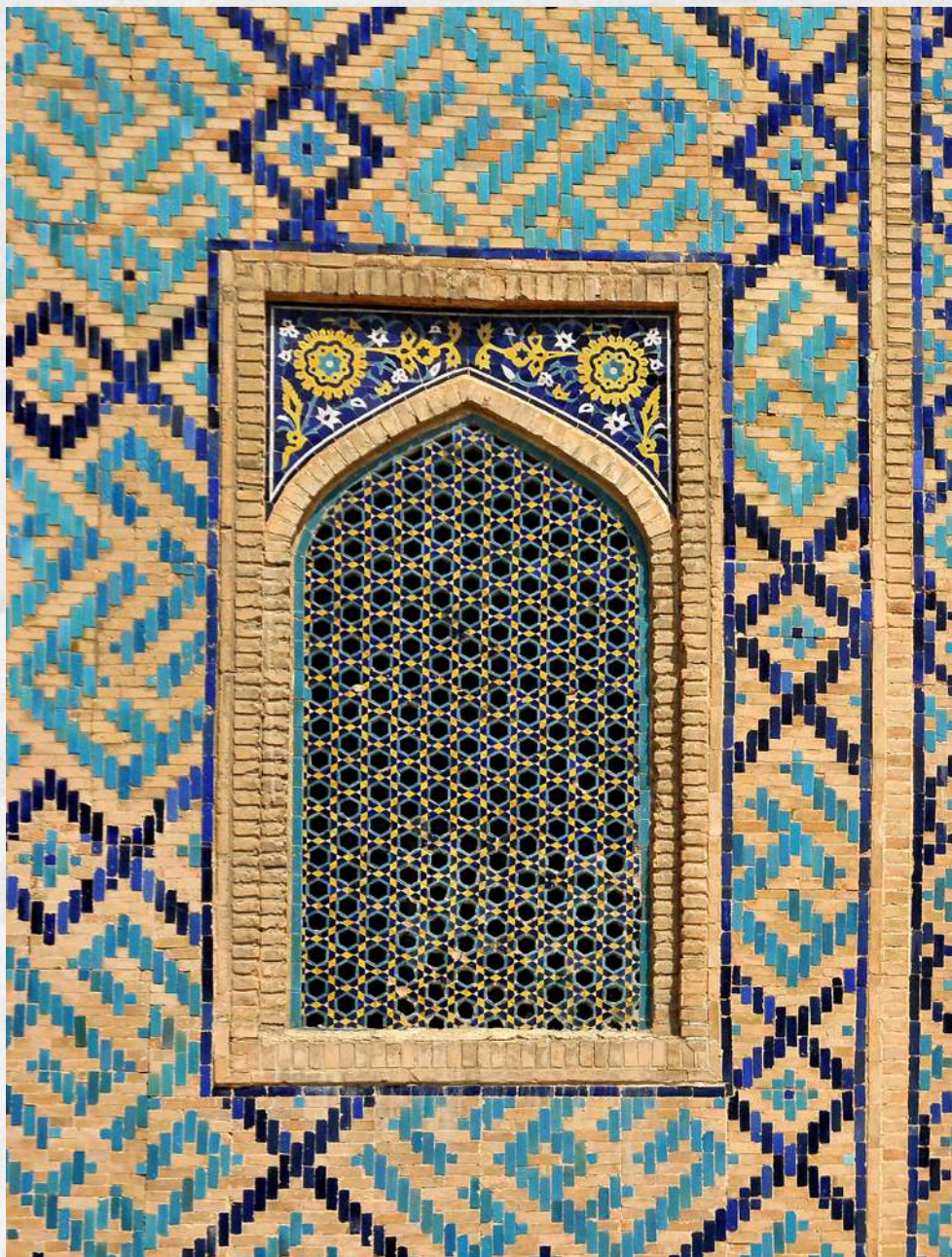
Aibek Samakov, Aigine Cultural Research Center

*Coping with soil salinity: local adaptive strategies
in the Syr Darya Delta*

17.30-18.15

General Discussion









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