

Fourth East Asian Conference on Slavic and Eurasian Studies

On

The Image of the Region in Eurasian Studies

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Venue

Azad Bhavan, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies
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Salt Lake City 700106
Kolkata

DAY 1: SEPTEMBER 4, 2012

INAUGURAL 9.30-10 a.m.

Welcome address Dr. Sreeradha Dutta, Director, MAKAIAS, Kolkata

Introductory words Dr. Suchandana Chatterjee, Fellow, MAKAIAS, Kolkata

Opening remarks 'India and its resources on Eurasia' by Professor H.S. Vasudevan, Department of History, University of Calcutta

Overview of East Asian Associations for Slavic and Eurasian Studies by Professor Kimitaka Matsuzato, Slavic Research Center, Hokkaido University

Vote of thanks Dr. Anita Sengupta, Fellow, MAKAIAS, Kolkata

TEA -10-10.30 a.m.

Spaces in History

10.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m.

SEMINAR HALL

Chair: Hari Vasudevan

Discussant:

<i>Sergei Lyubichankovsky</i>	<i>Experience of creation of regions' images in the Russian Empire military science</i>
<i>Dmitry Vasiliev</i>	<i>Russians Myths about Turkestan: Dynamics of Images and Practices</i>
<i>S.I. Kovalskaya</i>	<i>Kazakh steppes of 19th- early 20th century: the northernmost end of the Muslim world or the south of the Eurasian space?</i>

<i>Iqboljon Qoraboyev</i>	<i>Escaping 'Central Asia': How the region's image influencing normative search for regional identity in post-Soviet space</i> <i>Escaping 'Central Asia': How the region's image influencing normative search for regional identity in post-Soviet space</i>
<i>Yoko Tateishi</i>	<i>Rewriting "the history of the USSR" during the Khrushchev period</i>

Post-Soviet as Post-Colonial: Shared or Non-Shared History of Soviet Past in Eurasia
10.30 a.m.-11.30 a.m.
CONFERENCE HALL

Chair: Zifa Auezova
Discussant: Munira Shahidi

<i>Diana Kudaibergenova</i>	<i>Imagining Post-colonial Geography in Post-Soviet Central Asia</i>
<i>Boram Shin</i>	<i>The Construction of the Red Colony in Uzbekistan between the 1920s-1930s</i>
<i>Nikolai Murashkin</i>	<i>Russian Foreign Policy Beyond Central Asia: Construction of post-Soviet Eurasia</i>

Regional conflicts in Eurasia: Political Violence as a Factor of Domestic Politics: Dagestan, South Ossetia, and Transnistria
11.30-1 p.m.
CONFERENCE HALL

Chair: Purabi Roy
Discussant: Gautam Basu

<i>Magomed-Rasul Ibragimov</i>	<i>Politics around the so-called Struggle against Wahhabism in Dagestan (in Russian)</i>
<i>Kimitaka Matsuzato</i>	<i>Domestic Politics of South Ossetia in the Environment of Conflict Regulation: 1990-2012</i>
<i>Keiji Sato</i>	<i>Europeanizing Moldova at the 'Grassroot' level: How to Deal with the Transnistrian Conflict Effectively?</i>

LUNCH 1-2 P.M.

Policies and Structures
2-4.30 p.m.
SEMINAR HALL

Chair: Ajay Patnaik
Discussant: Bijoy Kumar Das

<i>Wang Ning</i>	<i>Analysis of Russian foreign policy strategy after Vladimir Putin's comeback as President</i>
<i>Akbota Zholdasbekova</i>	<i>The foreign policy of the Republic of Kazakhstan as a factor in creating a positive image of the state</i>
<i>Rupakjyoti Borah</i>	<i>The energy factor in India's foreign policy towards Russia and Central Asia</i>
<i>Lopamudra Bandyopadhyay</i>	<i>Nation-building in Turkmenistan: A comparison of the Evolution of Nations within the Central Asian Sphere</i>

The image of Central Asian borderlands
2-4.30 P.M.
CONFERENCE HALL

Chair: R.G. Gidadhubli
Discussant:

<i>Feng Shaolei</i>	<i>Historical Inheritance and Evolution of Northeast Asian Regional Image</i>
<i>Hyun G. Park</i>	<i>'Comparing image of neighbour in China-Russia borderland of Northeast Asia'</i>
<i>Sharad Soni</i>	<i>Debating Nomadism versus Modernism: Some Reflections on Mongolian Identity Issues</i>
<i>Arai Yukiyasu</i>	<i>The Language Policy of Kalmykia in 1990s-search for new identity after collapse of Soviet Union</i>

DAY 2: SEPTEMBER 5, 2012

Images of transition and integration (Session I)
9-11 a.m.
SEMINAR HALL

Chair: Mahavir Singh
Discussant:

<i>Yang Cheng</i>	<i>Chinese Acts Shape the Behaviour of Central Asian Countries in Post-Soviet Period: Research on Contemporary Political Developments from the Perspective of Regime Security</i>
<i>Sreemati Ganguli</i>	<i>Silk Road as an integrative Concept: the 21st Century Scenario</i>
<i>Meena Singh Roy</i>	<i>Iran's engagement with Central Asia</i>

Images of transition and integration (Session II)

9-10.30 A.M.
CONFERENCE HALL

Chair: Gulshan Sachdeva
Discussant:

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

Image of the region in the Archives on bilateral relations-The India case
10.30-12.30 P.M.
CONFERENCE HALL

Chair: Kimitaka Matsuzato

Discussant:

<i>H.S. Vasudevan</i>	
<i>Purabi Roy</i>	
<i>Sobhanlal Duttagupta</i>	

The Indo-Persian ecumene
11a.m. -1 p.m.
SEMINAR HALL

Chair: Mansura Haidar**Discussant:** Dilorom Karomat

<i>Umedjon Majidi</i>	<i>Tajik-Indian Relations in XX-XXI centuries - Cultural aspects</i>
<i>Nandini Bhattacharya</i>	<i>Reinventing Culture: The Tajik experience of Post-Soviet Years</i>
<i>Rajarshi Ghose</i>	<i>Comparative Paradigms of Islamization: Inner Asia and India</i>
<i>Anwesha Ghosh</i>	<i>The Central Asia factor in India-Afghanistan Relations</i>

LUNCH 1-2 P.M.

Northern, Central and Eastern Europe: Macro regional and Comparative Approaches
2-4 P.M.
CONFERENCE HALL

Chair: Purusottam Bhattacharya**Discussant:**

<i>Hiroshi Fukuda</i>	<i>Milan Hodza's Idea of Central Europe: Agrarian Democracy between Germany and Soviet-Russia</i>
<i>Dmitry Seltser</i>	<i>Comparing Postcommunism «Big» and Postcommunism «Small»: The Constitutional Elections in Russia (1991) and</i>

	<i>Macedonia (1990).</i>
<i>Yoshiyuki Morishita</i>	<i>How is the area constructed? From the analysis of Czech-Polish border "Beskidenland"</i>
<i>Minori Takahashi</i>	<i>The EU 'Regulatory Empire' and Whale Protection Regulation</i>

Culture and the region (Session I)
2-4 p.m.
SEMINAR HALL

Chair: Ranjana Saxena

Discussant:

<i>Gafur Juraev</i>	<i>Image of Central Asia in fine arts: pre-Soviet, Soviet and post-Soviet periods</i>
<i>Munira Shahidi</i>	<i>Eurasian culture/arts of Central Asia</i>
<i>Tassiya Marmontova</i>	<i>Culture of post-Soviet Kazakhstan: between traditionalism and globalization</i>
<i>Takahashi Sanami</i>	<i>Everyday life and the Soviet rituals under Khrushchev and Brezhnev</i>
<i>Baktygul Ismailova</i>	<i>Education and Nation Building in post-Soviet Central Asia</i>

Culture and the region (Session II)
4- 6 P.M.
CONFERENCE HALL

Chair: Anuradha Chanda

Discussant- Goutom Ghose

<i>Akiko Honda</i>	<i>The "Ensemble" of People's Bodies and Socialist Realist Architecture: The All-Union Agricultural Exhibition (VSKhV) in Soviet Movies</i>
<i>Rashmi Doraiswamy</i>	<i>Presentation and representation: Subjectivity through history in Kazakh cinema</i>

<i>Mansura Haidar</i>	<i>Perceptions of the Eurasian region in Persian sources</i>
<i>Reyaz Mohammad</i>	<i>Post-Soviet Media in Central Asia: With Special Focus on Coverage of Presidential elections of Kyrgyzstan</i>

Some aspects of Soviet Literature and Society
4-6 p.m.
SEMINAR HALL

Chair: Rashmi Doraiswamy
Discussant

<i>Ranjana Saxena</i>	<i>Representing the Region: Creative writings 'then' and 'now'</i>
<i>Michael Nicholson</i>	<i>Patterns of Contemplation and Resistance in early writings of Solzhenitsyn</i>
<i>Isabelle Faure Jaitley</i>	<i>The Eurasian philosophical movement and Solzhenitsyn's vision of Russia</i>
<i>Junna Hiramatsu</i>	<i>Property and Desire in Early Soviet Literature</i>
<i>Maeda Shiho</i>	<i>Gender Hierarchy in Representation of War in Soviet Culture and Literature in the Second Half of the 20th Century</i>

Closing Session from 6 pm followed by dinner