LUCIS Annual Conference 2016

Memory and commemoration in Islamic Central Asia: past and present perspectives

23, 24 and 25 November 2016
Leiden University

Programme

Wednesday, 23 November

15.00 Registration, coffee and tea

15.15 Welcome by Prof. Dr. Petra Sijpesteijn, LUCIS Director

15.30 – 17.30 Panel Commemorative Dynastic Narratives
Chair: Petra Sijpesteijn, Leiden University

Deborah Tor, University of Notre Dame
*The Commemoration of the Seljuqs in Historical Narratives*

David Durand-Guédy

*Did the Saljuq commemorate their Central Asian origin?*

Dilnoza Duturaeva, University of Bonn/Academy of Sciences of Uzbekistan

*The First Turko-Islamic Dynasties in Chinese Histories and Narratives*

Charles Melville, Cambridge University

*The perceptions of history in Persian chronicles of the 16th-17th centuries from Central Asia*

17.30 Drinks
Thursday, 24 November

8.30 – 9.00 Coffee and tea

9.00 – 10.30 Panel Islamic Shrines as Sites of Memory
Chair: Elena Paskaleva, Leiden University

Bakhtiyar M. Babadjanov, Al-Biruni Institute
Soviet Legitimation of Islamic Architecture in Old Khiva as reflected in the diaries of Abdullah Baltaev

Paolo Sartori, Institute of Iranian Studies Vienna
The Order of Things: On the Religious Episteme in post-WWII Uzbekistan

Vera Exnerova, Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic, Oriental Institute
Representations of Power: Islamic Monuments in the Farghona Valley in the 20th and 21st Centuries

10.30 – 11.00 Coffee break

11.00 – 12.00 Panel Commemorating Turkestan
Chair: Henk Kern, Leiden University

Alexander Morrison, Nazarbayev University
Commemorating the Russian Conquest of Central Asia

Svetlana Gorshenina, University of Lausanne
Inventing ‘cultural heritage’ in 19th century Turkestan: Governor-general Konstantin von Kaufmann at the interface between Imperial Russia and the Persianate World

12.00 – 13.30 Lunch (only for invited speakers and chairs)

13.30 – 15.30 Panel Genealogies, Legacies and Biographical Narratives
Chair: Michael Kemper, University of Amsterdam (tbc)

Babur Aminov, Ministry of Education of Uzbekistan
The genealogy and family ties of Sayyids of Mawerannahr

Florian Schwarz, Institute of Iranian Studies Vienna
Remembering Baha al-Din Naqshband in 16th- and 17th-century Bukhara

Alfrid Bustanov, European University St. Petersburg
Recalling Bukhara-yi Sharif in Soviet Russia
Sophie Roche, Heidelberg University  
**Biographical narratives of Islamic activists**

15.30 – 16.00 Coffee break

16.00 – 17.00 Panel Studying Central Asia  
Chair: Tunç Sen, Leiden University

Evrim Binbaş, University of Bonn  
**Zeki Velidi Togan (1890-1970) and Mythical Sovereignty**

Gabrielle van den Berg, Leiden University  
**Vladimir Ivanow and the oral traditions on Nasir Khusraw in Tajik Badakhshan**

19.00 Conference Dinner (only for invited speakers and chairs)

**Friday, 25 November**

8.30 – 9.00 Coffee and tea

9.00 – 10.30 Panel Literature, History and Memory  
Chair: Gabrielle van den Berg, Leiden University

Jaimee K. Comstock-Skipp  
*Turk amongst Tajiks: the Qipchaq Shahnama Manuscript in Tajikistan’s Institute of Oriental Studies and Written Heritage*

Evelin Grassi, Independent scholar  
*Celebrating the Bukharan revolutionary past: Jalol Ikromi and the genre of the historical novel in Tajikistan in the 1960s and 1970s*

Firuza Abdullaeva, Cambridge University  
*Celebrating the double anniversary of Alisher Navoi (9 February 1441 – 3 January 1501)*

10.30 – 11.00 Coffee break

11.00 – 12.00 Panel Memory and Contemporary Religious Practices  
Chair: Willem Vogelsang, International Institute for Asian Studies IIAS

Thomas Loy, Humboldt University Berlin  
*“The Triangle” – Jewish perspectives on Central Asia*
Annika Schmeding, Boston University

*Editing Sufism – Contemporary Negotiations on Commemoration and Religious Practice in Afghanistan*

**12.00 – 13.00 Lunch (only for invited speakers and chairs)**

**13.00 – 15.00 Panel Architectural Heritage and Memory**
Chair: Bakhtiyar M. Babadjanov, Al-Biruni Institute

Paul Wordsworth, Oxford University
*Mausolea, memory and the transformation of urban space in the Trans-Caspian region (1100-1350)*

Gai Jorayev, University College London
*The memory of the past and the making of the modernity: recent developments in the Central Asian World Heritage Sites*

Céline Ollagnier, Association "Sciences et Patrimoine" PACT
*The Aq Saray palace and mausolea in Shahr-i Sabz*

Elena Paskaleva, Leiden University
*Commemorating the Living King: New forms of ziyarat at Shah-i Zinda in Samarqand*

**15.00 – 15.30 Coffee break**

**15.30 – 17.00 Panel Memory and Identity**
Chair: Mamad Forough, Leiden University

Zifa Auezova, Eurasian Perspective
*A capital defeat: commemorating the Kazakh Khan Kenesary*

Nienke van der Heide, Leiden University
*Commemorating Manas: from nostalgia to imagining the future in spiritual and ethno-nationalist discourses on epic narration*

Simone de Boer, Leiden University
*Dynamics of temporality and timelessness: horse games and the notion of salt in present-day Kyrgyzstan*

**17.00 Final remarks**