

## **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 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup>- and 17<sup>th</sup>-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

Evrin 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*

Firuz 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**