Workshop
Central Asian Studies Inside Out
Challenging Grand Narratives
28 - 29 March 2019 at EHESS, Paris
Salle du conseil, 60 rue Mazarine, 75006 Paris

Day 1: Defining the Role of Grand Narratives in Central Asian Studies

9:00 - 9:30 Registration

9:30 - 10:00 Welcome by Hosts and Organizers
Stéphane Dudoignon (CNRS/ EHESS) and Florian Coppenrath

10:00 - 10:45 Keynote Speech: “On little and grand narratives in Central Asia” by Judith Beyer (University of Konstanz)

10:45 - 11:00 Coffee Break

11:00 - 12:30 Short presentations on the role of grand narratives in our research
Moderation: Dilya Mamadshoeva

12:30 - 13:15 Group discussions
How do we define grand narratives? (4 groups)
Moderation: Anastasia Vishnevskaya

13:15 - 14:30 Lunch Break
14:30 - 16:00  **Group discussions**
What is the role of grand narratives in our disciplines?

*Moderation: Dilya Mamadshoeva (political sciences), Björn Reichhardt (anthropology), Kyara Klausmann (history)*

16:00 - 16:30  **Coffee Break**

16:30 - 17:00  **Presentation of the group work**

*Moderation: Xenia Prilutskaya*

17:00 - 17:30  **Conclusion**

*Moderation: Kyara Klausmann*

18:00  **Cocktail reception**

19:30  **Public Panel Discussion: “Promoting Central Asia”**

Keynote speech: Stéphane Dudoignon (CNRS/ EHESS)

Panelists:
- Emilie Bancel, Claire Gayraud, Cécile Sarabian (documentary film project “Afghan Wakhan: The Land of Hope”)
- Anatole Douaud (co-founder of Novastan.org)
- Guillaume Kasperski (former cultural attaché of the French Embassy in Kazakhstan)

*Moderation: Anastasia Vishnevskaya*
Day 2: How can we disturb grand narratives?

9:30 - 11:00  **Short presentations** on how we challenge grand narratives
*Moderation: Anastasia Vishnevskaya*

11:00 - 11:30  Coffee Break

11:30 - 13:00  **Meeting Practitioners 1**
Guest: Clara Marchaud (Journalist, Novastan.org and member of the collective of journalists “Daleko & Blisko”)
Mariya Petrova interviews Clara Marchaud (15 Min.) + Q&A
Clara Marchaud interviews Saltanat Shoshanova (15 Min.) + Q&A
*Moderation: Xenia Prilutskaya*

13:00 - 14:30  Lunch Break

14:30 - 16:00  **Meeting Practitioners 2**
Guests: Swalie Lefeuvre (MFA)
Aleksandra Boloniana interviews Swalie Lefeuvre (15 Min.) + Q&A
Swalie Lefeuvre interview Florian Coppenrath (15 Min.) + Q&A
*Moderation: Saltanat Shoshanova*

16:00 - 16:30  Coffee Break

16:30 - 17:15  **Group discussions:** Conclusion of day 2
*Moderation: Kyara Klausmann*

17:15 - 18:00  **Conclusion**
*Yana Pak*

18:00  **Goodbye Cocktail**
Participants:

**Aleksandra Bolonina** (PhD student, University of Paris II) - “The (re)definition of Central Asia in the context of regional construction: The case of Russia”

**Florian Coppenrath** (PhD student, ZMO and Humboldt University), “Hip-Hop in Kyrgyzstan’s cities and cultural globalization”

**Kyara Klausmann** (PhD student, ZMO and Humboldt University) – “A Global History of Political Thought at Kabul University, 1964-1992)”

**Kristina Kovalskaya** (PhD student, GRSL-EPHE) – “Soviet and Post-soviet Islam: Narratives of religious and academic experts”

**Elizaveta Kucherova** (MA student, Humboldt University) - “Perestroyka in Tajikistan”

**Anton Ikhsanov** (PhD student, Higher School of Economics, Moscow) – “The private enterprises as an answer to economic fluctuation: the case of Turkmenistan”

**Rabia Latif Khan** (PhD student, SOAS) – “Narrative, memory and belonging: Constructing a ‘Hazara identity’ abroad”

**Léo Maillet** (PhD student, EHESS-CETOBaC) – "Central Asians in China: Migration and Settlement in Chinese Big Cities”

**Dilya Mamadshoeva** (MA student, University of Bielefeld) – “The construction and expression of erotic desires among young women in Dushanbe”

**Yana Pak** (PhD student, EHESS-CETOBaC) – “From academic ‘shamanization’ to political ‘modernization’ of Sufism in Kazakhstan”

**Mariya Petrova** (M.A., TU Darmstadt) – “Housing construction in Central asia under the soviet rule: between modernisation and persistence of local technologies and living forms”

**Xenia Prilutskaya** (PhD student, University of Tübingen) – “Environmental Activism in Kazakhstan”

**Björn Reichhardt** (PhD student, MPI Halle and Humboldt University) - “The material culture of the khashaa in Ulaanbaatar’s districts”

**Florence Shahabi** (PhD student, SOAS) – “Sayyid Bahodine Majrouh: an intellectual biography”

**Saltanat Shoshanova** (MA student, Freie Universität Berlin) - "Queer Identity in Contemporary Art of Kazakhstan"

**Anastasia Vishnevskaya** (PhD student, Free Universität Berlin) – “Transborder Migration between Central Asia and China”

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