Humboldt — University of Berlin Institute of Asian- and African Studies Central Asian Seminar

## Lecture

## Tajik Literature between reforms and revolutions (1870-1954)

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The lecture deals with the early developments of modern Tajik Literature, with particular reference to the Bukharan reformer and free-thinker Ahmad Donish (1827-1897), and the leading representative of modern Tajik Prose Sadriddin Ayni (1878-1954). Some important questions such as the Tajik-Uzbek bilingualism in the works of Sadriddin Ayni will be discussed, as well as the development of a (modern) Tajik literary language in the early Soviet decades.

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Invalidenstraße 118, 5. OG, R 507 (Entrance via Schlegelstraße 26)

Time: Wednesday, 30. January 2013, 18 pm c.t.

The lecture will be in English

Everybody interested is cordially invited