



First International Conference on Uyghur Studies History, Culture, and Society

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The Uyghurs are one of the ten most populous stateless nations in the world. While they have a long history of cultural accomplishments and political influences, they have remained marginal in international scholarship given their ambiguous position both in regional studies and in geopolitics. Nonetheless, given their contribution to global and regional historical and cultural processes, there has developed a transnational community of scholars whose research is focused on the Uyghur people's history, culture, society. This conference is the first attempt to bring together a broad spectrum of this international community of scholars, drawing from the academic communities of the Americas, Russia, Turkey, and elsewhere in Europe and Asia. Hopefully, it will serve as a basis for future transnational collaboration on the history, culture, and society of Uyghurs throughout the world.

Thursday, September 25, 2014, Lindner Commons, 6th floor

9:00-10:00am Opening Ceremony

10:00-11:00am Session 1. The Policy Debate

Chair: Marlene Laruelle (George Washington University, USA)

Sean R. Roberts (George Washington University, USA)

Michael Dillon (Independent scholar, formerly Centre for Contemporary Chinese Studies at the University of Durham, UK)

Gardner Bovingdon (Indiana University Bloomington, USA)

Henryk Szadziwski (Uyghur Human Rights Project, Washington DC, USA)

Kilic Kanat (Penn State University, USA)

11:00-11:30am Coffee break

11:30-12:45pm Session 2. Roundtable. Uyghurs in Geopolitics Over Time

Chair: Sean R. Roberts (George Washington University, USA)

Dru Gladney (Pacific Basin Institute, Pomona College, USA)

James Millward (Georgetown University, USA)

Valerii Barmin (Altai State Pedagogical Academy, Russia)

Yunus Koç (Hacettepe University, Turkey)

12:45-1:30pm Lunch

1:30-3:30pm Session 3. Uyghur Social Cohesion, Identity, and Resistance

Chair and discussant: Dru Gladney (Pomona College, USA)

Michael Dillon (Independent scholar, Centre for Contemporary Chinese Studies at the University of Durham)

Religion, repression and traditional Uyghur culture in southern Xinjiang: Kashgar and Khotan (2010-14)

Nathan Light (Uppsala University, Sweden)

Uyghur Social Networking and Chinese Censorship, before and after 2009

Remi Castets (Michel de Montaigne University, Bordeaux, France)

Uyghur Islam and State Control Policies in Xinjiang

Sean R. Roberts (George Washington University, USA)

'Uyghurstan is Where the Home is'. "Self-Governmentality" and the Maintenance of Uyghur National Identity without a State

Rachel Harris (SOAS, University of London, UK)

Intangible Cultural Heritage and Illegal Gatherings: reflections on the Uyghur Meshrep

3:30-4:00pm Coffee-break

<p>4:00-6:00pm Session 4. Xinjiang under Chinese Influence</p>
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Chair and discussant: Michael Dillon (Independent Scholar, UK)

Gardner Bovingdon (Indiana University Bloomington, USA)

Taking a Mulligan: New Minzu Policies in Search of Appropriate Problems

Chienyu Shih (Chienhsin University, Taiwan)

Another Round of Power Struggle: Xinjiang and Beijing Current Ethnic Policy Debate

Joanne Smith (Newcastle University, UK)

The redistribution of Wealth or Consolidation of Majority Han Power? The 'National Partner Assistance Programme'

Kilic Kanat (Penn State University, USA)

'War on Terror' and 'Radicalism' as Diversionary Strategies for PRC Regime

Kara Abramson (Independent scholar, USA)

Understanding and Promoting Human Rights in Xinjiang: Challenges and Opportunities

7:00pm Dinner for Participants

Friday, September 26, 2014, State Room, 7th floor

9:00-11:00am Session 5.

The Transformation of Uyghur Language and Landscapes

Chair and discussant: Sean R. Roberts (George Washington University, USA)

Stanley Toops (Miami University, Ohio, USA)

The Demography of the Uyghur: Spatial Results of the 2010 Census of Xinjiang

Arienne Dwyer (University of Kansas, USA)

The Emergence of Diasporic Uyghur Language

Giulia Cabras (Institut National des Langues et Civilisations Orientales-INALCO, France, and University of Kansas, USA)

Uyghur-Chinese Code Switching in Xinjiang's Urban Areas: Interactional and Sociocultural Aspects

Erkin Emet (Ankara University, Turkey)

The effect of Chinese language on Uyghur language

Jean-Paul Loubes (Ecole d'Architecture Paris-La Villette; Laboratory Architecture of Paris-La Villette, France)

The Transformation of the Oasis Cities in Xinjiang: the Case of Kashgar

11:00-11:30am Coffee break

11:30-1:15pm Session 6.

The Forgotten Diaspora? Uyghurs in Post-Soviet Central Asia

Chair and discussant: Remi Castets (Michel de Montaigne University, Bordeaux, France)

Ivan Safranchuk (Moscow State Institute of International Relations, Russia)

Great Game? Politics, Business, and Security in Central Asia

Ablet Kamalov (Institute of Oriental Studies, Academy of Sciences, Almaty, Kazakhstan)

Diaspora and Identity: Discourse of Homeland (Watan) in the Uyghur communities of post-Soviet Central Asian Countries

Khamit Khamraev (Independent scholar. President of Uyghur international PEN centre, Almaty, Kazakhstan)

Uyghur Diaspora in Kazakhstan from the collapse of the Soviet Union to the Shanghai Cooperation Organization

Ilkhamzhan Musaev (Independent scholar, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan)

Formation and Development of the Uyghur Ethno-Cultural Identity in Kyrgyzstan

Guzel Maitdinova (Center for geopolitical Studies, Russian-Tajik University, Dushanbe, Tajikistan)

The Uyghur Diaspora in Tajikistan. History, Culture and Current Situation

1:15-2:00pm Lunch

2:00-3:30pm Session 7.
Uyghurs in Multinational Empires

Chair and discussant: Nabijan Tursun (Independent Scholar, Washington DC, USA)

Yuliy Drobyshev (Institute of Oriental Studies, Academy of Sciences, Moscow, Russia)
Some Features of Interrelations between the Uyghur Khanate and China

Aleksandr Kadyrbaev (Institute of Oriental Studies, Academy of Sciences, Moscow, Russia)
Uyghurs in the Mongol empires, 13-14th centuries

Liudmila Chvyr (Institute of Oriental Studies, Academy of Sciences, Moscow, Russia)
The Uyghur model of Ethnocultural Interactions in the 19th century

Dinara Dubrovskaya (Institute of Oriental Studies, Academy of Sciences, Moscow, Russia)
Qing Dynasty and Uyghurs. Controversy over the Question of Reconquering Xinjiang

3:30-4:00pm Coffee-break

4:00-6:00pm Session 8.
Russian and Soviet Influences on Uyghurs' Destiny

Chair and Discussant: James Millard (Georgetown University, USA)

Aleksandr Vasiliev (Institute of Oriental Studies, Academy of Sciences, Moscow, Russia)
Documents from Russian and Ottoman Archives on the Destiny of Bek-Kuli Beg, Son of Jakub-beg

Valerii Barmin (Altai State Pedagogical Academy, Russia)
The activities of the Komintern on the creation of a revolutionary party in Xinjiang in the 1920s

Sabine Trebinjac (Laboratory of Ethnology and Comparative Sociologie (LESC), CNRS and Nanterre University, France)
Anthropological Survey in the Komintern Archives: The Announced Bankruptcy of the Soviet Annexation of Chinese Turkestan

Vladimir Boyko (Altai State Pedagogical Academy; Research Associate at Altai State University, Barnaul, Russia)
Ethnicity, Conflict and Development of Xinjiang 1910s-2010s in Russian, Soviet and Post-Soviet Scholarship and Analysis

Anna Bondarenko (Independent Scholar, formerly Institute of Far Eastern Studies, Academy of Sciences, Moscow, Russia)
State of the Research on Xinjiang in Russia in the 2000s

Nabijan Tursun (Independent scholar, Washington DC, USA)
Uyghur Ethnic-Political Orientation and the Soviet Union

7:00pm Dinner for participants

Saturday, September 27, 2014, State Room, 7th floor

9:30-11:00am Session 9.
New discoveries on Uyghur Ancient History and Culture

Chair and Discussant: Victor Mair (Pennsylvania University, USA)

Dmitri Vasiliev (Institute of Oriental Studies, Academy of Sciences, Moscow, Russia)
Uyghur Fortress in Tuva and new Discoveries of Turkic Runic Inscriptions

Sergey Dmitriev (Institute of Oriental Studies, Academy of Sciences, Moscow; Institute of Asian and African Studies, Moscow State University, Russia)
Bilingual 'Stela of Merits of Generations' of Iduq-quts, Kings of Gaochang as an example of Uyghur historiography

Risalat Karimova (Institute of Oriental Studies, Academy of Sciences, Almaty, Kazakhstan)
Uyghur Religious Places in the 14-19th centuries. The Birth of a new Architectural Style

Ablet Semet (Georg-August-University Goettingen, Germany)
New Studies and Results Concerning the Old Uyghur 'Maitrisimit nom bitig'

11:00-11:30am Coffee-break

11:30-1:00pm Session 10.
Uyghur Oral and Written Traditions through the Ages

Chair and discussant: Dolkun Kamberi (Radio Free Asia, Washington DC, USA)

Rian Thum (Loyola University New Orleans, USA)
Text and Practice in Uyghur Islam

Mamtimin Ala (Independent scholar, Australia)
Between Utopia and Dystopia: Uyghur intellectuals from 1949 to 2000

Tatiana Anikeeva (Institute of Oriental Studies, Academy of Sciences, Moscow, Russia)
On Some Mythological Plots in the Ancient Uyghur Literature

1:00-2:00pm Lunch and wrap-up of the conference