



## REPORT FORM FOR NETWORK ACTIVITIES

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### Present appointment and employing institution

Lecturer in Central Asian Politics, SOAS Chair, Centre of Contemporary Central Asia and the Caucasus
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### Role in activity

Lead applicant and organiser
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### 2. Activity details

#### Type and title of activity

Migration and Population Mobility in Eurasia: Discourses, Markets and Networks
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#### Location

Daryll Forde Seminar Room, Department of Anthropology, UCL, 14 Taviton Street, London WC1H 0BW
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#### Date 8 December 2008

From:	09:00	To:	17:45
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Brief Description of activities carried out (please include or attach a confirmed list of participants)

The workshop had 3 sessions and a concluding session with roundtable discussion.

**Paper presenters:**

1. Vladimir Mukomel, Department on the Study of Xenophobia, Institute of Sociology, Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow
2. Bhavna Dave, Department of Politics & International Studies, SOAS
3. Madeleine Reeves, University of Manchester
4. Alisher Ilkhamov, Centre of Contemporary Central Asia and the Caucasus, SOAS
5. Saodat Olimova, Sharq Research Centre, Dushanbe, Tajikistan
6. Arif Yunusov, Department of Conflict and Migration Studies, Institute of Peace and Democracy, Baku, Azerbaijan
7. Julien Thorez, 'Mondes iraniens et indiens', National Center for Scientific Research (CNRS), Paris

**Discussants:**

Anna Zelkina, Centre of Contemporary Central Asia and the Caucasus, SOAS  
Ruth Mandel, Department of Anthropology, UCL  
Magnus Marsden, Department of Anthropology, SOAS  
Deniz Kandiyoti, Department of Development Studies, SOAS

**3. Achievement of stated aims and objectives**

Please summarise how the stated aims and objectives of the activities proposed have been achieved and how these have helped to further the aims and objectives of CEELBAS.

[1] The following themes, which were the focus of the workshop, were discussed during the sessions:

- The scale and effects of the new migratory flows in Eurasia and their impact on migrant sending and migrant receiving countries
- The notion of 'illegal' migration, resulting from inadequate and restrictive legal and institutional framework
- Role of ethnic networks among the migrants and their effects on the informal economy
- Changing official as well as popular perceptions and perspectives on migration
- Implications of migration for family life, interethnic and gender relations
- Migrants, informal sector and criminal networks

[2] The discussion on the above topics provides me and a number of participants involved with refreshing ideas to develop a sharper focus on issues that need further investigation. The discussion is also useful in deciding how to conceptualise the next stage of research on this broad theme. The workshop brought together scholars based in Russia (Moscow), Azerbaijan, Tajikistan working on migration issues in these states with scholars at SOAS, UK (UCL, Univ of Manchester) as well as at CNRS, Paris.

[3] The papers and the discussions at the workshop represented a wide-ranging discussion informed by inter-disciplinary and comparative approaches that CEELBAS is dedicated to promoting. The participants came from a variety of disciplines: Politics, Anthropology, Geography, Development Studies, Economics and Area Studies. One of the 3 sessions was held in Russian as two participants from the region (Azerbaijan, Tajikistan) and the third from France, were more comfortable in Russian. Almost 95% of the workshop attendees were fully proficient in Russian whereas the remaining 5% were able to follow the discussion. The workshop thus helped to advance CEELBAS aim of promoting expertise in the social sciences and humanities together with promotion of languages of the region. It also helped to bring the region of Central Asia and the Caucasus into the centre of CEELBAS activities.

**4. Outcomes**

Please indicate the outcomes and 'value for money' of activities carried out.

1. This was the first major workshop in the UK (and in Europe) that brought in internationally-recognised academics and specialists working on migration-related issues in Eurasia together. 'Migratory movements in Eurasia' is a very new field and very few in-depth, comprehensive studies exist that place these issues in a proper disciplinary and comparative framework. The topics discussed – legal framework and the question of 'legality' of labour migrants; the rise of xenophobia and social exclusion of migrations; the impact of rising remittances on family life, gender relations, development and the existing consumption patterns; the acceleration and intensification of transnational movement of migrants; the emergence of migrants' networks and the proliferation of informal economy as well as the emergence of criminal activities – have important theoretical, methodological dimensions as well as practical and policy relevance.
2. The introductory session offered a broad overview of migration policies and legal framework in the migration-receiving states of Russia and Kazakhstan. The subsequent two sessions examined the various effects of migration among the migrant-sending countries of Central Asia.
3. The planned publication of selected conference papers as articles in the journal *Central Asian Survey* will help to disseminate them more widely. I will also be approaching Routledge to publish these articles (together with a few others on the theme of 'Globalization flows in Central Asia', also to be published in the same issue of *Central Asian Survey*) in an edited volume.
4. By bringing together leading scholars in the UK and the Eurasian region for an in-depth discussion, the workshop offered a very conducive platform for establishment of future research partnerships and networks among these scholars as well as for attracting.

5. Breakdown of total costs for workshops (please attach evidence of expenditure)

<i>Item</i>	<i>Amount</i>
<b>Key speakers (Travel, accommodation and subsistence)</b>	799.00 £447.00 £625.00 £184.00 £814.00 £61.80 £95.00
<b>Postgraduate participation</b>	---
<b>Room/equipment hire</b>	---
<b>Administration costs</b> admin assistance help with admin, catering, planning	£100 £243
<b>Printing and publicity (including conference packs)</b> Paid for by CCCAC at SOAS	---
<b>Other (please specify)</b> Lunch, tea for all participants + dinner for conference presenters Reception following the workshop	£369.64 £236.00
<b>Total expenditure</b>	£3,974.44
<b>Total contribution invoiced to CEELBAS</b>	£3,974.44

6. Breakdown of total costs for projects (please attach evidence of expenditure)

<i>Item</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Staff costs	
Equipment/technical costs	
Administration costs	
Other (please specify)	
Total expenditure	
Total contribution invoiced to CEELBAS	

N/A

## 7. Dissemination and further research

Please give details of dissemination of the outcomes of the workshop/project and any further research planned.

1. The papers presented at the workshop intersect various disciplinary boundaries – Political Science, Sociology, Anthropology, Geography, and Development Studies. A special issue of the journal *Central Asian Survey*, with the title 'Globalization Flows and Transnational Mobility' is being planned for publication in late 2009. The journal will have 2 sections: Globalization Flows and Transnational Mobility. The section 'Transnational Mobility' will have selected papers from this workshop (about 4-5). The section on Globalization Flows will have papers presented at another workshop on 'The Transnationalization of Contemporary Central Asia', held at CNRS (Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique) in Paris on 15-16 December 2008 at which myself and 2 other colleagues of mine at SOAS working on Central Asia participated.

- Papers by me (Bhavna Dave) and Madeleine Reeves are being revised and are likely to be included for publication in *Central Asian Survey*, subject of course to review process. Among the remaining ones, 3 papers presented at the Workshop are written in Russian and were presented in Russian. The fourth paper is written in French and was presented in Russian. These paper presenters will be revising their papers as per the follow-up discussions, suggestions and guidelines sent by me. Myself, and two of my colleagues at SOAS who are native Russian-speakers, will review these papers to make an initial assessment on which of these can be included for publication. Following this, the authors will be asked to make the necessary changes and send us English translations (where possible) of the revised papers together with the Russian version. These will be subjected to the journal's review process and a decision on publication will be made.

-The articles published in the special issue of *Central Asian Survey* are also likely to be published as a separate volume with Routledge.

2. Over next few months, I will be corresponding further with other Workshop participants about working on a further research project exploring issues such as transnational social networks of migrants, the impact of migration on identities and institutions in the migrant-sending states, as well as the legal status and public discourse on migrants in the migrant-receiving states of Russia and Kazakhstan.

## 8. Signature and date

Applicant's signature


Date: 7 January 2009

Institutional authorisation (if required)

Position: Lecturer, Department of Politics & International Studies, SOAS Chair, Centre of Contemporary Central Asia and the Caucasus, SOAS
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Institutional CEELBAS Network Primary Contact

Date:
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