

Inter-disciplinary Conference

“The Caucasus and Central Asia: Theoretical, Cultural and Political Challenges”

3-4 July 2009

The European Research Institute, The University of Birmingham

Conference Programme

Friday, 3 July 2009

10:00a.m. – Coffee and Registration

10:30a.m. – Welcoming remarks

10:45a.m.-12:30p.m.

Panel 1: Language, Narration, and State-Building in the Caucasus

Chair/Discussant: Edmund Herzig (University of Oxford)

1. Thornike Gordadze (Caucasus Observatory of the French Institute of Anatolian Studies, Baku)

Paper Title: Language and Nation-Building in Georgia

2. Lale [Yalçın-Heckmann](#) (Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology)

Paper Title: Studying Citizenship Anthropologically: Recent Research in the South Caucasus

3. Anton Popov (University of Warwick)

Paper Title: The Frontier Community in (Re-)Making: The Caucasus in Cossack Identity

12:30-1:30p.m. – Lunch

1:30-3:15p.m.

Panel 2: Ethno-Nationalism and Politics in the South Caucasus

Chair: Jeremy Smith (Centre for Russian and East European Studies, University of Birmingham)

1. Thomas de Waal (Conciliation Resources, London)

Paper Title: Failure of South Caucasus Integration

2. Nino Kemoklidze (Centre for Russian and East European Studies, University of Birmingham)

Paper Title: The Kosovo Precedent and the ‘Moral Hazard’ of Secession

3. Vicken Cheterian (CIMERA, Geneva)

Paper Title: Triangular Conflict: Georgia, the Centre and Secessionism

3:30-5:15p.m.

Panel 3: History of the Caucasus

Chair: Thornike Gordadze (Caucasus Observatory of the French Institute of Anatolian Studies, Baku)

1. Moshe Gammer (Tel Aviv University)

Paper Title: Islam and the Caucasian War

2. Robert Chenciner (St Anthony's College, Oxford University)

Paper Title: Dagestan 19th-Century Land of Villages

3. Oliver Reisner (European Commission Delegation to Georgia)

Paper Title: Georgia at the Threshold of Modernity: A History of Three Generations

4. [Rufat Sattarov](#) (Institute of Turkology, Free University Berlin)

Paper Title: Sunni Islam in Azerbaijan: Between Historical Legacy and Modern Reality

5:15-5:30p.m. – Coffee

5:30-7:15p.m.

Panel 4: Central Asia and Caucasus and the Outside World

Chair: Derek Averre (Centre for Russian and East European Studies, University of Birmingham)

1. Alan Parfitt (Research Analyst, Foreign and Commonwealth Office)

Paper Title: Central Asia's Relations with Ukraine

2. Ali Granmayeh (London Middle East Institute, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London)

Paper Title: Iran in Central Asia and the Caucasus: A General Assessment

3. Roland Dannreuther (University of Edinburgh)

Paper Title: Energy Security in Central Asia

4. Cerwyn Moore (Department of Political Science and International Studies, University of Birmingham)

Paper Title: Central Asian Terrorist Networks: The Role of the IJU and the Regional Dimensions of Terrorism

8:00p.m. – Dinner

Saturday, 4 July 2009

9:30a.m. – Coffee

10-11:45a.m.

Panel 1: Traditionalism versus Reformism in Islam

Chair: Moshe Gammer (Tel Aviv University)

1. Ashirbek Muminov (The Institute of Oriental Studies, Almaty) (presentation in Russian language with English translation)

Paper Title: New Islamic Directions in Central Asia: Internal and External Dimension

2. Anna Zelkina (School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London)

Paper Title: Different Faces of Sufi Islam in the Present Day North Caucasus

3. Domitilla Sagramoso (King's College London)

Paper Title: Islam, Ethno-Nationalism and Violence in the Northern Caucasus

12:00-1:45pm

Panel 2: Domestic and Foreign Policies of the Central Asian and Caucasian States

Chair: Cerwyn Moore (Department of Political Science and International Studies, University of Birmingham)

1. Tracey German (King's College London at the Joint Services Command and Staff College)

Paper Title: Regional Security in the South Caucasus

2. Andre Broome (Department of Political Science and International Studies, University of Birmingham)

Paper Title: International Socialization and Economic Reform in Central Asia

3. Oscar Pardo (Department of Political Science and International Studies, University of Birmingham)

Paper Title: Sailing Against the Wind? Georgia's Foreign Policy and the EU

1:45pm-2:45p.m. – Lunch

2:45-4:30p.m.

Panel 3: Culture and Society in the Caucasus

Chair: Galina Yemelianova (Centre for Russian and East European Studies, University of Birmingham)

1. Vartan Kukuyan (Der Daniil) (Armenian Church of Krasnodar) (presentation in Russian language with English translation)

Paper Title: The Role of Armenian Church in the Life of Armenian Diaspora in North Caucasus

2. Silvia Serrano (Auvergne University/CERCEC, EHESS, Paris)

Paper Title: Weak State, Strong Church? Orthodoxy in post-Soviet Georgia

3. Ulrike Ziemer (School of Slavonic and East European Studies, University College London)

Paper Title: Long-Distance Nationalism and Identity: Reconsidering National Memory and Culture in the Armenian Diaspora in Russia

4:30p.m. - Closing remarks