



ASIAC YEARLY CONFERENCE 2019

5 DECEMBER - 6 DECEMBER 2019

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UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI – ROMA TRE

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Thursday 5 December

9.00 Registration

9.30 OPENING GREETINGS AND INTRODUCTION

Francesco Guida (Università degli Studi – Roma Tre), president of the Interdepartmental Research Centre on Central-Eastern Europe, Russia, and Eurasia

Vittorio Tomelleri (Università di Macerata), president of ASIAC

9.45 UNDERSTANDING CONTEMPORARY CHECHNYA

Chair: Giorgio Comai (OBCT/CCI)

Image as a tool of power legitimization: the case of Ramzan Kadyrov / Marat Iliysov (University of St. Andrews)

The Islamisation of the Chechen society under Kadyrov leadership: implication for the national and regional dynamics / Giuliano Bifulchi (University of Rome Tor Vergata)

Chechnya's current status in the Russian Federation and its geopolitical futures / Giorgio Cella (Catholic University of Milan)

11.15 Coffee break

11.30 LANGUAGE AND EDUCATION IN GEORGIA AND THE SOUTH CAUCASUS / SESSION A

Chair: Vittorio Tomelleri (Università di Macerata)

The young and the Russian Language in the contemporary Southern Caucasus / Daniele Artoni (University of Verona)

The Language of Academic Journals in Georgia: Georgian vs Other languages / Gogolashvili Giorgi (Tbilisi State University) / Tamari Lomtadze (Akaki Tsereteli State University)

Svan-speaking communities and emergent literacy / Alessio Giordano (IUSS Pavia)

Issues of Language Policy in First Democratic Republic of Georgia / Mariam Manjgaladze (Tbilisi State University)

The origins of Caucasus studies in Georgia / Maka Tetradze (Tbilisi State University)

11.30 INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS IN CENTRAL ASIA / SESSION B

Chair: TBD

Central Asia: new trends of connectivity and regional integration / Fabio Indeo

Tamerlane's trip to Shanghai: analysis of Sino-Uzbek relations from 1991 to 2016 / Frank Maracchione (University of Sheffield)

Understanding the Role of Turkey in the Geo-Politics of the Central Asian States (With Special Reference to Afghanistan)/ Angana Kotokey (Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India)

Perspectives on Central Asian Security involving Afghanistan / Anchita Borthakur (Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India)

13.00 Lunch

14.30 CULTURAL ENCOUNTERS

Chair: Simona Merlo (Università Roma Tre)

Central Asia in Contemporary Russian Literature: Among Nostalgia, Stereotypes, History and Myth / Dmitry Novokhatskiy (Università di Padova)

Georgian-Dagestan ethno cultural relations X-XIV centuries / Maia Tsitsvidze (Tbilisi State University)

In search of unknown languages, flowers and butterflies. The other side of the Russian military expeditions in Central Asia and the Caucasus / Paolo Ognibene (University of Bologna)

Country at Crossroads: Oriental-Occidental Encounters in Georgian Literary Modernism / Irakli Tskhvediani (Akaki Tsereteli State University)

16.00 Coffee break

16.15 ARCHITECTURE IN THE CAUCASUS BETWEEN URBAN FORM AND IDENTITY

Chair: Marco Falsetti (Università degli Studi di Roma "Sapienza")

Caucasian architecture between vernacular and modernism / Giusi Ciotoli (Università degli Studi di Roma "Sapienza")

The myth of Soviet Tashkent from Revolution to Reconstruction / Marco Falsetti (Università degli Studi di Roma "Sapienza")

The geographic architectures of the Caucasian landscape / Antonella Pettoruso (Politecnico di Torino)

17.30 BOOK PRESENTATIONS

Book presentation: Daniel Pommier, "**Storia internazionale dell'Azerbaijan**", Carocci Editore, 2019

Book presentation: Aldo Ferrari, "**L'Armenia perduta**", Salerno Editrice, 2019

17.50 END OF SESSION

18.00 ASIAC ASSOCIATION MEETING (IN ITALIAN)

Friday 6 December

9.30 IN THE CAUCASUS, FROM THE CAUCASUS

Chair: Carlo Frappi (Università Ca' Foscari, Venezia)

Мещанство and Intelligentsia between Azerbaijan Democratic Republic and Azerbaijan Soviet Socialist Republic / Cristina Boboc (University of Ghent)

Tek Millet, İki Devlet: Turkey and Azerbaijan between operational environment and psychological environment / Federico Lanza (Università di Pavia)

The quest for visibility and self-assessment of the caucasians in Turkey / Fabio L. Grassi (Sapienza University - Rome)

Armenian Clergy and Conflict Management between Etchmiadzin and Beirut, 1943–1994 / Francesco Mazzucotelli (Università di Pavia)

Urban Transformations in Post-Soviet Tbilisi / Vincenzo Zenobi

11.00 Coffee break

11.30 DOMESTIC POLITICS IN CONTEMPORARY CENTRAL ASIA

Chair: Amb. Stefano Ravagnan

Protest under Patronal Presidentialism: Kyrgyzstan, 1991-2010 / Katherine Crofts-Gibbons (King's College London)

The role of Kazakh society in the state development: an overview of the current situation, between governmental fickleness and nation branding initiatives / Lucia Bortolotti

Media Education in Kyrgyzstan: Challenges and New Opportunities / Elira Turdubaeva (American University of Central Asia)

Globalization of Kazakhstan Economy: Success or Failure? / Garima Tomar (Visiting scholar, Università Ca' Foscari, Venezia)

The Uzbekistan turn: true changes or just geopolitical calculations? / Igor Jelen (Università di Trieste), Alessandro Carile

13.00 Lunch

14.30 CONTEMPORARY SOUTH CAUCASUS

Chair: Gabriele Natalizia (Università degli Studi di Roma "Sapienza")

The EU's human rights promotion in the South Caucasus: constructing 'civil' society, depoliticizing human rights? / Laura Luciani (Ghent University)

The role of bargaining power in the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict resolution process / Eske van Gils
(University of Kent)

Establishing sustainable peace, the linkage between financially beneficial energy projects and conflict resolution: the case of trans-Caspian energy pipelines and Armenia-Azerbaijan Nagorno Karabakh conflict / Gunel Madadli (University of Bergamo)

Why joining the "international donors club"? Portraying Azerbaijan's Humanitarian Diplomacy/ Carlo Frappi (Università Ca' Foscari, Venezia)

Russia hacked: problematic sources for insights on conflicts in Ukraine and the South Caucasus / Giorgio Comai (OBCT/CCI)

16.00 Coffee break

16.15 - SOUTH CAUCASUS LINGUISTICS

Chair: Vittorio Tomelleri (Università di Macerata)

Correlation of Adverbs and Semantics of Present Perfect in Georgian / Giuli Shabashvili (Tbilisi State University)

The Spatial Categories of the Kartvelian Languages As the Cultural and Linguistic Representatives of the Kartvelian Mentality / Rusudan Gersamia (Ilia State University), Ketevan Lortkiphanidze (Tbilisi State University), Nino Tsulaia (Ilia State University)

Genesis and properties of some Ossetic phonemes / Michele Cosentino (Università di Pavia)

On Some Phonetic Processes at the Edge of Morphemes in Megrelian / Tsita Janjgava

17.30 – END OF CONFERENCE