

First CEUS-AUCA Workshop

Locating Central Asia Within Eurasia

Bishkek, 3-4 July 2017

Organized by the Central Asian Studies Institute

Within the framework of this first workshop we would like to locate Central Asia within Eurasia (including Europe) and within South Asia (including Afghanistan and the Indian subcontinent.) We suggest doing it by initiating a pluridisciplinary dialogue on two levels. Based on the workshop's participants personal experience we can, firstly, select some of the social, cultural, political, or economic processes taking place in Central Asia in the past and in the present, and dwell on their connectedness or lack thereof to the broader Eurasian context. Secondly, we can reflect on what kind of theoretical and empirical knowledge about or related to these processes has been produced in the US and in Kyrgyzstan. We can thus, hopefully, identifying research topics that are relevant to the ongoing transformation in Central Asia and, at the same time, map out a mutually beneficial cooperation between CEUS and AUCA in addressing them.

AGENDA

MONDAY, JULY 3

Session 1: 9.00-10.30 Working on Central Eurasia and beyond in IU and AUCA: individual and institutional contexts. Chair: Emil Juraev (AUCA)

Workshop participants introduce their present and past research agendas, and the departments or programs within which they function. The goal being to "locate" Central Asia as a research in both individual and institutional agendas.

10.30-11.00 Coffee break

Session 2: 11.00-12.30 Locating Central Asia in Eurasia. Chair: Christopher Baker (AUCA)

Central Asia's connectedness or lack thereof to the broader Eurasian context based on the discussion of present or past social, cultural, political, or economic processes of interest to the workshop participants.

12.30-14.00 Lunch break

Session 3: 14.00-15.30 Knowledge on Central Asia 1. Chair: Mohira Suyarkulova (AUCA)

Theoretical and empirical knowledge produced in the US (CEUS) and in Kyrgyzstan (AUCA) about or related to selected social, cultural, political, or economic processes connecting Central Asia to Eurasia. Successes and failures.

15.30-16.00: Coffee Break

Session 4: 16.00-17.30 Knowledge on Central Asia 2. Chair: Mohira Suyarkulova (AUCA)

20.00 Diner

TUESDAY, JULY 4

Session 5: 9 - 10.30 Summary of the workshop discussions. Chair: Svetlana Jacquesson (AUCA)
Identifying scientific problems relevant to the ongoing transformation of Central Asia and mapping out a mutually beneficial cooperation in addressing them.

10.30-11.00 Coffee break

11.00-12.30: Setting up a research and cooperation agenda. Chair: Svetlana Jacquesson (AUCA)

12.30-14.00 Lunch break

Session 6: 14.00-17.30 'Going native' (TBD)

20.00 Dinner