

# THE CEUS MONTHLY

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## NEWS

**Christiane Gruber** (Art History) published *The Ilkhanid Book of Ascension: A Persian-Sunni Devotional Tale* in the British Institute for Persian Studies's Tauris Academic Studies. Also, this past month, her two edited volumes appeared in print with IU Press. The volumes are: 1) *The Islamic Manuscript Tradition: Ten Centuries of Book Arts in Indiana University Collections*, and 2) (with Frederick Colby) *The Prophet's Ascension: Cross-Cultural Encounters with the Islamic Mi'raj Tales*. Furthermore, her article, "Between Logos (*Kalima*) and Light (*Nur*): Representations of the Prophet Muhammad in Islamic Painting" appeared in *Muqarnas* this past Fall. Christiane also received the 2010 Outstanding Junior Faculty Award at IU as well as a New Frontiers in the Arts and Humanities grant to complete her third book, *Picturing the Prophet: The Prophet Muhammad in Islamic Texts and Images*. Finally, she has accepted an Arnheim Distinguished Visiting Professorship, which will see her in residence at Humboldt University in Berlin during Spring 2012.

**György Kara** published "Mongol *enggeske* and Turkic *englik* in the Yemen Polyglot," *Acta Mongolica* (Ulaanbaatar 2009), pp. 1-6.

**Elliot Sperling** published "The Tibetan question and security in Asia," in Sumit Ganguly, Andrew Scobell and Joseph Chinyong Liow, eds., *The Routledge Handbook of Asian Security Studies* (London, 2010). He presented a lecture, "Tangut Legacies and Legends in Tibet" at the University of Virginia on January 22. On January 13 he was interviewed on PRI's "The World." He also provided commentary on recent discussions between the Chinese government and representatives of the Dalai Lama for AP (January 29) and the *Christian Science Monitor* (February 2).

**İdil Tunçer-Kılavuz** (Ph.D. CEUS 2007), now at Marmara University's Department of Political Science and International Relations, published "Political and Social Networks in Tajikistan and Uzbekistan: Clan, Region and Beyond," *Central Asian Survey* 28/3 (September 2009), pp. 323-334.

**Brian Williams** (MA CEUS 1991), Associate Professor of History at the University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth, published "Death from the Skies. An Overview of the CIA's Drone Campaign in Pakistan. Part One," *Terrorism Monitor* 7/29 (September, 2009) and Part Two in volume 7, Issue 30 (October, 2009).

## PAST & UPCOMING EVENTS\*

### **Wednesday, Jan. 20, 4:00-5:15 pm, IMU Dogwood Room**

CEUS Colloquium: Prof. Paul Losensky (IU), "The Ghazals of Amir Khusraw."

### **Wednesday, Jan. 27, 4:00-5:15 pm, IMU Dogwood Room**

CEUS Colloquium: Nicole Willock (IU), "New Approaches in Tibetan Studies: Studying the life of A lags Tshe tan zhabs drung."

### **Wednesday, Jan. 27, 7 pm, Ballantine Hall 233**

Kazakh Film Series:

*The Racketeer* (dir. Akhan Sataev, 2007)

### **Wednesday, Feb. 3, 4:00-5:15 pm, IMU, Dogwood Room**

CEUS Colloquium: Prof. Anne Pyburn (IU), "Chinggis Khan or Santa Claus: Choosing a Heritage for Kyrgyzstan."

### **Wednesday, Feb. 3, 7-9 pm, Ballantine Hall 233**

Kazakh Film Series:

*Mustafa Chokay* (2008)

### **Thursday, Feb. 4, 7:30 pm, Student Building 150**

East-Central European Film Series:

*Kontroll* (dir. Nimrod Antal, 2003)

### **Monday, Feb. 8, 12:15 pm, Ballantine Hall 004**

IU Russian and East European Institute, Monday Lunchtime Workshop Series:

Vilius Ivanauskas (Vilnius University): "Bureaucratic Containment and Mobilisation of National Identity: The Case of Soviet Lithuania."

### **Wednesday, Feb. 10, 7 pm, Swain Hall East 140**

Persian Film Series

*Bashu, the Little Stranger* (dir. Bahram Bayzai, 1989)

### **Tuesday, Feb. 16, 7 pm, IMU Oak Room**

Lecture: Dr. Ali Yurtsever (Former President, Rumi Forum, Washington, DC Member, I. Executive Committee, American Islamic College, Chicago, IL).

**Wednesday, Feb. 17, 5:30-7:00 pm, Ballantine Hall 004**

NELC Colloquium: Kevin Martin (IU), “Urban Disorder and Civilizational Anxieties at the First Damascus International Exposition.”

**Wednesday, Feb. 24, 4-6 pm, Location TBA**

IU Faculty Seminar on Texts and Manuscripts of the Muslim World hosting Professor Colin Mitchell (Dalhousie University) who will discuss Persian epistolography. For details please contact Ron Sela at [rseal@indiana.edu](mailto:rseal@indiana.edu)

**Wednesday, Feb. 24, 5:30-7:30 pm, IMU University Club President's Room**

Estonian Independence Day.

**Thursday, Feb. 25, 5:15 pm, location TBA**

Lecture: David Somfai, “In the Wake of Vilmos Dioszegi: Collecting Religious Folklore in Northern Mongolia.”

\*See an updated list of events at the CEUS website: <http://www.indiana.edu/~ceus/>

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