

THE CEUS MONTHLY

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NEWS

Many CEUS faculty, current and former students, alumni and affiliates participated in the Eleventh Annual Conference of the Central Eurasian Studies Society, held at Michigan State University in East Lansing, Michigan, October 28-31. Among them were Chris Atwood, Sarah Kendzior, Edward Lazzerini, Timothy May, Dan Prior, Kris Rees, Wendell Schwab, Ron Sela, Nazif Shahrani, Mustafa Tuna, Chris Whitsel and others.

Shahyar Daneshgar organized a panel for the ‘Turks and Islam: an International Conference’ (September 11-12, 2010), titled Islam in Azerbaijan: Culture and Politics. He also presented a paper entitled “The Role of Southern Azerbaijani Intellectuals in the Development of the Iranian Islamic Culture and Society.”

György Kara published the article “A Polish tale in Daur” in *Rocznik Orientalistyczny* vol. LXIII (2010), 96-115.

Piibi-Kai Kivik, associate instructor for Estonian, published the paper “Eestlased ja eesti keel Ameerika Ühendriikides. Tähelepanekuid kolmest kogukonnast” [Estonians and the Estonian language in the United States. Observations in three communities] in the collection *Eestlased ja eesti keel välismaal* [Estonians and the Estonian language abroad], eds. K. Praakli & J. Viikberg (Tallinn: Estonian Language Foundation, 2010), 195-238.

Dr. **Timur Kozyrev** of the Kazakhstan Institute for Strategic Studies (KazISS), a strategic research and analysis institution under the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan, will be a visiting scholar in CEUS November-December 2010.

In October, **Timothy May** (CEUS MA 1996) published a chapter, entitled “Central Asia: The Mongols, 1206-1405,” in *The Great Empires of Asia*, edited by Jim Masselos (Thames & Hudson, 2010). Tim also served as an on-air expert for the TV show *Deadliest Warrior*. The episode featuring Chinggis Khan will air in summer 2011.

Doctoral student **Andrew Shimunek** presented a paper on “Kitan and its relationship to Mongolic: The Mongol-Serbi language family” on October 1, 2010, at the conference *Perspectives on the Liao*, in the panel “Understanding the Kitan Language,” held at Yale University.

Elliot Sperling published an article, “Some Preliminary Remarks on the Influx of New World Silver into Tibet During China's ‘Silver Century’ (1550-1650),” in Roberto Vitali, ed., *The Earth Ox Papers, The Tibet Journal*, vols. 34, no. 3-35 no. 2 (2010), 299-311.

CEUS PhD candidate **Nicole Willock** was invited to participate in “the Religion and the Literary in Tibet” seminar. In this new five-year seminar series, participants discuss select Tibetan-language narratives, their contexts, and their implications for considering the literary in Tibet. The seminar series takes place at the American Academy of Religion (AAR) annual meetings. This year’s seminar on “Tibetan Literature Up to the Twelfth Century” was in Atlanta, Georgia on October 30th.

UPCOMING EVENTS*

Wednesday, November 10, 4 pm, Jordan Hall 106

The Bregel Lecture Series: “History and Historical Memory in the Pre-Chinggisid Turkic World” by **Peter B. Golden** (Rutgers University).

The Bregel Lecture series honors I.U. Professor Emeritus **Yuri Bregel**, and his many contributions to the study of Central Asian history and of Persian and Chaghatay Turkic historiography. Professor Bregel taught in the Department of Central Eurasian Studies from 1981 until 2000, serving also as Director of the Research Institute for Inner Asian Studies from 1986 to 1997, and as Director of the Inner Asian and Uralic National Resource Center from 1989 to 1997.

Thursday, November 11, 7 pm, Fine Arts 015

Uzbek Film screening: *Bygone Days*

Thursday, November 11, 8 pm, Wylie Hall 005

Mongolian & Tibetan film series featuring the Tibetan film: *The Saltmen of Tibet*

Monday, November 15, 7 pm, Neal-Marshall Black Culture Center (275 N. Jordan Ave.), Bridgewaters Lounge (1st Floor)

Batchimeg Migeddorj, National Security Policy Advisor to the President of Mongolia: “Mongolian National Security: Past, Present & Future”

Wednesday November 17, 5:15 pm, IMU University Club

Latvian Independence Celebration

Thursday, November 18, 8 pm, Wylie Hall 005

Mongolian & Tibetan film series featuring the Mongolian film: *Khadak*

*See an updated list of all CEUS events at: <http://www.indiana.edu/~ceus/eventsnew.shtml>

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