

# THE CEUS MONTHLY

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## NEWS

**Daniel Beben** (Iranian / Central Asian Studies) presented a paper entitled “The Assassins in the Great Game: British–Ismā’īlī Relations in the 19th Century” at the 2009 annual meeting of the Central Eurasian Studies Society in Toronto.

**Christopher Beckwith** published a new book, *Empires of the Silk Road: A History of Central Eurasia from the Bronze Age to the Present* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2009). He also published *Medieval Tibeto-Burman Languages III* (Halle: IITBS GmbH, 2008), and his book on Koguryo, a medieval language of Manchuria and Korea, has been reprinted: *Koguryo, the Language of Japan’s Continental Relatives: An Introduction to the Historical-Comparative Study of the Japanese-Koguryoic Languages, with a Preliminary Description of Archaic Northeastern Middle Chinese*. Second Edition. (Leiden: Brill, second printing, 2008.) In spring he was the “Fulbright-University of Vienna Distinguished Chair in Humanities and Cultural Studies, 2008-9” at the University of Vienna, where he taught three courses: Old Tibetan, Ethnolinguistic History of East Asia, and History of Central Eurasia. He also published an article, “A Note on the Name and Identity of the Junghars,” in *Mongolian Studies*, Vol. 29, pp. 40-44.

**Beatrix Burghardt** presented her research entitled “The role of communication in enhancing student access to classroom learning” at the International Society for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning conference (ISSOTL09). Funding for her participation was provided by the IAUNRC.

In August, **Timothy May** (M.A. CEUS 1996), Associate Professor of Middle Eastern and Central Eurasian History, became Head of the Department of History and Philosophy at North Georgia College & State University. He also gave two lectures on Mongol warfare at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science as part of their preparation of the Genghis Khan exhibit that is currently touring the country.

**Elliot Sperling** published “China and Tibet: The Interpretation of History Since 1950,” in *China Perspectives* 3 (2009), pp. 25-37 [in the French edition, “Le Tibet et la Chine : l’interprétation de l’histoire depuis 1950,” *Perspectives chinoises* 3 (2009), pp. 27-40]. He also moderated and participated in a seminar at the Latse Contemporary Tibetan Cultural Library in New York on “The Vitality and Viability of Minority Languages,” on October 23rd and 24th.

## UPCOMING EVENTS\*

### **Friday, October 16, 8 pm, Wylie Hall 005**

Turkish Film Series:  
Chariots of Revolution (dir. Devrim Arabalari).

### **Thursday, October 22, 5:30 - 7:30 pm, Indiana Memorial Union University Club**

1956 Hungarian Revolution Commemoration

### **Thursday, October 22, 7 pm, Swain Hall East 140**

Persian Film Series:  
Santouri: the Music Man (dir. Dariush Mehrjui, 2008).

### **Friday, October 23, 1:30 - 3 pm, Woodburn Hall 218**

Andras Bozoki lecture “20 Years of Democracy in Central Europe: Developments, Deficits and Discontents.”

### **Friday, October 30, 9:15 am – 5:30 pm, IMU, Distinguished Alumni Room**

Symposium: Editing the Past, Fashioning the Future: Historiography of the Ottoman Empire. Including lectures by Dimitris Kastritsis (University of St. Andrews, Scotland), Tijana Krstic (Central European University), Ebru Turan (Fordham University), Baki Tezcan (University of California, Davis), Sinem Eryılmaz (University of Chicago), Giancarlo Casale (University of Minnesota), Kaya Şahin (Tulane University), and Hakan Karateke (University of Chicago). For more details, please contact **Erdem Çipa** ([ecipa@indiana.edu](mailto:ecipa@indiana.edu)).

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

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