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NEWS

Gardner Bovington's book, *The Uyghurs: Strangers in Their Own Land*, was published recently by Columbia University Press.

Graduate student **Solaiman Fazel** presented a paper entitled "Yusuf Khas Hajib, Kutudgu Bilig, Islamic Mirror for the Prince" at *The Turks and Islam* international conference that was held last month at IU. Solaiman is now also an associate instructor of Persian language at CEUS.

In August, graduate student **Tim Grose** was invited by the Beijing Center of Language and Culture to give a lecture entitled "The Crescent Moon Under the Light of Five Golden Stars: Islam and Muslims in the People's Republic of China." Tim served also as guest editor for the journal *Chinese Education and Society* where he wrote the Introduction, entitled "The Tibet and Xinjiang 'Neidi' Classes: The Aims, Strategies, and Difficulties of Educating a New Generation of Ethnic Minority Students." In December, he will present a paper at the International Workshop on Chinese Multiculturalism Education at La Trobe University, Melbourne, Australia.

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has appointed **Christian Nils Larson** (MA CEUS 2008) as a Technical Assistance Advisor to the Fund's Financial Integrity Group. The appointment follows his publications on the adoption and implementation of Anti-Money Laundering (AML) controls in Central Asia and the Caucasus. The IMF project on which he is advising will assess the effectiveness of anti-money laundering regimes in 120 countries and will be carried out through his company, The AML/CFT Group.

Timothy May (MA CEUS 1996), Associate Professor of Middle Eastern and Central Eurasian History and Head of the Department of History and Philosophy at North Georgia College & State University, published with Paul D. Buell and David Ramey the article "Greek and Chinese Horse Medicine: Déjà vu All Over Again," in *Sudhoffs Archiv* 94/1 (2010): 31-56. In July, Tim presented the paper "Mongol Conquest Strategy in the Middle East" at the Symposium on The Mongols and the Transformation of the Middle East held in conjunction with the World Congress for Middle Eastern Studies in Barcelona, Spain. He recently hosted **Alan Wheeler** (MA CEUS 2000) of Lee University for a lecture titled "Ancient Trails and Sacred Ties: Life Among the Reindeer Herders of Mongolia" as part of NGCSU's Anthropology Lecture Series.

Elliot Sperling delivered a paper at Miami University of Ohio on September 23, entitled “Tibet and China: Historical Roots of an International Impasse.” Between October 12th and 14th he took part in an international symposium on the 1913 treaty between Mongolia and Tibet held in Ulaanbaatar, where he presented a paper entitled “The 1913 Tibeto-Mongol Treaty: Its International Reception and Circulation.”

RECENT & UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept. 25 – Dec. 19, IU Art Museum Special Exhibitions Gallery, first floor

Exhibition: *From the Steppes and the Monasteries: Arts of Mongolia and Tibet*

Saturday, Oct. 2, 12 pm, Winslow Woods Picnic Shelter

Hungarian Cultural Association Fall Picnic

Sunday, Oct. 3, 12 pm, Bryan Park Woodlawn Shelter

Fall Picnic hosted by ACES & NSA

Friday, Oct. 8, 2:30 pm, IMU Oak Room

Lecture by Josep Soler Carbonell (Universitat de Barcelona/UC San Diego): “Estonia vs. Catalonia: Who learns from Whom?” (lecture is part of the Sociolinguistics Conference)

Saturday-Sunday, Oct. 9-10, multiple locations

Arvo Part - A Jubilee

Film Presentation: “Arvo Part: 24 Preludes for a Fugue” (Estonia, 2002)

Lecture: “Arvo Part: Icon of an Age,” by Dr. Jeffers Englehardt

Concert: “Arvo Part at 75: A Portrait Concert”

Monday, Oct. 11, 12:15 pm, Goodbody Hall 107

“Estonia and the New Europe,” a talk by the Estonian Deputy Chief of Mission to the US.

Monday, Oct. 18, 3:00 pm, Woodburn Hall 116

Lecture: Lara Maconi (INALCO, Paris), “The Modern Fate of the Historical Buddhist Kingdom of Muli.”

Wednesday, Oct. 20, 5:30 pm, IMU University Club

Commemoration of the 1956 Hungarian Revolution

Thursday, Oct. 21, 7 pm, Wylie Hall 015

Persian Film Series: *At Five in the Afternoon* (dir. Samira Makhmalbaf, 2003)

Thursday, Oct. 28, 8 pm, Wylie Hall 005

Mongolian Film series: *A Pearl in the Forest* (2008)

Thursday-Sunday, Oct. 28-31

Central Eurasian Studies Society 11th Annual Conference, hosted at Michigan State University, East Lansing MI.

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