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NEWS

Christopher Atwood gave a talk titled “Mongol Society’s Basic Unit: What It Was and Wasn’t” in Columbia University’s Weatherhead East Asian Institute Brownbag Lecture series, in New York, February 15, 2007. He focused on the banner, the *otog*, and the thousand as units linking territory and people and serving as the interface between local society and the larger political structures. Such units are based on subsistence and common rights to resource, not kinship.

Kara Brown (MA CEUS 2000) was selected to receive the Gail P. Kelly Award for Outstanding Dissertation in Comparative Education in 2006 for her dissertation “Learning the Language: International, National & Local Dimensions of Regional-Language Education in Estonia.” The Kelly Award is conferred on a doctoral dissertation that manifests academic excellence, originality, methodological, theoretical, and empirical rigor, and that addresses social justice and equity issues in an international context. The award was presented at the Comparative and International Education Society annual conference in Baltimore in late February. Kara is now an Assistant Professor in the Department of Educational Studies at the University of South Carolina.

Filiz Cicek (Turkish Studies) published an article about the death of Hrant Dink titled “A Journalist Shot Dead in Turkey” in the Istanbul-based newspaper *Manset*. Also, Cicek’s art work was at display at The Kinsey Institute’s juried international exhibition titled ‘Expressive Bodies,’ at Sofa Gallery during the month of January.

Erdem Cipa was awarded a Senior Residential Fellowship at the Research Center for Anatolian Civilizations (RCAC), Koç University, Istanbul for the coming academic year.

In late January **György Kara** spent a few days in Budapest, where voting about nominations of new members, he participated in the meeting of the Section of Language and Literature of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, visited the Department of Inner Asian Studies at the Lorand Eotvos University and the Oriental Collection of the Library of the Academy.

Ron Sela published the article “The ‘Heavenly Stone’ (Kök Tash) of Samarqand: A Rebels’ Narrative Transformed” in the *Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society* 17/1 (January 2007), pp. 21-32.

UPCOMING EVENTS*

Ongoing Exhibits:

Mongolian Calligraphy, Mathers Museum of World Cultures, 416 N. Indiana Ave.

The exhibit of Mongolian calligraphy “The Art of Mongolian Calligraphy: Old Tradition Revived,” featuring the work of renowned Mongolian calligraphist/artist Jalair Dovdon Batbayar.

“Water in Central Eurasia,” Indiana Memorial Union Gallery

A photography exhibit featuring the work of MA students **Gregory Burris**, **Jackson Kellogg**, and **Donny Smith**. Featured are images from Turkey, Azerbaijan, Uzbekistan, and Kyrgyzstan.

Friday, March 2, 6 pm, Swain Hall East 140

Hungarian Film Series:
Fehérlófia [Son of the White Mare] (1982).

Monday, March 5, 5:30 pm, Leo Dowling International Center, 111 S. Jordan Ave.

Pilaf Cook-off Festival.

Tuesday, March 6, 5:30 pm - 7 pm, Ballantine Hall 246

“Central Asia: Economics of Natural Resource,” a lecture by **Maral Meredova** and **Aigul Kazhenova**.

Wednesday, March 7, 5:30 - 7:30 pm, University Club, IMU 150

Commemoration of the Hungarian Revolution of 1848.

Thursday, March 8, 7 pm, Swain Hall East 140

Persian Film Series:
The Tenants (Ejareh-neshinan), directed by Daryush Mehrju'i (1987).

Friday, March 23, 6 pm, Swain Hall East 140

Hungarian Film Series:
Sorstalanság [Fateless] (2005)

Saturday, March 24, 3 pm - 8 pm, Wilkie Auditorium, 150 N. Rose Avenue

The 10th Annual Navruz Festival.

Wednesday, March 28, 5 pm (by invitation only)

IU's Faculty Seminar on Texts & Manuscripts of the Muslim World hosting Prof. **Devin Stewart** (Emory University). For details, please contact Ron Sela at rsela@indiana.edu.

Saturday - Sunday, March 31 – April 1, Multiple Locations

Fourteenth Annual Central Eurasian Studies Conference. For additional details see www.iub.edu/~aces/aces.htm

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

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