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NEWS

Several CEUS faculty, students and alumni participated in the Seventh Annual Conference of the Central Eurasian Studies Society, held at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor from September 28th through October 1st. **John A. Erickson** (Ph.D. CEUS 2001), **Umida Khikmatillaeva**, and **Malik Hodjaev** discussed “Lexical Change in Uzbek since the Mid-1980s;” **Kate Johnston** (Iranian Studies) both chaired and served as a discussant of the panel “The Iranian-Caucasian Cultural Nexus.” Johnston also presented a paper entitled “An Escape in Form and Theme: Doubling in the Poetry of Farrokhzad;” **Kurban Niyaz** (Central Asian Studies) spoke on “Inner Asian Policy of Early Tang, 618-655;” **Blake Puckett** (Central Asian Studies) discussed “Foreign Direct Investment in the Caucasus/CAR: Can the U.S. Compete?” **Ron Sela** served as the discussant for the panel “Precursors of National Identity in Central Asia, 19th to Early 20th Century,” organized by **Daniel Prior** (Ph.D. CEUS 2002). Prior read a paper entitled “Tribal Chiefs, Epic Poetry, and the Roots of Kirghiz Nationalism.” **Nazif Shahrani** presented a paper entitled “Causes and Conditions of Crisis of Masculinity/Femininity in Contemporary Muslim Central and Southwestern Asia.”

Filiz Cicek participated in Intersections: Locating Acts of Courage, National WCA and NWSA Art Exhibition, held at Joyce Gordon Gallery in Oakland, California. The catalogue of the exhibit will be published in 2007.

On October 27, **Bill Fierman** delivered the keynote address at the 6th annual International Young Researchers Conference, held at Havighurst Center, Miami University of Ohio. His speech was titled “Thirty Five Years of Observing Eurasia: The More Things Change the More They Stay the Same?”

György Kara reviewed the book *The Mongolic Languages* ed. by J. Janhunen (London, 2003) in *Anthropological Linguistics* 48/1 (2006), pp. 99-106.

Piibi-Kai Kivik presented a paper entitled “Estonian in the United States: pronoun form variation in different speaker groups” at the First Conference on Language Contact in Times of Globalization, held at the University of Groningen, the Netherlands, September 28-30. She also discussed “Pronoun form variation: Estonian in the U.S.” at the IU LingLunch series on September 25.

UPCOMING EVENTS*

Wednesday, November 1, 4 pm, Hoagy Carmichael Room, Morrison Hall

Tuvan Author Galsan Tschinag on *The Blue Sky*.

Thursday, November 2, 7 pm, Ballantine Hall 003

Films by Estonian ethnographer Liivo Niglas.

Monday, November 6, 5:30 – 7 pm, Indiana Memorial Union Building Oak Room

Lecture by Partaw Naderi: “Poetics and Politics of War and Resistance in Afghanistan.”

Friday, November 10, 7:30 pm, Runcible Spoon Café

German-Turkish Film Series:

Crossing the Bridge: The Sound of Istanbul, directed by Fatih Akin (2005).

Thursday, November 16, 7 pm, Swain Hall East 140

Persian Film Series:

Under the Moonlight (Zir-e nur-e mah), directed by Seyyed Reza Mir-Karimi (2001).

Friday, November 17, 8 pm, Wylie Hall 005

Turkish Film Series:

15 Minutes Slow Burning.

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

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