Second International Conference on Central Asian Archaeology
held at the University of Bern, Switzerland, 13-15 February 2020

Zweite internationale Konferenz zur Archäologie Zentralasiens
durchgeführt an der Universität Bern, Schweiz, 13.-15. Februar 2020

Cultures in Contact
Central Asia as Focus of Trade, Cultural Exchange and Knowledge Transmission

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Zentralasien als Schwerpunkt von Handel, Kulturaustausch und Wissensvermittlung

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Wednesday, 12th February 2020

18:00 - Pre-Registration at the Hotel Kreuz, Zeughausgasse 41, 3011 Bern

18:30 Dinner

For those who will arrive later the registration will be on Thursday, 13th February 2020, directly at the congress venue.

18:00 - Dinner

Invited Speakers only

Thursday, 13th February 2020

Venue:
The University of Bern, Mittelstrasse 43, 3012 Bern, Switzerland. Building Uni Mittelstrasse, Room 124

08:00 Registration
08:30 Welcome
09:00 Opening Conference

Novák Mirko
Institute for Archaeological Sciences, University of Bern, Bern (CH)

09:20 The Society for the Exploration of EurAsia in Contact with the Past and Present

Baumer Christoph
Society for the Exploration of EurAsia, Hergiswil (CH)

Session 1: Elam and Bactria
Chair: Cerasetti Barbara

09:35 Cultures in Contact - Cultural Transformation - Transculturalization. An Archaeological Perspective

Novák Mirko
Institute for Archaeological Sciences, University of Bern, Bern (CH)

10:00 The fist-sized "command batons" from Elam and Bactria-Margiana

Mäder Michael
Institute for Linguistics, University of Bern, Bern (CH)

10:25 Discussion
10:45 Coffee Break

Session 2: Turkmenistan
Chair: Naymark Aleksander

11:10 Sharing Spiritual Life and Beliefs in the Murghab Region (Southern Turkmenistan): New Evidence from Bronze Age Terracotta Figurines and Seals

Forni Luca
Department of Human Studies, University of Trieste, Bologna (IT)

11:35 Lock-shaped Stone Handbags (Pierre Ansées) from Central and Middle Asia: Typology, Distribution and new Findings

Bonora Gian Luca
ISMEO, Ferrara (IT)

12:00 Redefine the idea of BMAC through the last innovative data of the Late Bronze Age Margiana

Cerasetti Barbara
Department of History and Cultures, University of Bologna, Bologna (IT)

12:25 Discussion
12:50 Lunch

Chair: Sollee Alexander

14:00 Swiss Research at Gonur Depe in 2014 and 2015

Langenegger Katarzyna
archaeology, University of Basel, Basel (CH)

14:25 Between two cultures - the archaeological record of Akdepe

Kurbanov Aydogdy
Collegium de Lyon fellow 2019-2020

14:50 Sine Sepulchro cultures of the Early Iron Age: an interconnected Central Asian community of cultures

Lhuillier Johanna
Archéorient UMR 5133, CNRS, Lyon (FR)

15:15 Isotopic Studies of Bronze Age Societies in Central Asia and Iran

Kroll Sonja
Archéozoologie, archéobotanique: sociétés, pratiques et environnement, CNRS, MNHN, UMR 7209, Paris (FR)

15:40 Discussion
16:05 Coffee Break
# Session 3: Central Asia

**Chair:** Mäder Michael

| Time   | Session                                                                 | Speaker                          | Institution                                                                 |
|--------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|                                 |                                                                            |
| 16:30  | **Hellenistic Bactria. A view from Torbulok, Tajikistan**               | Lindström Gunvor                 | Eurasia Department, Deutsches Archäologisches Institut, Berlin (DE)         |
| 16:55  | **Early History of Sogdiana and its international trade: silk, fur, amber, and slaves** | Naymark Aleksandr               | Fine Arts & Art History, Hofstra University, New York (US)                  |
| 17:20  | **New discoveries in Paikend: on nomadic influence in Sogdian domains**  | Omelchenko Andrey               | Oriental, The State Hermitage Museum, St. Petersburg (RU)                    |
| 17:45  | **Cultural Exchange along the Silk Road as Reflected in the Sealings Unearthed from Kafir-kala** | Begmatov Alisher               | Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences, Berlin (DE)                           |
| 18:10  | **Discussion**                                                          |                                  |                                                                            |
| 19:30  | **Dinner**                                                              |                                  | **free for Inv. Speakers, others on registration**                           |

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Friday, 14th February 2020

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Session 4: Central Asia continued

Chair: Shenkar Michael

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| 08:30  | A study of the gold folding crown from Tillya-tepe as an indicator of cultural exchange and status | **Peterson Sara**  
History of Art and Archaeology, School of Oriental and African Studies, London University, Wiltshire (UK) |
| 08:55  | Monumental plot polychrome painting of Karatepe in Old Termez           | **Pidaev Shakirdjan**  
Institute of Art of the Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Tashkent (UZ) |
| 09:20  | Fortifications, fortresses, and border walls in ancient Bactria-Sogdiana (sedentary and nomads between Samarkand and Al Khanum) | **Rapin Claude**  
CNRS Paris, ENS / UMR 8546 Archéologie et Philologie d’Orient et d’Occident (AOROC), Paris (FR) |
| 09:45  | Discussion                                                            |
| 10:10  | Coffee Break                                                          |
| 10:35  | Bactrian influence in the re-foundation of Vardana in the Early Medieval period | **Pozzi Silvia**  
Independent researcher, Udine (IT) |
| 11:00  | Crossroads between Iran and Central Asia. New data on the ceramic assemblage of the Bukhara Oasis. | **Bruno Jacopo**  
Università degli Studi di Torino, Torino (IT) |
| 11:25  | Local trade routes in Pre-Islamic Samarkand                           | **Mantellini Simone**  
History and Cultures, University of Bologna, Ravenna (IT) |
| 11:50  | A Study on the Clothes Carved in the Wooden Panels from Kafir-kala     | **Murakami Tomomi**  
Slavic Eurasian Research Center of Hokkaido University, Sapporo (JP) |
| 12:15  | Discussion                                                            |
| 12:40  | Lunch                                                                 |
| 14:00  | Hand gestures in Sogdian iconography, their origins, and their significance | **Shavarebi Ehsan**  
Institute of Numismatics and Money History, University of Vienna, Vienna (AT) |
| 14:25  | Eastern Zeravshan valley in Transition from the Sogdian to the Arab Rule: New evidence from the Sanjar-Shah Excavations | **Shenkar Michael**  
Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Jerusalem (IL) |
| 14:50  | Modular residence block in Panjakent in comparative context           | **Lurje Pavel**  
Oriental Department, State Hermitage Museum, St. Petersburg (RU) |
| 15:15  | End of the Long Way. Tamgha-signs from Qarshovul-tepa as a marker of Nomad’s sedentarisation process | **Ilyasov Djangar**  
Art History, Institute of Art Studies, Academy of Sciences of Republic of Uzbekistan, Tashkent (UZ) |
| 15:40  | Discussion                                                            |
| 16:05  | Coffee Break                                                          |
| 16:30  | Early Karakhanidian glazed ceramics from Bukhara (based on materials from the complex of the Vardanzeh citadel) | **Mirzaachmedov Djamaliddin**  
Uzbekistan Academy of Science Y. Gulumov, Samarkand (UZ) |
| 16:55  | The cultural traditions of urban planning in Samarkand during the epoch of Timur | **Malikov Azim**  
Asian studies, Palacky University, Olomouc (CZ) |
| 17:20  | The Bamiyan Valley as a center of trade and cultural exchange: the latest excavations on the site of Shahr-e Gholghola | **Bendezu Sarmiento Julio**  
Eco-anthropologie et Ethnobiologie (UMR 7206), MNHN, CNRS, Paris (FR) |
| 17:45  | An archaeological survey of sites of Kech-Makran, Balochistan, Pakistan | **Shabir Imran**  
TIAC, Taxila Institute of Asian Civilizations, Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad (PK) |
| 18:10  | Discussion                                                            |
| 19:30  | Dinner                                                                |

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Session 5: Azerbaijan
Chair: Kurbanov Aydogdy

08:30 Archaeological evidence of the presence of the Khazars in the territory of Azerbaijan in the VII-X centuries
Asadov Farda
History and Economy of Arab countries, Institute of Oriental Studies, Baku (AZ)

08:55 Archaeological Representation of Caspian Trade Route on the Territory of Azerbaijan
Mustafayev Shahin
Institute of Oriental Studies after Z.M. Buniyatov, Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences, Baku (AZ)

Session 6: Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan
Chair: Rutishauser Susanne

09:45 New data on the ancient settlement of Ak-Beshim (Chu River Valley, Northern Kyrgyzstan)
Amanbaeva Baky
Institute of History, Archaeology and Ethnology of the National Academy of Sciences of Kyrgyz Republic, Bishkek (KG)

10:10 Discussion

10:35 Coffee Break

Chair: Caspari Gino (tbc)

11:00 The medieval town of Talkhir. Origination and development of urban culture in the northeast Zhetisu.
Eder Saltanat
University of Bern, Hall in Tirol (AT)

11:25 To the genesis of the cities of Chui Valley (according to data from the site Novopokrovskoe-2)
Kolchenko Valerii
Archaeology, Institute of History, Archaeology and Ethnology of the NAS KR, Bishkek (KG)

11:50 Ili Valley Settlement: Urban Development along the Northern Silk Route
Stewart Charles
Art History, University of St.Thomas, Houston (US)

12:15 Archaeological Investigations of the Medieval town Ilibalyk: Achievements and Perspectives
Voyakin Dmitriy
Archaeology, International Institute for Central Asian Studies, Almaty (KZ)

12:40 Discussion

13:05 Lunch

Session 7: Xinjiang and Tuva
Chair: Stewart Charles

14:20 Chemurchek (Qiemuerqieke) phaenomenon as result of western migration and its impact on cultures of South Siberia and Kazakhstan
Kovalev Alexey
Department of Preservation of Archaeological Heritage, Institute of Archaeology Russian Academy of Sciences, St. Petersburg (RU)

14:45 At the Crossroad of the Ancient World – On the Kingdom of Kroraina and its implications for the Silk Route model
Heisæter Tomas Larsen
Department of Archaeology, History, Cultural Studies and Religion, University of Bergen, Bergen (NO)

15:10 Ulug-Khem archaeological culture of the Xiongnu period in Tuva
Leus Pavel
Independent archaeologist, Berlin (DE)

15:35 The Steppe and the Sown - New evidence for culture contacts and migration between South Siberia and Central Asia
Caspari Gino
Institut for Archaeological Sciences, University of Bern, Bern (CH)

16:00 Discussion

16:25 Coffee Break

16:50 Conclusion discussion
Novák Mirko / Susanne Rutishauser
Institute for Archaeological Sciences, University of Bern, Bern (CH)
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