

'Research in Action'

GCRF COMPASS workshop
8-11 April 2019, Bukhara, Uzbekistan
University of Cambridge



Programme

8 April 9:00am-8pm

9:30am Introduction

Prof Mirzohid Rahimov, Coordination and Methodological Centre on the Uzbekistan's Contemporary History under the Uzbekistan Academy of Sciences

Prof Alisher Faizullaev, University of World Diplomacy and Economy (UWED), Tashkent, Uzbekistan & COMPASS Project National Champion, Uzbekistan

Dr Siddharth S Saxena, Director, Cambridge Central Asia Forum, Jesus College, University of Cambridge & COMPASS project Co-Investigator, Centre for Development Studies, University of Cambridge, Cambridge, UK

Panel 1 10am-12:30pm

Sustainability in Research and Innovation: Key Note Addresses and Panel Discussion

Chair:

S S Saxena, University of Cambridge

Key Speakers:

His Excellency, Ambassador of the UK to Uzbekistan, Chris Allan

P Nolan, Director Emeritus & Chong Hua Professor, University of Cambridge

N. Ray, University of Liverpool & University of Cambridge

Panellists:

M Rahimov, Coordination and Methodological Centre on the Uzbekistan's Contemporary History under the Uzbekistan Academy of Sciences

B Mirkasimov, Deputy Rector, Westminster International University, Tashkent, Transition Economies

T. Nurmurodov, Pro-Rector for Science and Innovation, Navoiy State Mining Institute

12:30pm Lunch

Panel 2 2-4pm

Eurasia and Resource Policy: Is Eurasia resource rich but institution poor? How does resource extraction impact the environment? Can Central Asia with its huge resources of oil and natural gas be sustainable? Is Eurasia a producer/manufacturer or a thoroughfare? *Bazaar vs Karkhanah*: what is Eurasia? What is the future of Eurasia? Can Eurasia's past help us understand its future? How can state enterprises be used for the greater good of the country? Is that possible?

Chair: Coordination and Methodological Centre on the Uzbekistan's Contemporary History under the Uzbekistan Academy of Sciences

Key Speaker: S S Saxena, University of Cambridge 'Re-Sourcing Central Asia and Eurasia'

Silks Roads: M. Radivojevic, University College London

Eurasia: Paradigms for Development: P. Kalra, University of Cambridge,

Renewable energy/Energy policy: B. Eschanov, Westminster International University, Tashkent,

Government-Business relations: S. Orazgaliyev, Nazarbayev University, Kazakhstan,

4 pm Tea and Coffee



Panel 3 4:30-6:30pm

Discussion on Education and Capacity

Building: Can we learn from each other? How do we talk about capacity across different political/academic cultures? Values and 'Good Life': can we talk about them as one thing for everyone? Can we talk about it in local and regional context and how that fits in with the western/ "international" context?

Chair: S S Saxena, University of Cambridge

Key Speaker: M. Rakhimov, Uzbekistan Academy of Sciences, **Academic Cultures**

Urban community: N. Nurulla, Tajik National University, Dushanbe

Transporting cultural identity through education: A. Waljee, Cambridge Central Asia Forum,

Research Networks: T. Yunusov, University of Cambridge

Interdisciplinary research: C. Smyrilli, University of Cambridge,

Growing Institutions: H Hamidov, Deputy Director, Navoi Branch of Uzbekistan Academy of Sciences

7:30 pm Dinner

9 April 10am-8pm

Panel 1 10am-12:30pm

Multilateralism/Diplomacy: Western and Eastern Diplomatic practices. International organisations and Eurasia: the history of the region in its organisations/groupings.

Chair: B Mirkasimov, Westminster International University, Tashkent

Key Speaker: A Faizullaev, UWED, Tashkent. **Western Diplomacy**

Cultural Diplomacy M Shahidi, Tajik National University

Regional organisations P. Kalra, University of Cambridge,

Engaging the Public: V. Parmanov, Analytical Group "Central Eurasia"

Eurasian Identity: D. Kudaibergenova, University of Cambridge

Knowledge Production: A. O'Connor, University College London

12:30pm Lunch

Panel 2 2-4pm

Governance and what does it mean for society inside the country and relationships in the international context?

Chair: H Hamidov, Deputy Director, Navoi Branch of Uzbekistan Academy of Sciences

Eurasia's Scientific and Social Policy Nexus, Then and Now: C. Laumulin, University of Cambridge,

Local governance in Eurasia and Europe: S. Onalbaiuly, University of Cambridge,

Science/Business Policy T. Schivatcheva, University of Cambridge,

Collaborating and Producing Science: B Pingault, University of Cambridge

Central Asian Foreign Affairs & Neighbourhood: A. Muratbekova, Eurasian Research Institute & Univ. of Cambridge

4 pm Tea and Coffee

Panel 3 4:30-6:30pm

Discussion about Economy/Institutions in the context of the environment and in terms of security. BRI vs Eurasian Economic Union vs European Union. SCO and NATO in the Eurasian region. Marxism vs Communism/ How can Eurasia relate its past with its future? Resource competition vs Resource accumulation: can there be cooperation? Is the Eurasian Economic Union a free market/customs union or the revival of the Soviet Union? Who are the architects of the economies of Eurasia? Planned economy vs liberal economy in the era of environmental insecurity?



Chair: B. Eschanov, Westminster International University, Tashkent

Infrastructure, China and Central Asia: Y. Ji, University of Cambridge
Regulation and Economic Performance in Central Asia: A. Khudaykulov, University of Cambridge,
Doing and Developing sustainability in Caspian Neighbourhood: C. Berman, University of Cambridge,
Digital Labour/new forms of labour (Marxist): V. Gritchenko, Plekhanov Russian University of Economics,
Tashkent, Political economy/Macroeconomics: A. Malikov, Westminster International University,
Finance and Central Asia: Ana Gomez, University of Cambridge,

7:30 pm Dinner

10 April 10am-8pm

Panel 1 10am-12:30pm

History as a cultural indicator/ how far back can we go? What is the Silk Road? What is Eurasia?

Panel Discussion Chair: Prajakti Kalra, University of Cambridge

The Beyond and Between of Eurasia: Prof M. Shahidi, TNU
Reconnecting Eurasia: M. Rahimov, Uzbekistan contemporary History Centre, Academy of Science of Uzbekistan
Digging up Eurasia: M. Radivojevic, UCL
Centre of Eurasia: Y. Kashanova, History of Uzbekistan
Imagining Eurasia: K. Shatanati, University of Cambridge

12:30pm Lunch

Panel 2 2-4pm

International Relations: Security considerations. Eurasia/Uzbekistan within a wider context.

Chair: S S Saxena, University of Cambridge

Law and Security: N Azizov, The Academy of the General Prosecutor's Office, Uzbekistan,
Contemporary IR: A Mullayev, The Institute of History of The Academy of Sciences of Uzbekistan.
Afghanistan and Parliamentary Structures: N. Fayz, Embassy of Afghanistan in the UK,
State-Minority relations: J. Csabay, University of Cambridge

4 pm Tea and Coffee

Panel 3 4:30-6:30pm

Migration/Gender/Daily life: How do everyday issues like migration and gender relations play out in economic relations? Eurasia and migration: Eurasian Economic Union: an opportunity or a challenge? Small economies vs big economies; landlocked countries that rely on bigger, more powerful neighbours, does this help or hamper relations in Eurasia? What is the role of the government and citizenry in making these decisions? BRI: an infrastructure project or China flexing its muscle in its neighbourhood? BRI: a response to Eurasian Economic Union and Russia's power in the region or a response to the European Union and globalisation? Is China an architect of a new power dynamic or only in search of power/control/resources? Do the smaller countries in Eurasia: Uzbekistan and Tajikistan have a say in either BRI or Eurasian Economic Union? How do these projects affect the common man? How does art and cultural power brokers understand/represent this new environment? In with the new and out with the old? Is there anything different from the former Soviet Union.

Chair: D Kudaibergenova

China and Migration: K. Zheng, University of Cambridge,
Migration from Kyrgyzstan: A. Asanova, University of Cambridge,
Women's NGOs in Central Asia: Polina Bishenden, University of Kent,
Soviet Visual Art: M. Tukhataeva Westminster International University, Tashkent
Social movements and democracy: S. Dickson, University of Cambridge,

7:30 pm Dinner