

Royal Holloway University of London

Enhancing the impact of SoM research on Post-Soviet Development in Central Asia

Central Asia's Evolving Relations with China

Senate House, Room 261, Russell Square, London, WC1E 7HU
Saturday, 28 January 2017 (please register with Rosa Vercoe: 588795@alumni.soas.ac.uk)

Convened by Dr. Gül Berna Özcan and Dr. Gulzat Botoeva

Programme

12.30-12.45 Arrival and Registration

12.45-13.00 Introduction Dr Gül Berna Özcan, Royal Holloway

13.00-14.30 Session 1: China's New Silk Road and geopolitics

Chair: Dr Gulzat Botoeva, University of Roehampton

Dr Liselotte Odgaard, Royal Danish Defence College, 'Beijing's Quest for Stability in its Neighborhood: China's Relations with Russia in Central Asia'

Dr David Lewis, University of Exeter, 'China's Silk Road and the Eurasian Economic Union: Competing Regional Projects in Central Asia?'

14.30-15.00- Coffee Break

15.00-16.30 Session 2: Economic dimensions of China's involvement

Chair: Dr Alma Sharipova, SOAS

John Roberts 'China's Role in Central Asian Energy', Methinks Ltd

Prof Heejin Lee, Yonsei University, 'One Belt One Road' from the Perspective of Standardization: Focusing on High-speed Railways'

Dr Huaichuan Rui, Royal Holloway, 'Chinese MNCs' Knowledge Transfer in Emerging Markets: Implications to Central Asia'

16.30- 18.00 Session 3: Social change and cultural heritage

Chair: Dr Gai Joraev, UCL

Dr Diana Ibanez Tirado, University of Sussex, 'From Yiwu, China, to Uzbekistan and Tajikistan: trade, intimacy and gender'

Khalida Azhigulova, University of Leicester, 'Mixed Migration Flows between China and Central Asia'

Shaohan Wang, UCL, 'Social and Cultural Aspects of China's Influence in Central Asia'

Concluding Remarks: Rosa Vercoe (a brief thanks and announcements)

18.30 Dinner at "Tas" Restaurant-Bloomsbury (Sponsored by Nurol Bank)