



London Central Asia Research Network

**Call for Papers for
The Ninth Annual Doctoral Research Workshop
organized by the
London Central Asia Research Network**



**The Social and Cultural Meaning of Money in
Central Asia**

Webinar

23rd January 2021 (Time 9 am to 3 pm - UK Time)

Convened by Dr Gulzat Botoeva and Dr Oybek Madiyev

This workshop is devoted to the topic of everyday, real-life experiences of money and its meanings in Central Asia and its wider region.

Previous scholarly attention has focused on the macro-level dimensions of money, for example, Central Asian countries' fiscal debt to foreign companies and banks, the role of remittances in national GDPs as well as high-level corruption and money laundering. While that research makes important contributions to Central Asian scholarship, this workshop is interested instead in showcasing how the habits of saving and spending money, by individuals and within communities, are intertwined with the social, cultural, and political spheres of life.

The workshop will address the following questions: What are the meanings and interpretations of money in local Central Asian contexts? How are different kinds of money earmarked for various purposes? Are there multiple monies that various actors use? What are the experiences of cashlessness? How are social, cultural and political aspects of money and monetary relations intertwined with each other?

We encourage papers that illuminate how money is perceived and used by various actors. Themes, for instance, could include the gendered aspects of money-making and the symbolism of money and remittances among individuals and communities. We also welcome submissions on the meaning of money earned 'outside of the law' in illegal/informal economies and explorations of 'dirty money' that can go against some cultural norms.

The final aim of the workshop is to prepare journal special issue submission based on the papers presented at the webinar.

Submission Deadline: 9th November 2020

Submission details:

- Author's name, institutional affiliation and e-mail
- A 500 word paper summary
- A 100 word bio

All submissions should be sent to:

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