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

Special Issue Launch

Reflections on post-Soviet Development in Central Asia: A Multi-disciplinary Perspective

Senate House, Russell Square, Room 261, Malet Street, London, WC1E 7HU
Saturday, 30 January 2016

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

Programme

12.30-12.45 Arrival and Registration

12.45-13.00 Introduction Dr. Gul Berna Ozcan

13.00-14.30 Session 1: Development Ideology and Market Adaptations

Chair: Professor Sally Cummings, University of St. Andrews

This session would focus on the macro-issues looking at the ideology of development with specific focus on state formation, power elites, and capitalist adaptations in the region with reference to the special issue as well as the panelists own work.

Dr. Bernardo Teles Fazendeiro (University of Kent), Dr. Bhavna Dave (SOAS),
Dr. Madeleine Reeves (University of Manchester)

Format: Chairs will introduce the leading themes first in 5 minutes in their own research framework and the panel presenters will talk for 10-15 minutes. Then, the chairs will wrap up the key issues along with their own in 10 minutes. The Q&A will take place at the end of the session for about 30 min.

14.30-15.00- Coffee Break

15.00-16.30 Session 2: Unpacking Development: Critique of Policy

Chair: Dr Babken Babajanian, LSE, formerly with ODI

Contours of economic and social development. This session would focus on how theories help implementation and development programmes, in particular aid.

Dr. Gulzat Botoeva (University of Roehampton), Dr. Filippo Menga (University of Manchester), Clare O'Brien (Oxford Policy Management)

Format: as above

16.30- 18.00 Session 3: Lessons Learned: The Role of Different Actors and Prospects

Chair: Tricia Zipfel, MBE, Oxfam

This session would focus on practical case studies/development projects in Central Asia and beyond, with lessons learned and contributions made in terms of theories, policies, and research. How does the media reflect on people's realities and every day life?

Victoria Catliff (tentatively confirmed), Elena Paskaleva (University of Leiden), Gulnara Kasmambetova (BBC),

Concluding Remarks: Gulzat Botoeva (a brief thanks and announcements)

18.30 Dinner at "Tas" Restaurant-Bloomsbury