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British Society of Criminology: Early Career Researchers Network

“Il/legal” and informal practices in the Eurasian region

Senate House, Room 102, Russell Square, London, WC1E 7HU

Saturday, 27 January 2018

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

Programme

11.15-11.30 Arrival and Registration

11.30-11.45 Introduction Dr. Gül Berna Özcan, Royal Holloway, UK

11.45 - 13.30. Session 1: States and illegality/informality

Chair: Dr. Abel Polese, Tallinn University, Estonia

Aude-Cécile Monnot, Sciences Po Paris/EHESS, France

‘Traditions on trials in Soviet Central Asia, 1926-1939: Political uses and social understandings of a criminal category’

Dr. Malika Bahovadinova, Oriental Institute at the Czech Academy of Sciences, Czech Republic

‘Subaltern Citizenship: The acquisition practices of dual citizenship by migrant workers’

Khalida Azhigulova, University of Leicester, UK

‘Regional mobility within the Eurasian Economic Union: Towards regularising irregular migration in Central Asia?’

13.30-14.00- Coffee Break

14.00-16.00. Session 2: Social legitimacy of illegal practices

Chair: Dr. Saheira Haliel, University of Sussex, UK

Dr. Diana Ibañez Tirado and Professor Magnus Marsden, University of Sussex, UK
'Illicit trading practices among transnational merchants from South, Central and West Asia in Yiwu, China: On morality, creativity and prosperity'

Dr. Rune Steenberg, University of Copenhagen, Denmark
'Legitimate corruption: Bureaucracy and social relations as alternatives in Central Asia'

Sofya Omarova, Oxford University, UK
'Informal Justice: Legitimation practices in modern Azerbaijan'

Dr. Gulzat Botoeva, University of Roehampton, UK
'Small-scale illegal gold extraction in Kyrgyzstan'

16.00- 16.15. Break

16.15- 17.45. Session 3: Notions of informality

Chair: Khalida Azhigulova, University of Leicester, UK

Karolina Kluczevska, University of St Andrews, UK
'The World Bank's 'Doing Business in Tajikistan' vs. practices of doing business in Tajikistan'

Liga Rudzite, Tallinn University of Technology, Estonia
'Informality-management nexus in development cooperation sector: the case of Batken, Kyrgyzstan'

Zhanyl Moldalieva, United Nations University – Maastricht University, The Netherlands.
'Political Games in Kyrgyzstan's Mining Communities: 'Informalization' of Transparency and Accountability?'

17.45-18.00. Concluding Remarks: Rosa Vercoe (a brief thanks and announcements)

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