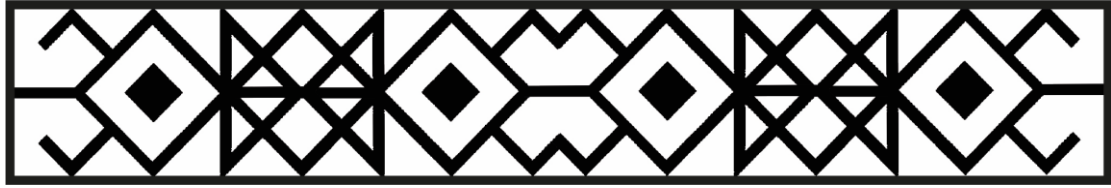


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The Ninth Annual Doctoral Research Workshop organized by London Central Asia Research Network



The Social and Cultural Meaning of Money in Central Asia

Webinar

5th February 2021 (Time 12.15 to 17.20 pm - UK Time)

Convened by Dr Gulzat Botoeva and Dr Oybek Madiyev

Please register:

<https://roehampton-ac-uk.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUqcOiqrTgiHdAnTBSvSWS6p1OZuDr3XURI>

Programme

12.15-12.30 Arrival and introduction
Dr. Gulzat Botoeva, University of Roehampton

12.30 - 14.10. Session 1: Gendered aspects of money

Chair and discussant: Dr. Diana Kudaibergenova, University of Cambridge

Verena La Mela, University of Zurich

‘Flows of cash and tea: Women, trade and trust in the Sino-Kazakh borderlands’

Mukaidaisi Muhetaer, Palacký University Olomouc

‘Felt Making and How Felt Makers Store Wealth in Rural Kashgar’

Zhuldyz Kabidenova and Anara Tanabayeva, Toraighyrov University and Abai University

‘The money issues and the woman in the modern Kazakh society’

14.10 - 14.20. Break

14.20 - 16.00. Session 2: Moral narratives and interpretations of money

Chair: Dr. Gulzat Botoeva, University of Roehampton

Discussant: Dr. Aisalkyn Botoeva, George Washington University

Dr. Hedwig Waters, University College London

‘Moral adaptations in the extractive economy’

Hikoyat Salimova, Hafen City University

‘“Qarz” in the context of Uzbek bazaars’

Christian Kelly Scott and Guangqing Chi, Pennsylvania State University

‘Keeping up with the Ismailovas: Conspicuous Consumption in Rural Southern Kyrgyzstan’

16.00 - 16.10 Break

16.10 -17.10. Key note lecture

Dr. Elmira Satybaldieva, University of Kent

‘The morality of money and its commodification in Central Asia’

17.10-17.20 Concluding remarks

Dr Gul Berna Ozcan and Dr Gulzat Botoeva



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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.

Keynote speaker

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Dr. Elmira Satybaldieva is a Senior Research Fellow at Conflict Analysis Research Centre, University of Kent. Her main area of research interest is politics in the post-Soviet space, with a particular focus on grassroots activism and international development in Central Asia. She is currently researching Chinese, Russian and western investment strategies in Central Asia and their varied implications for the region. She has been researching the region for over 15 years, and published widely on social movements, development and political economy in the region.

Workshop participants

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Verena La Mela is a postdoc researcher at the University of Zurich in a project dealing with the social aspects of roads (www.roadworkasia.com). She currently focuses on logistical processes in the frame of the Belt and Road Initiative. Her doctoral dissertation “Solidarity in competition: Women, trade and social networks in south-eastern Kazakhstan” was supported by the Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology based in Halle/Saale, Germany. For her dissertation she conducted ethnographic field research at the Sino-Kazakh border with a focus on female traders.

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Mukaidaisi Muhetaer is a Ph.D student and a junior researcher of Department of Asian Studies in Palacky University, Czech Republic. Her research is about Uyghur felt making technique and the society transformation of Kashgar from 1850 to 2020. During her M.A study in Xinjiang University, she spent three years in southern Xinjiang, collected data about traditional felt making technique, the social life of felt makers and the market of felt in southern Xinjiang. As a native Uyghur female scholar, she is also interesting about the women’s status, the changes of knowledge transfer system of local handicrafts in Xinjiang.

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Dr. Hedwig Waters is an Honorary Research Fellow in the Department of Anthropology, UCL; starting a postdoctoral fellowship at the International Institute of Asian Studies, Leiden University, Netherlands, in February 2020. She is currently writing a book in combination with UCL Press on the moral logics of the illegal wildlife trade in the Chinese borderlands of Mongolia.

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Hikoyat Salimova is a PhD candidate at Hafen City University Hamburg. She obtained MSc in Urban and Regional Planning at Ball State University, USA. Her research interests include urban and regional planning, vernacular architecture, human geography, cultural anthropology, autoethnography, and urban sociology.

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Christian Kelly Scott is dual doctoral Ph.D. candidate in Rural Sociology and International Agriculture, & Development in the Department of Agricultural Economics, Sociology, and Education at the Pennsylvania State University. His research focuses on societal issues of hunger and food insecurity. His dissertation focuses on the economic, environmental, and social determinants of household food security in the rural southern Kyrgyz highlands.

Workshop organisers**Dr. Gulzat Botoeva, University of Roehampton, UK.**

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Dr. Gulzat Botoeva is a Senior Lecturer in Criminology at the University of Roehampton. Her recent research project focuses on illegal gold mining in Kyrgyzstan, criminalisation and de-legitimation of mining protests. Her previous research project was focused on small-scale hashish harvesting in Kyrgyzstan. In general, Gulzat is interested in studying illegal and informal economies (drug production, illegal gold mining and illegal monies) in a post-Soviet context; mainly using qualitative research methods and ethnographies of crime. She has published with *Theoretical Criminology*, *The International Journal of Drug Policy*, and *Central Asian Survey* journals.

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Dr. Oybek Madiyev is a Postdoctoral Research Associate, GCRF project at the School of Politics and International Relations, University of Kent. His doctoral research involved analysis of the major power rivalries in post-Soviet Central Asia. His interdisciplinary research combined areas such as comparative political economy, political history, international relations, and international political economy. His forthcoming book titled *Uzbekistan's International Relations* will be published by Routledge in July 2020.

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Dr. Gul Berna Ozcan is a Reader in International Business and Entrepreneurship at Royal Holloway. Gül Berna investigates the spatial, moral and political character of the enterprise and business actors through an interdisciplinary approach in diverse settings. Her work on Central Asian entrepreneurship explores business growth patterns and how social stratification, ideological transformations and class relocation shape the development of post-Soviet businesses. In addition to numerous journal articles, her books include: *Diverging Paths of Development in Central Asia* (Ed. Routledge, 2017); *Building States and Markets: Enterprise Development in Central Asia* (Palgrave, 2010).