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PRC Colonialism and the Uyghur Region

Organising institutions

European Uyghur Institute (IODE)

Oriental Institute (OI) of the Czech Academy of Sciences

Department of East Asian Studies (ESTAS) of the University of Geneva

Dates

24-25 November 2023, 09:30-19:00 CET

Location

Czech Academy of Sciences, room 206, Národní 3, Prague 1, Czechia

Organisers

Ondřej KLIMEŠ (Oriental Institute)

Léo MAILLET (University of Geneva - EHESS)

Dilnur REYHAN (Inalco – European Uyghur Institute)

Live streaming of the event

Day 1 (Friday 24 November 2023, 09:30-19:00 CET):

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Day 2 (Saturday 25 November 2023, 09:30-19:00 CET):

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Day 1 – Friday 24 November 2023

09:30-10:30 Keynote 1 – Ablet KAMALOV (Turan University): *Title to be confirmed* (Online)

Chair: Eric SCHLUESSEL (George Washington University)

10:30-11:00 Coffee break

11:00-13:15 Panel 1 - Uyghurs in (Post)Colonial Central Asia

Chair: Ondřej KLIMEŠ (Oriental Institute)

Asror RAYIMOVICH QAYUMOV (Academy of Sciences of Uzbekistan): "The Uyghurs of Uzbekistan: Ethnocultural Identity of the Soviet and Post-Soviet Era" (Online)

Gardner BOVGINDON (Indiana University) & Gulnisa NAZAROVA (Indiana University):

"Branching Paths: Uyghur Emigres to Central Asia and the 'Xinjiang Problem'"

Yalkun ULUYOL (Koç University): "Rethinking the Roots of Ethnic Conflict: the Uyghur and Hui Regions in Comparative Perspective"

13:15-14:30 Lunch

14:30-16:00 Panel 2 - Anti-Colonial Resistance to PRC Policies

Chair: Chiara OLIVIERI (University of Granada)

Zhaina MEIRKHAN (University of Michigan): "Revolution and Resistance against Chinese Settler Colonialism in Xinjiang, between 1930-1951" (Online)

Tomoki YAMADA (Independent Scholar): "Religious Policy and its Background as Seen in Religious Surveys Before and After the Baren Incident"

16:00-16:30 Coffee break

16:30-18:00 Panel 3 – Chinese Colonialism Seen from the Diaspora

Chair: Léo MAILLET (University of Geneva - EHESS)

Işık KUŞÇU BONNENFANT (METU): "A Local Perspective on Settler Colonialism in Xinjiang (Eastern Turkestan): Findings of the Global Uyghur Diaspora Survey"

Murat YILMAZ (Kastamonu University): "Engaging Reproductive Justice and Public Testimony: Reproductive Violences against Uyghurs"

18:30-19:00 Uyghur Live Music – Bextiyar TURSUN: dutar & tembur

Day 2 – Saturday 25 November 2023

09:30-10:30 Keynote 2 - Eric SCHLUESSEL (George Washington University): "Colonial Discipline: How We Talk About Colonialism in the Post-1949 Uyghur Region"

Chair: Nabijan TURSUN (Independent Scholar)

10:30-11:00 Coffee break

11:00-13:15 Panel 4 - Chinese Nationalism and Colonialism

Chair: Jarmila PTÁČKOVÁ (Oriental Institute)

Kevin CARRICO (Monash University): "Learning the Great Traditions of the Chinese Nation: Colonialism, Culture, and Clothing in the Uyghur Region Today"

Dilnur REYHAN (Inalco – European Uyghur Institute): "China's Colonization and Minorization of Uyghurs"

Nabijan TURSUN (Independent Scholar): "New Colonial Strategy: From Uyghur Historical Identity to Zhonghua Minzu-Chinese Nation"

13:15-14:30 Lunch

14:30-16:45 Panel 5 – Daily Life, Language and Education

Chair: Dilnur REYHAN (Inalco – European Uyghur Institute)

Tim GROSE (Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology): "Seizing and Resetting 'Uyghur Time': The Daily Routines of Unfreedom" (Online)

Hanna BURDORF (Newcastle University): "Language Cannibalism in France and the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region"

Ablimit Baki ELTERISH (University of Manchester): "Colonising the Curriculum in Education in the Uyghur Region"

16:45-17:15 Coffee break

17:15-18:45 Panel 6 – Tourism and Appropriation

Chair: *To be disclosed*

David O'BRIEN (Ruhr University Bochum) & Melissa SHANI BROWN (Ruhr University Bochum): "'The Dream of Kashgar': Contemporary Chinese Colonialism in and through Tourism"

Léo MAILLET (University of Geneva - EHESS): "Naan Politics: The Colonial Appropriation of Uyghur Lifeways in the 21st Century"

18:45-19:00 Concluding remarks