



Fifth Annual Conference

Contesting Nature in Central Asia

*Venue: American University of Central Asia,
7/6 Aaly Tokombaev Str., 720060 Bishkek*

SEPTEMBER 16, FRIDAY

Welcome address	9.30 - 9.40	
Andrew Wachtel	President of AUCA	
Introductory remarks	9.40 - 10.00	
Svetlana Jacquesson	Director, CASI	
Keynote	10.00 – 11.15	
Amanda Wooden	Bucknell University, US	Thinking about nature/s, glaciers, tropes, and the everyday: reading the politics of contestation in Kyrgyzstan
<i>Coffee break</i>	<i>11.15-11.45</i>	
Session 1 Nature, biodiversity, sustainability	11.45-12.45	Chair: Jeanne Féaux de la Croix (University of Tuebingen, Germany)
Elena Popa, James Plumtree	AUCA, Kyrgyzstan	Understanding biodiversity in Kyrgyzstan: descriptive and normative aspects
Natalya Khokholova	AUCA, Kyrgyzstan	Ideological and national myths in the discourse on the sustainability of the commons (CPRs) in Norway and Kyrgyzstan
<i>Lunch break</i>	<i>12.45-14.00</i>	
Session 2 What is a river? Answers from Naryn to the Aral, along the Syr Darya 1	14.00-15.30	Chair: Svetlana Jacquesson (AUCA, Kyrgyzstan)
Jeanne Féaux de la Croix	University of Tuebingen, Germany	The highland Naryn river: an absent presence?
Mohira Suyarkulova	AUCA, Kyrgyzstan	Mysterious and abundant: many meanings of the river in northern Tajikistan
Adham Ashirov	Institute of History, Uzbekistan	Поверья населения Ферганской долины, связанные с водой
<i>Coffee break</i>	<i>15.30-16.00</i>	

Session 3 What is a river? Answers from Naryn to the Aral, along the Syr Darya 1	16.00-17.00	Chair: Mohira Suyarkulova (AUCA, Kyrgyzstan)
Aibek Samakov	University of Tuebingen, Germany	Syr – tirishiliktin közi: Syrdarya as the source of livelihoods in the river delta
Gulzat Baialieva	University of Tuebingen, Germany	Naryn in the lower gorge: pre-dam stormy and post-dam pacified river
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Session 4 Nature/environment as ‘resource’ and ‘heritage’ 1	9.30-10.30	Chair: Ruslan Rakhimov (AUCA, Kyrgyzstan)
Karina Iwe	University of Tuebingen, Germany	Perception of the natural environment by nomads of the Eurasian steppes in the Early Iron Age
Emil Nasritdinov	AUCA, Kyrgyzstan	Mountains in the visual arts of Kyrgyzstan
<i>Coffee break</i>	<i>10.30-11.00</i>	
Session 5 Nature/environment as ‘resource’ and ‘heritage’ 2	11.00-12.00	Chair: Emil Nasritdinov (AUCA, Kyrgyzstan)
Ruslan Rakhimov	AUCA, Kyrgyzstan	Discourses on nature: spaces, legacies and cultural heritage among Kyrgyz pastoralists at Song Kul Lake
Anne Gry G. Sturød	University College of Southeast Norway	The meaning of mountains: perceptions of nature as a tourism resource in post-Soviet Kyrgyzstan
<i>Lunch break</i>	<i>12.00-13.30</i>	
Session 6 Nature/environment as ‘harm-ful’ and ‘risk-ful’ 1	13.30-14.30	Chair: Asel Doolotkeldieva (Manas University, Kyrgyzstan)
Zheenbek Kulenbekov, Eldiyar Mirlanov	AUCA, Kyrgyzstan	Waste and Environment in Bishkek
Xeniya Prilutskaya	Nazarbayev University, Kazakhstan	Lay perceptions of ecological and health risk in post-Soviet mono-industrial Temirtau
<i>Coffee break</i>	<i>14.30-14.45</i>	
Session 7 Nature/environment as ‘harm-ful’ and ‘risk-ful’ 2	14.45-15.45	Chair: Amanda Wooden (Bucknell University, US)
Asel Doolotkeldieva	Manas University, Kyrgyzstan	Authoritarian legacy, anti-elite discourses and the formation of anti-mining resistance in Talas province, Kyrgyzstan
Damira Umetbaeva	AUCA, Kyrgyzstan	Environment, climate change and migration in the Kyrgyz republic
<i>Coffee break</i>	<i>15.45-16.15</i>	
Closing discussion ‘Natural’ and ‘cultural’ in social life	16.15-17.00	Chair: Chair: Svetlana Jacquesson (AUCA, Kyrgyzstan)

