



Fifth Annual Conference

Contesting Nature in Central Asia

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

SEPTEMBER 16, FRIDAY

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 – tirishilikтин көзи: 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
SEPTEMBER 17, SATURDAY		
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)

