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23rd Annual Nicholas Poppe Symposium on Central/Inner Asian Studies

“Central Asia and Mongolia: 20 Years of Independence”



Nicholas Poppe (1897 - 1991), was recognized worldwide as the leading scholar in Altaic studies. In 1949 he founded Central/Inner Asian Studies at the University of Washington.

By the age of eighty he had published 57 books, over 200 articles and numerous reviews. He continued to write and publish until his death. Among his latest publications are several volumes of Mongolian and Buryat epic songs, translated into German. (IC)

The 23rd Annual Nicholas Poppe Symposium on Central and Inner Asian Studies was held on Saturday, May 7, 2011 from 8:30 am - 6:00 pm in Denny Hall 215A, University of Washington, Seattle, WA. Entitled, “Central Asia and Mongolia: Twenty Years of Independence,” the symposium focused on developments in language, literature, art, traditions and culture, education, health, environment and other vital issues connected to the region and its peoples. For more information on the symposium or for abstracts of given presentations, please email Dr. Ilse Cirtautas at icirt@u.washington.edu.

Presenters

Title of Presentations

Robert Bedeski, Professor
Russian, East European and Central Asian
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University of Washington

“The Modern Mongolian Nation State and Sovereignty: An Appraisal”

Simon Wickham-Smith, Ph.D. Candidate
Independent Ph.D. Program
University of Washington

”Trends in Mongolian Literature since 1990”

Robert W. Smurr, Professor
Environmental and Russian History
The Evergreen State College
Olympia, WA

“Overview of Urban and Rural Development in the Five Central Asian Republics and Mongolia” (slide show presentation)

Vitaly Nishanov, Ph.D., Lecturer
Department of Management and Organization,
School of Business Administration
University of Washington

“Kyrgyzstan: Road to Prosperity or to Nowhere”

William Clark, Ph.D., Visiting Professor
Department of Anthropology
University of Washington

“Twenty Years of Kazakhstan’s Independence: An Ethnographic Perspective of Two Cultural Leaders and their Families”

Ulbosyn Zhanatayeva, Ph.D.,
Department of Political Science
L.N. Gumilov Eurasian National
University, Astana, Kazakhstan

“Social Services in Kazakhstan: Trends and Progress (1991-2011)”

Ilse Cirtautas, Professor
Near Eastern Languages & Civilization
University of Washington

“Uzbek Prose Literature Since Independence”



Central and Inner Asian Studies at the University of Washington

Course Offerings Spring 2011



Dr. Bedeski in Mongolia



**Dr. Cirtautas with
Chingiz Aitmatov and
Mikhail Gorbachev, 1997
(Issyk Kul Forum, Issyk
Kul, Kyrgyzstan)**

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Course Name

Chingiz Khan: The Mongols and Formation of Asiatic States from Russia to Southeast Asia*

Central Asian Country Profiles II: 20 Years of Independence - Kyrgyzstan and Turkmenistan*

The Kyrgyz Writer Chingiz Aitmatov (1928 - 2008) in Central Asian & Global Context*

Uzbek Language Circle**

Introduction to Kazakh*

Intermediate Uighur*

Mongolian Language Circle**

*Course Descriptions and Course Outlines Available Upon Request

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Central and Inner Asian Studies at the University of Washington

Programs and Events

Central Asian Studies Seminar*
Founded in 1987 as Central Asian Studies Group
Open and Free to Students, Faculty and the Public

Program for Spring Quarter 2011
 Chair and Program Organizer: Ilse Cirtautas
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Azerbaijan - Country Map

Scene from the Kazakh film *Birzhan sal* (2009), a film about Birzhan Qozhagululy (1834-1897), a renown sal.



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| April 8
Friday | Social Meeting: Welcome to the Spring Quarter
Denny Hall 123, 12:30 - 2:00PM |
| April 14
Thursday | “Azerbaijan - A Complex Blend of East and West”
Barbara Standal, Lawyer, Seattle
Denny Hall 123, 12:30 - 1:30pm |
| April 15
Friday | “Diversifying a Newly Oil-Rich Economy - a Policy Dilemma for Azerbaijan”
George Wright, Professor
University of Washington
Denny Hall 123, 12:30 - 1:30pm |
| April 21
Thursday | “The Appearance of a New Type of Oral Poets/Singers in the Kazakh Steppe in the Second Half of the 19th Century: The Seri/Sal”
Ilse Cirtautas, Professor
Department of Near Eastern Languages & Civilization
Denny Hall 123, 12:30 - 1:30pm |
| April 28
Thursday | “Aqan Seri (1843-1913)”
Ilse Cirtautas, Professor
Department of Near Eastern Languages & Civilization
Denny Hall 123, 12:30 - 1:30pm |
| April 29
Friday | “Environmental Activism in Uzbekistan Since Independence”
Haley Sides, M.A. Graduate Student
Russian, East European and Central Asian Studies (REECAS)
Jackson School of International Studies, UW
Denny Hall 123, 12:30 - 1:30pm |

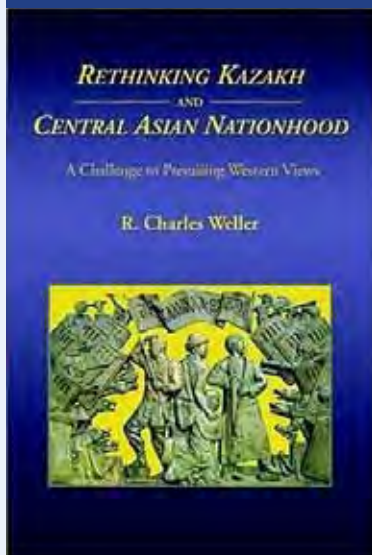
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Central Asian Studies Seminar* (continued from previous page)



May 13
Friday

“Documentaries about the Life of the Great Kyrgyz Writer Chingiz Aitmatov (1928-2008”
Denny Hall 123, 12:30 - 2:30pm

May 19
Thursday

“Recent Publications on/in Central Asia: R. Charles Weller. *Rethinking Kazakh and Central Asian Nationhood. A Challenge to Prevailing Western Views*. Los Angeles: Asia Research Associates, 2006.”
Ilse Cirtautas, Professor
NELC Department, UW
Denny Hall 123, 12:30 - 1:30pm

May 20
Friday

“Recent Publications in/on Kazakhstan: M. Joldasbekuli, Q. Salgarauli and A. Seydimbek, *Eltûtqa. El Tarixinïn äygili tûlgalarï* (The People’s Strength. Famous Personalities of Kazakh History). Astana: Kül Tegin basmasï, 2001.”
Ilse Cirtautas, Professor
NELC Department, UW
Denny Hall 123, 12:30 - 1:30pm

May 26
Thursday

“Recent Publications on/in Kyrgyzstan: Venera Musaeva. *Körkôm Okuu. Xrestomatiya* (Reader in Fine Literature. Anthology), Bishkek, 2008.”
Ilse Cirtautas, Professor
NELC Department, UW
Denny Hall 123, 12:30 - 1:30pm

May 27
Friday

“Recent Publication in/on Uzbekistan: Mahmud Sattor. *O’zbek Udumlari* (Uzbek Customs and Traditions). Tashkent: Cho’lpon Nomidagi Nashriyat Matbaa Ijodiy Uyi, 2007.”
Ilse Cirtautas, Professor
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Denny Hall 123, 12:30 - 1:30pm

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