Call for Papers
The Eighth Annual Doctoral Research Workshop on Central Asia
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History and Historiography of Central Asia

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Organising Committee
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The history of Central Asia has shown a dynamic character with substantial movement of different civilisations in various directions. From Zoroastrianism and Shamanism to Buddhism and Islam, all major religions and beliefs have influenced and crystallised in this vast geography. The influence of ancient Iranian and Chinese civilisations, the waves of Turkification, the rise and fall of the Silk Roads and ancient trade cities, the Great Game in the nineteenth century, and the Soviet modernization are some of the isolated episodes that can be counted from this rich history.

The workshop aims to provide a platform to historians who conduct original research on the history of Central Asia. The research papers can cover any subject from the ancient history to the contemporary period until 1991. The subject of history can be political, social, cultural, juridical, gender, religious, ideological, or intellectual. We also invite historiographic papers examining and comparing national or regional narratives or constructions of the past. Very often modern borders do not overlap with the political or cultural frontiers in history. That is why, the geographical scope of the workshop covers not only Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan, but also Afghanistan, Xinjiang and Tibet regions of China, Mongolia, southern Siberia and north Caspian territories of Russia, and northern Iran.

The organisers will give priority to the paper proposals that are part of a PhD or postdoctoral research.

Submission details:
□ Author’s name, institutional affiliation and e-mail
□ A 300-500-word paper summary
□ A 100 word bio

Deadline for Submission: 15 October 2019
All submissions should be sent to: Dr Gai Jorayev (g.jorayev@ucl.ac.uk)