

# Between Europe and the Orient



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## Status symposium

16–19 April 2018 | Best Western Atakent Park Hotel, Almaty (<http://aphotel.kz/>)

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### Programme

#### **Monday, 16 April 2018**

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| 11:00         | Registration   |
| 12:30         | <b>Lunch</b>   |
| 14:00 – 15:00 | Opening ceremony<br>Welcome addresses:<br><br>Dr. Silke Bertram, Volkswagen Foundation, Germany<br>Jörn Rosenberg, Consul general of the German Embassy in Kazakhstan<br>Dr. Sergey Sklyarenko, ACBK, Kazakhstan<br>Dr. Johannes Kamp, University of Münster, Germany<br><br>Announcements |
| 15:00 – 15:45 | Dr. Sarah Robinson (Oxford University, UK): Exclusion vs Mobility: Limits to Ideal Free Distributions in Pastoralist Systems   |
| 15:45 – 16:30 | Prof. Dr. Asia Khamzina (Korea University, South Korea):<br>Agroforestry in mitigation of environmental degradation in Central Asia  |
| 16:30 – 17:00 | <b>Coffee break</b> and group photo  |
| 17:00 – 17:45 | Prof. Dr. Timur Dadabaev (Tsukuba University, Japan):<br>Soviet memories, post-colonial societies and alternative modernity in Central Asia  |
| 17:45 – 19:30 | Poster Session: Presentation of research outcomes from the funded projects   |
| 20:00         | <b>Dinner</b>  |

## **Tuesday, 17 April 2018 – Reports from the funded projects**

### *Session I – chair: Prof. Dr. Dr. hc. Nobert Hölzel*

- 09:00 – 09:25 Borsch T: Developing tools for conserving the plant diversity of the South Caucasus – an overview
- 09:25 – 09:50 Magiera A et al.: Scenario development for sustainable land use in the Greater Caucasus, Georgia – Findings of the interdisciplinary research project AMIES II
- 09:50 – 10:15 Neudert R, Salzer A, Allahverdiyeva N: Collective management and open socio-ecological systems - The challenge of sustainable use of common village pastures in the Caucasus region
- 10:15 – 11:00 **Coffee break**

### *Session II – chair: Dr. Anush Nersesyan*

- 11:00 – 11:25 Kamp J et al.: Balancing trade-offs between agriculture and biodiversity in the steppes of Kazakhstan
- 11:25 – 11:50 Hauck M, Dulamsuren C: Ecology and socioeconomics of rural land use in the forest-steppe of the wider Altai region under contrasting developments of livestock numbers in Kazakhstan and Mongolia
- 11:50 – 12:15 Cyffka B et al.: Towards Sustainable Management of Central Asian Floodplains: Research and Capacity Building along the Rivers Tarim and Naryn
- 12:15 – 12:40 Conrad C, Lamers JPA, Muratova N, Dukhovny V: Modeling, GIS, and Remote Sensing for Discussion Support in Irrigated Land Management in the inner Aral Sea Basin
- 12:40 – 13:45 **Lunch**

### *Session III – chair: Prof. Dr. Alima Bissenova*

- 13:45 – 14:10 Vorogushyn S et al.: Changes in Glacier and Snow-melt runoff components in Central Asia and societal Vulnerability
- 14:10 – 14:35 Feaux de la Croix J, Suyarkulova M: The “Social Life” of a River: environmental histories, social worlds and conflict resolution along the Naryn-Syr Darya
- 14:35 – 15:00 Schetter C, von Boemcken M, Bagdasarova N, Ismailbekova A, Hojiev K: Local Security-Making in Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan. The Production of Securityscapes by Everyday Practices

15:00 – 15:25 Rekhviashvili L, Sgibnev W: Theorising informality and social embeddedness for the study of informal transport. Lessons from the marshrutka mobility phenomenon

15:25 – 16:00 **Coffee break**

*Session IV – chair: PD Dr. Daniel Müller*

16:00 – 16:25 Petrick M, Djanibekov M: Learning from change: Unexpected transformation processes in the Central Asian cotton areas

16:25 – 16:50 Gebel M, Olimova S: Opportunities and Barriers at the Transition from Education to Work. A Comparative Youth Study in Azerbaijan, Georgia and Tajikistan

16:50 – 17:15 Karrar H, Fehlings S: Informal Markets and Trade in Central Asia and the Caucasus

17:15 – 17:40 Timm C: Governance in Emerging Economies

19:00 **Dinner**

### ***Wednesday, 18 April 2018***

09:00 – 10:00 An introduction to the work of the Volkswagen Foundation (incl. perspectives for the continuation of the Europe-Orient funding initiative)

10:00 – 12:30 Parallel workshop 1 – Writing a funding proposal (Dr. W. Klotzbücher, ICCK, Germany)  
Parallel workshop 2+3 – Scientific writing (I. Bregenzer, Austria & F. Lauterbach, Germany)

13:00 **Lunch**

14:00 – 16:00 Parallel workshops – Continued

16:15 Guided city tour for workshop participants

20:00 **Dinner**

### ***Thursday, 19 April 2018***

Until 11:00 Participants' check-out and departure.