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# International Uyghur Studies Conference 2023

## PRC Colonialism and the Uyghur Region

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### Organising institutions

European Uyghur Institute (IODE)  
Oriental Institute (OI) of the Czech Academy of Sciences  
Department of East Asian Studies (ESTAS) of the University of Geneva

### Dates

24-25 November 2023, 09:30-19:00 CET

### Location

Czech Academy of Sciences, room 206, Národní 3, Prague 1, Czechia

### Organisers

Ondřej KLIMEŠ (Oriental Institute)  
Léo MAILLET (University of Geneva - EHESS)  
Dilnur REYHAN (Inalco – European Uyghur Institute)

### Live streaming of the event

Day 1 (Friday 24 November 2023, 09:30-19:00 CET):

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Day 2 (Saturday 25 November 2023, 09:30-19:00 CET):

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## Day 1 – Friday 24 November 2023

**09:30-10:30 Keynote 1** – Ablet KAMALOV (Turan University): “Decolonizing Memories of Political Repression: Soviet Amnesia and Coming to Terms with the ‘Atu’ (Shooting) Tragedy in Kazakhstan » (*Online*)

Chair: Eric SCHLUESSEL (George Washington University)

**10:30-11:00 Coffee break**

**11:00-13:15 Panel 1 - Uyghurs in (Post)Colonial Central Asia**

Chair: Ondřej KLIMEŠ (Oriental Institute)

Asror RAYIMOVICH QAYUMOV (Academy of Sciences of Uzbekistan): “The Uyghurs of Uzbekistan: Ethnocultural Identity of the Soviet and Post-Soviet Era” (*Online*)

Gardner BOVGINDON (Indiana University) & Gulnisa NAZAROVA (Indiana University):

“Branching Paths: Uyghur Emigres to Central Asia and the ‘Xinjiang Problem’”

Yalkun ULUYOL (Koç University): “Rethinking the Roots of Ethnic Conflict: the Uyghur and Hui Regions in Comparative Perspective”

**13:15-14:30 Lunch**

**14:30-16:00 Panel 2 – Belonging, In-betweenness and Resistance to PRC Policies**

Chair: Chiara OLIVIERI (University of Granada)

Zhaina MEIRKHAN (University of Michigan): “*Qara Shangyraq*: Searching for a Qazaq Home Between Two Worlds” (*Online*)

Tomoki YAMADA (Independent Scholar): “Religious Policy and its Background as Seen in Religious Surveys Before and After the Baren Incident”

**16:00-16:30 Coffee break**

**16:30-18:00 Panel 3 – Chinese Colonialism Seen from the Diaspora**

Chair: Léo MAILLET (University of Geneva - EHESS)

Işık KUŞÇU BONNENFANT (METU): “A Local Perspective on Settler Colonialism in Xinjiang (Eastern Turkestan): Findings of the Global Uyghur Diaspora Survey”

Murat YILMAZ (Kastamonu University): “Engaging Reproductive Justice and Public Testimony: Reproductive Violence against Uyghurs”

**18:30-19:00 Uyghur Live Music** – Bextiyar TURSUN: dutar & tembur

## Day 2 – Saturday 25 November 2023

**09:30-10:30 Keynote 2** - Eric SCHLUESSEL (George Washington University): “Colonial Discipline: How We Talk About Colonialism in the Post-1949 Uyghur Region”

Chair: Nabijan TURSUN (Independent Scholar)

**10:30-11:00 Coffee break**

**11:00-13:15 Panel 4 - Chinese Nationalism and Colonialism**

Chair: Jarmila PTÁČKOVÁ (Oriental Institute)

Kevin CARRICO (Monash University): “Learning the Great Traditions of the Chinese Nation: Colonialism, Culture, and Clothing in the Uyghur Region Today”

Dilnur REYHAN (Inalco – European Uyghur Institute): “China’s Colonization and Minorization of Uyghurs”

Nabijan TURSUN (Independent Scholar): “New Colonial Strategy: From Uyghur Historical Identity to Zhonghua Minzu-Chinese Nation”

**13:15-14:30 Lunch**

**14:30-16:00 Panel 5 – Daily Life, Time and Education**

Chair: Dilnur REYHAN (Inalco – European Uyghur Institute)

Tim GROSE (Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology): “Seizing and Resetting ‘Uyghur Time’: The Daily Routines of Unfreedom” (Online)

Ablimit Baki ELTERISH (University of Manchester): “Colonising the Curriculum in Education in the Uyghur Region”

**16:00-16:30 Coffee break**

**16:30-18:00 Panel 6 – Tourism and Appropriation**

Chair: *To be disclosed*

David O’BRIEN (Ruhr University Bochum): “‘The Dream of Kashgar’: Contemporary Chinese Colonialism in and through Tourism”

Léo MAILLET (University of Geneva - EHESS): “Naan Politics: The Colonial Appropriation of Uyghur Lifeways in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century”

**18:00-18:15 Concluding remarks**