

Program
International Conference
Borderlands Spaces: Ruins, Revival(s) and Resources

13-15 August 2018

American University of Central Asia
Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan

Monday 13 August

9.00 – 10.15 Registration and coffee
10.15 – 12.00 Panel Sessions
12.00 – 13.15 Lunch
13.15 – 15.00 Panel Sessions
15.00 – 15.30 Coffee break
15.30 – 17.15 Panel Sessions
17.15 – 17.30 Short break
17.30 – 17.45 Words of Welcome
17.45 – 18.45 Keynote speech by Madeleine Reeves (University of Manchester, United Kingdom)
Life Enclaved: On Entrapment and the Imagination in Exceptional Space
19.00 Welcome dinner

Tuesday 14 August

9.00 – 10.45 Panel Sessions
10.45 – 11.15 Coffee break
11.15 – 13.00 Panel Sessions
13.00 – 14.00 Lunch
14.00 – 15.45 Panel Sessions
15.45 – 16.15 Coffee break
16.15 – 18.00 Panel Sessions
18.15 – 18.50 Short films: *Border Stories (2018, 15 min)* and *Ruin-scapes: Great Walls (2018, 20 min)*

Wednesday 15 August

9.00 – 10.45 Panel Sessions
10.45 – 11.15 Coffee break
11.15 – 13.00 Panel Sessions
13.00 – 14.00 Lunch
14.00 – 15.45 Panel Sessions
16.00 – 16.30 Closing Session
16.30 Closing Reception with Kyrgyz drinks and snacks

Monday 13-15 August

All day Photo exhibition *RISEZAsia: The Rise of Special Economic Zones in Asia*

Session 1 10:15 – 12:00	
S1-a	<p>Borderland Commodities: In and out of the Legal Shadows Part I</p> <p>Convenor and Chair: Emilia Roza Sulek <i>University of Zurich, Department of Social Anthropology and Cultural Studies, Switzerland</i></p> <p>Small-scale Illegal Gold Extraction in Kyrgyzstan Gulzat Botoeva, <i>University of Roehampton, United Kingdom</i></p> <p>Land as a Legal and Illegal Commodity in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan Eliza Isabaeva, <i>ISEK-Social Anthropology, University of Zurich, Switzerland</i></p> <p>Hierarchies, Vulnerabilities and Spaces of Freedom: Citizenship Dilemmas in the India-Bangladesh Enclaves Deboleena Sengupta, <i>Independent Research Scholar, India</i></p>
S1-b	<p>Infrastructural Ruins in the Asian Borderlands</p> <p>Convenor and Chair: Mona Chettri, <i>Aarhus University, Denmark</i> Co-convenor and Discussant: Duncan McDuie-Ra, <i>University of New South Wales, Australia</i> Co-convenor: Michael Eilenberg, <i>Aarhus University, Denmark</i></p> <p>Asphalting the Frontier: Modernist Configurations of Order and Control on the Indonesian-Malaysian Border Michael Eilenberg, <i>Aarhus University, Denmark</i></p> <p>Ruinous Natures: Climate, Development, and Infrastructure in the India-Bangladesh Borderlands Jason Cons, <i>University of Texas, Austin, United States</i></p> <p>Regimes of Unaccountability: Hydro-power Development and Infrastructural Ruins in the Eastern Himalaya Mona Chettri, <i>Aarhus University, Denmark</i></p> <p>An Anxious Border: Material Embodiment, Diffusion and Social Abandonment in the Abkhazian borderlands Mikel JH Venhovens, <i>Aarhus University, Denmark</i></p>
S1-c	<p>Life on the Border: New Forms of Life Blooming in the Borderlands</p> <p>Convenor and Chair: Karolina Koziol, <i>Princeton University, United States</i></p> <p>Border as a Theme Park: Tourist Imaginaries Along the Sino-Russian Border Karolina Koziol, <i>Princeton University, United States</i></p> <p>Changing Identity and Boundaries at the India-Bangladesh Borderland: The Implications of Border Formation and Border Fence Abhimanyu Datta, <i>Tata Institute of Social Sciences, India</i></p> <p>Reconstituting Borders in Property Ownership: Land, State and Tibetan Refugees and in India Sonika Gupta, <i>Indian Institute of Technology Madras, India</i> Madhura Balasubramaniam, <i>Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT Madras</i></p>
S1-d	<p>Vulnerable Borders</p> <p>Convenor: Paul Fryer, <i>Department of Geography, University of Eastern Finland, Finland</i> Chair: Jeremy Smith, <i>Karelian Institute, University of Eastern Finland, Finland</i> Discussant: Ivan Zuenko, <i>Russian Academy of Sciences, Far Eastern Branch, Russia</i></p> <p>New Border, New Uncertainty: The Emerging Cross-border Relations of Communities in Badakhshan, Tajikistan Paul Fryer, <i>Department of Geography, University of Eastern Finland, Finland</i></p> <p>“The Invisible Exodus”: Undocumented Migrants and Defectors from North Korea in East Asia Naomi Chi, <i>Hokkaido University, Japan</i></p> <p>Human Security Issues in Indonesia, Malaysia, and Singapore Borders Sukawarsini Djelantik, <i>Parahyangan Catholic University, Indonesia</i></p>

S2-a	<p>Borderland Commodities: In and out of the Legal Shadows Part II</p> <p>Convenor and Chair: Emilia Roza Sulek <i>University of Zurich, Department of Social Anthropology and Cultural Studies, Switzerland</i></p> <p>Arak and Freedom: The Tibetans, Alcohol and the Space Between States Ruth Gamble, <i>La Trobe University / Yale University, Australia</i></p> <p>Interpretation of Borderland: An Emic Insight from Myanmar Georg Winterberger, <i>University of Zurich, Switzerland</i></p> <p>Smuggling in the Digital Era: How New Technology Changes the Landscape of Myanmar-Thailand Ruby Smuggling Akkanut Wantanasombut, <i>Chulalongkorn University, Thailand</i></p> <p>The Shadow Part of Sex Work (Mongolia, China, Russia) Gaëlle Lacaze, <i>Sorbonne University, France</i></p>
S2-b	<p>Liquid Undercurrents: Infrastructure and the Border Lives of Fuel, Water, and Cash</p> <p>Convenor and chair: Galen Murton, <i>James Madison University, United States</i></p> <p>The Turbulent Interface: Borderland Flows and the Politics of Energy Security in Nepal Austin Lord, <i>Cornell University, United States</i></p> <p>Money, Illegal banks, and Authorities: The Exchange and Flow of Money in Tachilek at the Myanmar-Thailand Border Yi Yang, <i>East China Normal University, China</i></p> <p>Petty Petrol Politics: Geopolitics, Reconstruction, and the Everyday Struggle for Fuel in Post-Earthquake Nepal Galen Murton, <i>James Madison University, United States</i></p> <p>A ‘Green’ Belt and Road? Small Hydropower and Large Dams on China’s South-Western Borderlands Tyler Harlan, <i>Cornell University, United States</i></p>
S2-c	<p>Traversing Borderlands through Time: Remains of the Past in Imagined Futures</p> <p>Convenor: Jan Karlach, <i>The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Hong Kong SAR, China</i> Chair: James Meador, <i>University of Michigan, United States</i></p> <p>Pronounced Dead, but still Breathing: Imagining the Native Chieftaincy through Buildings and Ruins in Southwest China Jan Karlach, <i>The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Hong Kong SAR, China</i></p> <p>The Bridge of Orthodoxy: Imagining the Albazinians in Sino-Russian Relations James Meador, <i>University of Michigan, United States</i></p> <p>Purple Ruins: Tsering Woesser’s (Re)construction of the “Old Tibet” Kamila Hladikova, <i>Palacky University Olomouc, Czech Republic</i></p> <p>Ruins and Resources: Why Layers of the Past Still Matter in the Amu Darya Borderland Manu Sobti, <i>School of Architecture, University of Queensland, Australia</i></p>
S2-d	<p>Spiritual Revival and Hybridity: Islam and Tengriism in Kyrgyzstan and Beyond</p> <p>Convenor and Chair: Rene Provis, <i>University of New South Wales, Australia</i></p> <p>Pre-Islamic Practices and Islam in Batken Oblast, Southern Kyrgyzstan Nurlan Choibekov, <i>International University of Central Asia, Kyrgyzstan</i></p> <p>The Persian Mecca: Islam at the Sacred Mountain of Osh Jennifer Webster, <i>University of Washington, United States</i></p> <p>Tengirchilyk, Spiritual Revival, and Grass-roots Environmentalism in Postsocialist Kyrgyzstan Rene Provis, <i>University of New South Wales, Australia</i></p>

<p>S3-a</p>	<p>Natural Resource Conservation and Trade in High Mountain Asia Chair: Willem van Schendel, <i>University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands</i></p> <p>Borderland Encounters and World-making: Nationalism and Nature Conservation Meet Amid Myanmar’s Kachin War Laur Kiik, <i>Oxford University, United Kingdom</i></p> <p>Illegal and/or Legal? Yarshagumba Trade in the Borderlands of the Kailash Landscape – an Area of Opportunities and Constraints Corinna Wallrapp, <i>University of Goettingen, Institute of Geography, Germany</i></p> <p>Tigers, Tibetans and Idu Mishmis: Wildlife Conservation, Development and Nation-building in India’s North-eastern Borderlands Sahil Nijhawan, <i>University College London (UCL), United Kingdom</i></p>
<p>S3-b</p>	<p>Resurgent Frontiers: Mobility, Regulation and Infrastructure in South Asian Borderlands Convenor: Aditi Saraf, <i>Ludwig-Maximilians University, Munich, Germany</i> Chair: Sahana Ghosh, <i>Harvard University, United States</i> Discussant: Radhika Gupta, <i>Leiden University, the Netherlands</i></p> <p>Trade Artefacts: Customs, Boundaries and Mobility in Kashmir Aditi Saraf, <i>Ludwig-Maximilians University München, Germany</i></p> <p>Reading Braudel Along the Indo-Afghan Frontier: Narratives of an Uprising, a Railway, and a Family Abhilash Medhi, <i>Brown University, United States</i></p> <p>Tobacco, Ganja, and the ‘Return’ of the Road: Refrontierization of the India-Bangladesh Borderlands? Sahana Ghosh, <i>Harvard University, United States</i></p> <p>Roads and Frontiers Swargajyoti Gohain, <i>Ashoka University, India</i></p>
<p>S3-c</p>	<p>Sartorial Heritage & the Past as Resources for Securing a Community's Future in the Asian Borderlands Convenor and Chair: Vibha Joshi, <i>University of Tübingen, Germany/University of Oxford, United Kingdom</i></p> <p>Cultural Continuity and Social Structure Through the Lens of Ethnic Dress and Textiles: Case Studies in Northern Vietnam, Southwest China, Myanmar (Shan State) and Indonesia (Timor Barat and Flores) Serena Lee, <i>Textile Odyssey, United States</i></p> <p>Material Cultural Heritage of a ‘Heathen Past’: Colonial Ethnographic Collections & the Naga of Northeast India Vibha Joshi, <i>University of Tübingen, Germany/University of Oxford, United Kingdom</i></p> <p>Gender and Politics of Dress in Contemporary Kyrgyzstan Mohira Suyarkulova, <i>American University Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan</i></p> <p>Sartorial Borderland of East and West: Assimilation of Western Clothing Construction Into Traditional Korean Dress, Hanbok Minjee Kim, <i>Independent Scholar, United States</i></p>
<p>S3-d</p>	<p>Cross-Border Social Interactions and Tensions in Central Asia Chair: Henryk Alff, <i>Leibniz Centre for Tropical Marine Research (ZMT), Germany</i></p> <p>“Kyrgyz-Kazak are Siblings”: Analysis of Media Framing of Kyrgyz-Kazak Border Blockade Elira Turdubaeva, <i>American University of Central Asia, Kyrgyzstan</i></p> <p>Social Mobility between Tajik and Kyrgyz Borders Gulrano Ataeva, <i>M&E research assistant, Kyrgyzstan</i></p> <p>Contextual Factors of Conflict in Border Communities in Batken Province, Kyrgyzstan Asel Murzakulova, <i>University of Central Asia, Kyrgyzstan</i></p> <p>Eating Borders up: Central Asians at Home and Abroad Sebile Yapici, <i>Goethe University Frankfurt, Germany</i></p>

<p>S4-a</p>	<p>Fragile Infrastructures, Secure Nation: On the Making of Ruins in Highland Borderlands</p> <p>Convenor and Chair: Alessandro Rippa, <i>LMU Munich, Germany</i> Discussant: Agnieszka Joniak-Lüthi, <i>University of Bern, Switzerland</i></p> <p>The Longest Construction: Building and Shattering the Borderlands of the Pamir-Karakoram Till Mostowlansky, <i>Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva, Switzerland</i></p> <p>Between Permafrost and a Hard Place: Loss and Livelihoods Amidst Post-Soviet Infrastructural Decline Mia Bennett, <i>The University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong</i></p> <p>Coal Roads in Pakistan and the Contradictions of Modernity Mustafa Khan, <i>SOAS, University of London, United Kingdom</i></p> <p>Boon and Bane: Fencing off Livelihoods in Ulaanbaatar’s Ger Districts Björn Reichardt, <i>Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin / Max Planck Institute for the Science of Human History, Germany</i></p>
<p>S4-b</p>	<p>Borderlands as Framed by Popular Culture and Political Representations</p> <p>Chair: Willem van Schendel, <i>University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands</i></p> <p>Dialogue of the Border: Rethinking Attari-Wagah Performance Anna Bochkovskaya, <i>Lomonosov Moscow State University, Institute of Asian and African Studies, Russia</i></p> <p>There is Definitely Something to See Here: Independence Day Ceremony at the Indonesian Margin Sindhunata Hargyono, <i>Northwestern University, United States</i></p> <p>Locating Aizawl: A Borderland City at the Centre of News Production Lallianpuui, <i>Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Guwahati, India</i></p>
<p>S4-c</p>	<p>Between Authoritarian Ruins, Democratic Revivals and Profitable Resources: Myanmar’s Borderlands as Contested Spaces</p> <p>Convenor and Chair: Giuseppe Gabusi, <i>University of Turin and Twai - Torino World Affairs Institute, Italy</i> Discussant: Stefano Ruzza, <i>University of Turin and Twai - Torino World Affairs Institute, Italy</i></p> <p>Feeling the Pressure: The Border Factor in Myanmar’s Interaction with China and India Giuseppe Gabusi, <i>University of Turin and Twai - Torino World Affairs Institute, Italy</i></p> <p>Turning Borderlands into Economic Powerhouses? Case-studies From the Sino-Myanmar Border Anja Senz, <i>Heidelberg University, Germany</i></p> <p>Myanmar: Peace Process as Borderland Management Stefano Ruzza, <i>University of Turin and Twai - Torino World Affairs Institute, Italy</i></p> <p>Myanmar’s Borderlands as Political Centre Stage Nicholas Farrelly, <i>The Australian National University, Australia</i></p>
<p>S4-d</p>	<p>Asian Rice-Scapes: Topographies, Tastes and Technologies Part I</p> <p>Convenor: Surajit Sarkar, <i>Ambedkar University Delhi, India</i> Chair: Dhariti Narzary, <i>Ambedkar University Delhi, India</i> Discussant: Erik de Maaker, <i>Leiden University, the Netherlands</i></p> <p>Blurring Boundaries: Narratives of Rice Cultures and Transformation Surajit Sarkar, <i>Ambedkar University Delhi, India</i></p> <p>Asia to Africa: Mapping Seed Depletion in the West African Basins Mohomodou Houssouba, <i>Centre for African Studies, University of Basel, Switzerland</i> Abdourhamane Seck, <i>Gaston Berger University, Senegal</i></p> <p>Shifting Cultivation & Shifting Power of Traditional Leaders (Samang) in the Highlands of Northern Thailand Chayan Vaddhanaphuti, <i>RCSO, Faculty of Social Sciences, Chiang Mai University, Thailand</i></p>

S5-a	<p>Hyperbuilding Highland Asia Part I Ethnographic Engagements with Emerging Infrastructural (Geo)Politics</p> <p>Convenor: Matthäus Rest, Max-Planck-Institute for the Science of Human History, Germany Chair: Galen Murton, James Madison University, United States</p> <p>Hyper-Structure: Re-thinking Large-scale Infrastructure Development in Highland Asian Borderlands Alessandro Rippa, <i>Ludwig-Maximilian University of Munich, Germany</i> Galen Murton, <i>James Madison University, United States</i> Matthäus Rest, <i>Max-Planck-Institute for the Science of Human History, Germany</i></p> <p>Flight and Fight: Aviation and Mobility in Nepal Tina Harris, <i>University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands</i></p> <p>Speed, Time, and Ruin in images of China’s “Ghost Cities” Max Woodworth, <i>Ohio State University, United States</i></p>
S5-b	<p>On the Politics of Loss: Making Geographies of History and Memory in India and China</p> <p>Convenor: Vazira Zamindar, <i>Brown University, United States</i> Chair: Rebecca Nedostup, <i>Brown University, United States</i></p> <p>Ruins of War: Photography and Antiquity on an Insurgent Frontier Vazira Zamindar, <i>Brown University, United States</i></p> <p>Imagining the Loss: Map-making, Geographic Knowledge, and the Formation of Modern Chinese Nation-State, 1912-1950 Yu-Chi Chang, <i>Brown University, United States</i></p> <p>Body Identification: The Material, Moral, and Sovereign Claims of the Dead in China’s “Post-war”, 1945-1949 Rebecca Nedostup, <i>Brown University, United States</i></p> <p>Graveyards at the Border: History and Memory in Contemporary Kashmir Suvid Yaseen, <i>Brown University, United States</i></p>
S5-c	<p>Identity and Citizenship in India/China Borderland Spaces</p> <p>Chair: Duncan McDuie-Ra, <i>University of New South Wales, Australia</i></p> <p>Construction of Ethnic Identity and Boundaries in the Sindh-Rajasthan Borderland Space Neha Meena, <i>Jawaharlal Nehru University, India</i></p> <p>The Making of Identities & the Silver Mine Industry on the Yunnan-Burma Borderland in the 19th Century Jianxiong Ma, <i>The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Hong Kong SAR, China</i></p> <p>Limbu Through the Nepal-Sikkim Border: Displacing the Boundaries to Make the Community Melanie Vandenhelsken, <i>University of Vienna, Austria</i></p> <p>Swedes in the Borderlands of Dzungaria: 18th Century Mapping and 20th Century Minority Politics Lisa Hellman, <i>Free University Berlin, Germany</i></p>
S5-d	<p>Asian Rice-Scapes: Topographies, Tastes and Technologies Part II</p> <p>Convenor: Erik de Maaker, <i>Leiden University, the Netherlands</i> Chair: Dharitri Narzary, <i>Ambedkar University Delhi, India</i> Discussant: Surajit Sarkar, <i>Ambedkar University Delhi, India</i></p> <p>Maintaining Autonomy Through Shifting Cultivation Among the Karen of Northern Thailand Malee Sitthikriengkrai, <i>Center for Ethnic Studies and Development, Chiang Mai University, Thailand</i></p> <p>Rice in the Border Areas of Assam and Bhutan: A Comparative Perspective Dharitri Narzary, <i>Ambedkar University Delhi, India</i></p> <p>Rice as a Cultural Resource: Symbolism, Distinction and the Rethinking of Ethnic Boundaries Erik de Maaker, <i>Leiden University, the Netherlands</i></p>

S6-a	<p>Hyperbuilding Highland Asia Part II - Ethnographic Engagements with Emerging Infrastructural (Geo)Politics</p> <p>Convenor: Matthäus Rest, <i>Max-Planck-Institute for the Science of Human History, Germany</i> Chair: Alessandro Rippa, <i>Ludwig-Maximilian University of Munich, Germany</i></p> <p>Infrastructure Development in Kazakhstan: Changing Networks in the Sino-Kazakh Borderlands Verena La Mela, <i>Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle/Saale, Germany</i></p> <p>Upper Mekong Electricity Development Ling Zhang, <i>Yunnan University of Finance and Economics, China</i></p> <p>Walking on an Empty Road: Geographies of Movement and Mobility in Tsum Nadine Plachta, <i>Heidelberg University, Germany</i> Konstantin Ikonomidis, <i>Royal Danish Academy of Fine Arts, Denmark</i></p>
S6-b	<p>Deterritorializing / Spatial Theory Approaches to Asian Borders</p> <p>Chair: Payal Banerjee, <i>Smith College, United States</i></p> <p>Deterritorializing Asian borderlands: Exploring “river” as a civilizational resource in Tagore and Hazarika Rafiul Ahmed, <i>Sikkim University, India</i></p> <p>UNIFIL’s “Blue Line,” Sovereignty, and Spatial Contestation in Southern Lebanon Susann Kassem, <i>The Graduate Institute, Geneva, Switzerland</i></p> <p>The Sino-Kachin Border through Assemblage Gaze Karin Dean, <i>Tallinn University, Estonia</i></p> <p>The Militia Fix: Ordering Apace at the Margins of the Myanmar State Patrick Meehan, <i>SOAS University of London, United Kingdom</i></p>
S6-c	<p>Moral Economies of Charity and New Entrepreneurialism in the Borderlands</p> <p>Convenor and Chair: Eva Hung, <i>Hang Seng Management College, Hong Kong SAR, China</i></p> <p>Virtual Connectivity and its Challenge to Border Checkpoints: The Rise of Shadow Procurement Services in Hong Kong and Macao Tak-Wing Ngo, <i>University of Macau, Macao SAR, China</i> Eva Hung, <i>Hang Seng Management College, Hong Kong SAR, China</i></p> <p>Inhabiting the Extraction: Moral Economies of Ruined Bodies Anton Nikolotov, <i>Frei University and Humboldt University, Germany</i></p> <p>Doing Business, Doing Good: Entrepreneurial Spirit of Development Work in Eastern Tajikistan Carolin Maertens, <i>Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich, Germany</i></p> <p>Entrepreneurial Sociality: The Performances and Privileges of At-The-Bar Expatriate Careerism Roger Norum, <i>University of Leeds, United Kingdom</i></p>
S6-d	<p>Ocean Grabbing and Ocean Re-claiming in Asian Maritime Borderlands: Shifting Interests, Actors and Agendas</p> <p>Convenor and Chair: Henryk Alff, <i>Leibniz Centre for Tropical Marine Research (ZMT), Germany</i> Co-convenor: Edyta Roszko, <i>University of Copenhagen, Denmark</i></p> <p>Localized Effects of Globalizing Fisheries Beyond the South China Sea Edyta Roszko, <i>University of Copenhagen, Denmark</i></p> <p>Fishing in the Shadows of Conflict in the South China Sea Michael Fabinyi, <i>University of Technology Sydney, Australia</i></p> <p>North Korean Watery Matters and Their Dispossession: Grabbing the ‘Great Fish Hauls’ Robert Winstanley-Chesters, <i>University of Leeds, United Kingdom</i></p> <p>Claiming the Sea and its Resources? The Expansion of China’s Fisheries in the Indian Ocean Through a Maritime Silk Road Lens Henryk Alff, <i>Leibniz Centre for Tropical Marine Research (ZMT), Germany</i></p>

S7-a	<p>State, Commodities and Politics of Mobility</p> <p>Chair: Anwasha Sengupta, <i>Institute of Development Studies Kolkata, India</i></p> <p>Old Borders with New Realities: Impact of Ethnic Russians to the Social-Economic Sector of Kazakhstan Ankur Yadav, <i>Jawaharlal Nehru University, India</i></p> <p>Border Making and the Politics of Jute Sharing Between Two Bengals in 1950s Anwasha Sengupta, <i>Institute of Development Studies, Kolkata, India</i></p> <p>Borderlands Taking Control: Do Resources Contribute to Azerbaijan’s Independence Victoria Ariel Bittner, <i>Center for Economic and Social Development (CESD), Azerbaijan</i></p>
S7-b	<p>Language Revitalization in the Tibetospheric Borderlands</p> <p>Convenor and Chair: Gerald Roche, <i>University of Melbourne, Australia</i></p> <p>The Role of Chöke (Classical Tibetan) on the Development of the Kurtöp Language in Bhutan Gwendolyn Hyslop, <i>The University of Sydney, Australia</i></p> <p>The Paradox of a Global Tibetan: Ruination & Revival in Standard Tibetan Language Forms Dirk Schmidt, <i>Esukhia, United States</i></p> <p>Khams Tibetan as a Linguistic Minority in Myanmar: A Sociolinguistic Description Hiroyuki Suzuki, <i>University of Oslo, Norway</i></p> <p>Tibetan as a Dominant Language in China Gerald Roche, <i>University of Melbourne, Australia</i></p>
S7-c	<p>Crossfire at the Crossroads: South Asian Borderlands in Between Ancient Routes & New Frontiers</p> <p>Convenor and Chair: Mara Matta, <i>SAPIENZA University of Rome, Italy</i></p> <p>Of Fences and Flexibility: Interrogating the Bangladesh-Myanmar Borderland Meghna Guhathakurta, <i>Research initiatives, Bangladesh (RIB), Bangladesh</i></p> <p>Spaces of Tolerance and Group Rights in Bangladesh Habibul Haque Khondker, <i>Zayed University, United Arab Emirates</i></p> <p>Dark Sides of an Open border: India-Nepal Relations Across the Open Border in the Aftermath of the 2015 Earthquake Davide Torri, <i>Heidelberg University, Germany</i></p> <p>Bidrohini: Indigenous women of Bangladesh in the crossfire between history and dreams Mara Matta, <i>Sapienza University of Rome, Italy</i></p>
S7-d	<p>ROUNDTABLE: The Spatial Dynamics of Infrastructure Investments in Urban Centers of Central Asia: Revival, Decline, Centers and Peripheries</p> <p>Convenor: Willem Vogelsang, <i>International Institute for Asian Studies, the Netherlands</i> Chair: Paul Rabé, <i>International Institute for Asian Studies, the Netherlands</i></p> <p><i>Participants</i> Irina Morozova, <i>University of Regensburg, Germany</i> Siddharth Saxena, <i>Cambridge Central Asia Forum, Jesus College, University of Cambridge, UK</i> Xiaoxuan Lu, <i>The University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong SAR, China</i></p>

<p>S8-a</p>	<p>Remaking the Resource Frontier in Myanmar’s Borderlands Part I</p> <p>Convenor: Hilary Faxon, <i>Cornell University, United States</i> Chair: Kimberly Roberts, <i>York University, Canada</i></p> <p>Resource Access and Local Political Authority: Opium in Burma John Buchanan, <i>Yale University, United States</i></p> <p>Lootable Resources in Shan Borderlands: The Politics of Extraction in ‘Non-state’ Spaces, C1880-1900 Frances O’Morchoe, <i>University of Oxford, United Kingdom</i></p> <p>“Banana Border”: Changing Landscapes of Refugee Mobility, Resource Accumulation and Governance at the China-Myanmar Border Jasnea Sarma, <i>National University of Singapore, Singapore</i></p>
<p>S8-b</p>	<p>Friend or Foe, Challenges or Opportunity? Demystifying Northeast Asia and its Neighbours</p> <p>Convenor, chair and discussant: Naomi Chi, <i>Hokkaido University, Japan</i></p> <p>History of Mobilization of Human Resources in Northeast Asia: North Korean Migrant Workers in Sakhalin in 1950s-1960s Hyein Han, <i>Sunkyunkwan University, South Korea</i></p> <p>Site for Human Resources? North Korean Migrant Workers in Mongolia and Russia Mitsuhiro Mimura, <i>The Economic Research Institute for Northeast Asia (ERINA), Japan</i></p> <p>Self-Identity and Mobilization of North Korean Refugees in South Korea Sincheol Lee, <i>Sunkyunkwan University, South Korea</i></p> <p>Victimization of Ordinary People in Their Everyday Lives: Case of the Zainichi Koreans and the Influence of Japan-North Korean Relations Jihyun Kim, <i>Kobe University, Japan</i></p>
<p>S8-c</p>	<p>Belonging and Resources in the Eastern Himalayan Borderlands</p> <p>Convenor: Charisma K Lepcha, <i>Department of Anthropology, Sikkim University, India</i> Chair: Jagdish Lal Dawar, <i>retired professor, India</i></p> <p>Agrarian Resources and Territorial Dynamism Along the Anglo-Gorkha Borderlands in the Early 19th Century Bernardo A Michael, <i>Messiah College, United States</i></p> <p>Dzongri-Goechhla Area in the Sikkim Himalaya: Transformation from Trans-ecological Corridor to Cultural Strip Uttam Lal, <i>Department of Geography, Sikkim University, India</i></p> <p>Rivers for Lepcha as Resources and Source of Resistance Charisma K Lepcha, <i>Department of Anthropology, Sikkim University, India</i></p>
<p>S8-d</p>	<p>Tourism and Heritage Production in Asian Borderlands</p> <p>Chair: Duncan McDuie-Ra, <i>University of New South Wales, Australia</i></p> <p>(Re)discovering Alay: Heritage Tourism in Southern Kyrgyzstan Simone de Boer, <i>Leiden University, the Netherlands</i></p> <p>Economic Growth and Moral Ruins: The Revival of Monasticism on the Sino-Tibetan Border Hannah Klepeis, <i>Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Germany</i></p> <p>The True Shangrila: Buddhist Faith, Tibetan Authenticity and the Chinese-Tibetan Frontier Gideon Elazar, <i>Bar Ilan University, Israel</i></p> <p>Partition in the Neoliberal City: Heritage Branding in Pakistan Ariel Sophia Bardi, <i>Journalist, United States</i></p>

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