PROGRAMME

International Conference:

Tradition and Change in a Contemporary World

24 July 2017 (first day)

Registration: 8:30
Opening: 9:00
Conclusion first day: 17:10
Conclusion second day: 12:00

by Aga Khan Humanities Project (UCA AKHP)
in conjunction with
The International Council for Research in Values and Philosophy (RVP),
Washington, USA
and
The Ismaili Centre, Dushanbe, Tajikistan (ICD)

Time: July 24-25, 2017
Place: The Ismaili Centre, 47 Ismail Somoni Street
Dushanbe, Tajikistan
Language: English and Russian

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AGENDA
24 July 2017 - Day 1

9:00 – 9:10 Greetings from Dr Pulat Shozimov (Tajikistan), Acting Director, Aga Khan Humanities Project of the University of Central Asia

9:10 – 9:20 Greetings from Dr. Joao Vila-Cha (Italy), Vice President of the International Council for Research in Values and Philosophy (RVP)

9:20 – 10:00 Keynote Speech
Dr Joao Vila-Cha (Italy), Vice President of the International Council for Research in Values and Philosophy (RVP), and President of the World Conference of Catholic University Institutions of Philosophy (COMIUCAP), Rome.

The Secularisation of Modernity: Approaching the Gaps of Religion and Meaning

Panel 1: Philosophy as Methodological Basis for Productive Dialogue between Tradition and Innovation: Theory and Practice

Chair: Dr. Mamadsho Ilolov (Tajikistan), Ex- President of Tajikistan’s Academy of Sciences and Director, Center of Innovations and Technologies under Tajikistan’s Academy of Sciences

Panelists:
10:00 – 10:15 Foundations of Modernity and Change
Abdurahim Gavahi (Iran), Head, Department of Future Studies, Iranian Academy of Sciences; President, World Religions Research Center, Tehran, Iran.

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Central Administration Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic,
Campuses in Tekeli, Kazakhstan; Naryn, Kyrgyz Republic; Dushanbe & Khorog, Tajikistan
10:15 – 10:30  Structure of Conceptual Interaction between Unity, Distinction and Construct in Modern Central Asian Discourse: Theory and Social Practice
Dr Pulat Shozimov (Tajikistan), Acting Director, AKHP

10:30 – 11:00  Coffee Break

11:00 – 11:15  Global World: National Culture and Dialog
Dr Juraev Abdurahim (Tajikistan), Vice Rector of International Affairs, Khujand State University of Business, Law and Politics

11:15 – 11:30  Tradition and Change via AKHP Teaching Methods: Central Asian Educational Experience
Obidkhon Kurbankhonov (Tajikistan), Marifat Alifbekova (Tajikistan)
Instructors of AKHP Humanities in English course in Dushanbe

11:30 – 11:45  AKHP Cross Debate Format in the Framework of the Tradition and Change in Central Asian Region: Student’s perspectives
Shokirjon Makhmadov (Tajikistan), Regional Trainer on AKHP Cross Debate Format

11:45 – 12:15  Questions and Answers

12:15 – 13:15  Lunch
Panel II: Tradition and Change in the Framework of Sciences: Challenges and Perspectives in a Modern World

Chair: Dr Joao Vila-Cha (Italia), Vice President of the International Council for Research in Values and Philosophy (RVP)

13:15 – 13:30  
Systems of Singularities in the Context of Tradition and Change  
Dr Mamadsho Ilolov (Tajikistan) – Ex-President of Tajikistan’s Academy of Sciences and Director, Center of Innovations and Technologies under Tajikistan’s Academy of Sciences

13:30-13:45  
Science as a Factor of Tradition and Change  
Dr Ana Bazac (Romania), Professor, Philosophical Faculty at Bucharest University. (The text of Dr Bazac’s presentation will be presented by UCA’s fellow)

13:45-14:00  
Tradition and Innovations in Modern Sciences: Beyond Standard Models  
Dr Khikmat Mumimov (Tajikistan), Vice-President of Tajikistan’s Academy of Sciences and Ex-Director of the Institute of Physics and Technology of Tajikistan’s Academy of Sciences

14:00-14:15  
Astrophysical Studies in Tajikistan: from Traditional Approach over Modeling to Empirical Properties  
Dr Gulchehra Kohirova (Tajikistan), Director of the Institute of Astrophysics, Tajikistan’s Academy of Sciences

14:15 – 14:30  
Medical Myths: Interdisciplinary Context  
Dr Erkin Dzhamanbaev (Kyrgyzstan), Strategic Development

Chair: Dr Idiev Khairiddin (Tajikistan), Rector of Institute of Arts, Dushanbe

Panelists:

15:30 – 15:45 Navruz Electrified: Transformation of Taste and Tradition and Their Outcomes
Mehrenegar Rostami (USA), Ph.D. Candidate, University of California at Los Angeles, Ethnomusicology

15:45 – 16:00 A Musical Expression of Identities in Badakhshan, Tajikistan: Tradition, Continuity, and Change
Chorshanbe Ghoibnazarov (Tajikistan), Research Fellow, Cultural Heritage and Humanities Unit (UCA CHHU) and Ph.D. Candidate at Humboldt University Berlin, Berlin Graduate School Muslim Cultures and Societies

16:00 – 16:15 Pamir Musical Arts: from Sources to the Modernity
Dr Bahrinisso Kobilova (Tajikistan), Vice Director of the Institute of History and Ethnography of Tajikistan’s Academy of Sciences

16:15 – 16:30  
*Kazakh Art of Dombra Kuy: Past, Present, and Future*  
Dr Erbolat Mustafaev (Kazakhstan), Prof., Kazakh National Pedagogical University

16:30 – 17:00  
Questions and Discussion

17:00-17:10  
Conclusion
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25 July 2017 - Day 2

Panel IV: Philosophy, History, Literature and Language as Indicators of Evaluation of Character for Interaction between Tradition and Change: Interdisciplinary Context

Chair: Dr Pulat Shozimov (Tajikistan), Acting Director, AKHP

9:00 – 9:15 Moving Forward: A Summary of the Key Conclusions of Conference Day 1

9:15 – 9:30 Connecting history with contemporary identity in higher education

Emma Sabzalieva (Canada)
PhD candidate, Centre for the Study of Canadian and International Higher Education Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, University of Toronto

9:30 – 9:45 Fiction in the Third Millennium: Search and Discovery

Dr Aleksandra Spector (Tajikistan), Prof., Russian-Tajik Slavonic University

9:45- 10:00 Ethnographic studies in Tajikistan: Between History and Modernity

Dr Zukhra Madamidzhanova (Tajikistan), Senior Specialist of the Institute of History and Ethnography of Tajikistan’s Academy of Sciences
10:00 – 10:20 Questions and Discussion

10:20 – 10:45 Coffee Break

10:45 – 11:00 *Effect of the Emigration of the Early Soviet Period on the Physical and Natural Environment in Central Asia*

**Dr Kamol Abdullaev (Tajikistan),** Prof., Russian-Tajik Slavonic University

11:00-11:15 *History and Construction of National Traditions: Tajikistan’s Case*

**Dr. Larisa Dodkhudoeva (Tajikistan),** Head, Department of Ethnography at the Institute of History and Ethnography of the Tajikistan’s Academy of Sciences

11:15-11:30 *Democracy and the Common Good*

**Dr. Hu Yeping (USA),** Executive Director, the International Council for Research in Values and Philosophy (RVP)

11:30 – 11:50 Questions and Discussion

11:45 – 12:00 Conclusion and Farewell speech by **Dr. Pulat Shozimov** (Tajikistan), Acting Director, Aga Khan Humanities Project, UCA

12:00 – 13:00 Tour of the Ismaili Centre, Dushanbe

13:00 – 16:30 Farewell Celebration for all conference participants (Trip to Varzob)

16:30 – 18:00 Cultural Programme for International Guests