

Workshop

Transactions in Xinjiang: Cultural, Socio-economic and Historical Sources on the Chinese Western Regions (1750–1976)

16th–18th July 2025

Venue: Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin, Germany



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**Venue: Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin, House 2, Potsdamer Platz 33, 10785 Berlin
(Simón-Bolívar-Saal)**

- 08:30-09:00 Registration
09:00-09:30 Greetings
Representative of Directorate General, Staatsbibliothek
Matthias Kaun, Director of East Asia Department
Aysima Mirsultan, Christine Moll-Murata & Björn Alpermann, Organizers
09:30-10:10 Keynote speaker: **Ablet Kamalov**, Turan University (Almaty, Kazakhstan)
»The Social History of the Early 20th Century Kashgaria«
Discussant: **Ildikó Bellér-Hann**, University of Copenhagen (Denmark)
10:10-10:30 Discussion
10:30-10:50 Coffee Break

Panel I: Islam, Empire, and Historical Method in Post-Conquest Xinjiang

Chair: Rian Thum

- 10:50-11:10 **David Brophy**, University of Sydney (Australia)
»Encounters with Islam in Post-conquest Xinjiang«
11:10-11:30 **Onuma Takahiro** 小沼孝博, Tohoku Gakuin University (Sendai, Japan)
»Mulla Musa Sayrami's Pursuit of History: The Way of References to the Past in Ta'rikh-i Ḥamīdī«
11:30-11:50 Discussion
11:50-13:20 Lunch Break (Foyer)

Panel II: State and Military in Xinjiang under the Qing Dynasty I

Chair: David Brophy

- 13:20-13:40 **Konuralp Ercilasun**, Ankara Hacı Bayram Veli University (Ankara, Türkiye)
»The Manchu Administration in Kashgaria«
13:40-14:00 **Shinmen Yasushi** 新免康, Chūō University (Tōkyō, Japan)
»Beg Officials and Muslim Society in Kashgar under the Qing Dynasty: Ṣuhūr al-Dīn Ḥākīm Beg«
14:00-14:20 Discussion
14:20-14:40 Coffee Break

Panel III: State and Military in Xinjiang under the Qing Dynasty II

Chair: Cordula Gumbrecht

- 14:40-15:00 **Henriette Lavaulx-Vrécourt & Niklas Leverenz**, Ethnological Museum of Berlin & Independent Scholar (Hamburg, Germany)
»Military Battles in Xinjiang - Depicted on Copper plates«
15:00-15:20 **Christine Moll-Murata**, Ruhr University Bochum (Germany)
»Cooperation and Conflict in the Qianlong Period: Uch and the Khōjis Beg«
15:20-15:40 Discussion

Panel IV: Turfan Remnants in Berlin

Chair: Hermann Kreutzmann

- 15:40-16:00 **Cordula Gumbrecht**, East Asia Department, Staatsbibliothek (Germany)
»Some Notes on the Logistics and Itineraries of the German Turfan Expeditions (1902-1914) as Found in their Archives«
16:00-16:10 Discussion
16:10-16:40 Transfer from House 2 to House 1 (Underground)

Venue: Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin, House 1, Unter den Linden 8, 10117 Berlin

- 16:40-18:10 Visit to the Restoration Workshop
Katharina Wewerke & Ira Glasa, Department of Preservation and Digitization, Staatsbibliothek (Germany)
»Conservation of the Turfan Fragments in the Staatsbibliothek«
18:30 Reception

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Panel V: Transitions in Xinjiang from the Qing to the Republic: Society and Economy I

Chair: Christine Moll-Murata

Discussant: Ildikó Bellér-Hann

- 09:00-09:20 **Kwangmin Kim**, University of Colorado (Boulder, CO, USA)
»Cotton and Water in Rural Xinjiang«
- 09:20-09:40 **Hermann Kreutzmann**, Free University of Berlin (Germany)
»The Xinjiang Triangle. Charas and Opium Trade between Afghanistan, British India and China«
- 09:40-10:00 **Eric T. Schluessel**, George Washington University (Washington, DC, USA)
»Merchants and Pilgrims: Religion and Economy in Chinese Central Asia«
- 10:00-10:30 Discussion
- 10:30-11:00 Coffee Break

Panel VI: Transitions in Xinjiang from the Qing to the Republic: Society and Economy II

Chair: Jun Sugawara

- 11:00-12:00 **Patrick Hällzon**, Uppsala University (Sweden)
»Acrobats, Bear Wrestlers and Snake Charmers: Public Entertainments with Animals in Eastern Turkestan in the Early 20th Century«
- 11:20-11:40 **Rune Steenberg**, Palacký University Olomouc (Czech Republic)
»Historical Uyghur Kinship and Gift Economy«
- 11:40-12:00 Discussion
- 12:00-13:40 Lunch Break (Foyer)

Panel VII: Transitions in Xinjiang from the Qing to the Republic: Society and Economy III

Chair: Eric Schluessel

- 13:40-14:00 **Jun Sugawara** 菅原純, Independent Scholar (Tōkyō, Japan)
»Neglected Sainthood: Reassessment of Shahliq Ghojas from Historical Perspective«
- 14:00-14:20 **Aysima Mirsultan**, East Asia Department, Staatsbibliothek (Germany)
»Dispute Resolution and Social Dynamics within a Uyghur Family in Khotan (19th–20th Centuries)«
- 14:20-14:40 Discussion
- 14:40-15:00 Coffee Break

Panel VIII: State and Military in Xinjiang under the Qing Dynasty IV

Chair: Konuralp Ercilasun

- 15:00-15:20 **Max Oidtmann**, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität (Munich, Germany)
»Expedited Capital Punishment of Muslims in Late Imperial China«
- 15:20-15:40 Discussion
- 15:40-16:30 Transfer to Humboldt Forum (Underground)

Venue: Schlossplatz, 10178 Berlin

- 16:40 Tour at the Humboldt Forum

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Panel IX: Culture, Religion and Identity in Turkestan / Xinjiang I

Chair: Mohammed Al-Sudairi

- 09:00-09:20 **Yukiyo Kasai** 笠井幸代, Ruhr University Bochum (Germany)
»The Old Uyghur Manuscript of the Svarṇaprabhāsottamasūtra Dated in 1687 and the Background of its Creation«
- 09:20-09:40 **Gülnar Eziz**, Harvard University (Cambridge, MA, USA)
»Two Faces of Devotion: A Comparative Study of the Manuscripts of the Tadkhira of Süt Bibi«
- 09:40-10:00 **Ablet Semet**, Independent Scholar (Berlin, Germany)
»Between Reform and Repression: The Rise and Fall of the First Uyghur Newspaper«
- 10:00-10:30 Discussion
- 10:30-11:00 Coffee Break

Panel X: Culture, Religion and Identity in Turkestan / Xinjiang II

Chair: Kim Kwangmin

- 11:20-11:40 **Ildikó Gyöngyvér Sárközi**, HUN-REN Research Centre for the Humanities (Budapest, Hungary)
»Historical Background of the Sibe in Xinjiang«
- 11:40-12:00 Discussion
- 12:00-13:30 Lunch Break (Foyer)

Panel XI: Contemporary Xinjiang and Diaspora

Chair: Rune Steenberg

- 13:30-13:50 **Rian Thum**, University of Manchester (UK)
»What do European Collections of Eastern Turkistan Manuscripts Represent?«
- 13:50-14:10 **Björn Alpermann**, Julius-Maximilians-Universität (Würzburg, Germany)
»Go south, bingtuan! The Xinjiang Production and Construction Corps' Southward Development Strategy«
- 14:10-14:30 **Rebecca A. Clothey**, Drexel University (Philadelphia, PA, USA)
»Negotiating Uyghur Cultural Resilience in the Face of Chinese Oppression«
- 14:30-15:00 Discussion
- 15:00-15:30 Coffee Break
- 15:30-16:30 Final Discussion & Publication Plans



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