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Emergent Trends on the China - Russia Border

Project "Where Rising Powers Meet: China and
Russia at their at their north Asian Border"
Conference

16 – 17 March 2015

Conference Venue:
SG1 (Ground Floor), Alison Richard Building, 7 West Road,
Cambridge CB3 9DT

Monday, 16 March 2015

- 09:30 Tea/Coffee and Introducing the Project Participants
10:00 Welcome by **Professor Caroline Humphrey** (University of Cambridge)

Panel 1 – Political Economies Chair: Caroline Humphrey

- 10:15 "Russia's Strategic Shift to the East : a New Chance for Enhancing Trans-regional Cooperation Between China and Russia?"
Chu Dongmei (*China Border Studies Research Centre, CASS*)
(Discussant: Sayana Namsaraeva (University of Cambridge))
- 10:50 "*Is Regions' Developmental Para-Diplomacy Still Viable? The Case of Russian Volga Federal District and China's Yangtze River Region*"
Yang Cheng (East China Normal University, Shanghai)
(Discussant: Uradyn E. Bulag (University of Cambridge))

Tea/Coffee break 11:25 – 12:00

- 12:00 "E-commerce in Blagoveshchensk. Who to trust? Who to run from?"
Natalia Ryzhova (Economic Research Institute, Blagoveshchensk)
(Discussant: Ivan Peshkov, Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznań)
- 12:35 "*When Does Local Political Competition Lead to More Public Goods? Evidence from Russian Regions*"
Olga Vasileva (Economic Research Institute, Blagoveshchensk)
(Discussant: Caroline Humphrey (University of Cambridge))

Lunch 13:10–14:00

Panel 2 – Social Geography Chair: Sayana Namsaraeva

- 14:00 "*Exquisite Commodities: Illicit Wildlife Trade in the Russian-Chinese Borderland*"
Tobias Holzlehner (Martin–Luther University, Halle–Wittenberg)
(Discussant: Paul Richardson (University of Manchester))
- 14:35 "*Urban Giganticism in China: The Case of Ordos*"
Max Woodworth (Ohio State University)
(Discussant: Franck Billé (University of Cambridge))
- 15:10 "*Borderline Gardening: Horticultural Enclaves in the Sino-Mongolian Borderlands*"
Mikkel Bunkenborg (University of Copenhagen)
(Discussant: Grégory Delaplace (Université Paris–Ouest Nanterre La Défense, Paris))

Tea/Coffee break 15:45 –16:15 16:15

- KEYNOTE:** "*Placing the Border: Territorial integrity as infrastructural experiment*"
Madeleine Reeves (University of Manchester)

To be followed by drinks

Dinner: Three Horse Shoes restaurant, 19:00

Tuesday, 17 March 2015

Panel 3 – Representations and the Border Chair: Franck Billé

10:00 "From Reindeer to MTV: Kola Beldy, Han Geng and Nanai/Hezhe Performance"
Ed Pulford (University of Cambridge)
(Discussant: Hyun-Gwi Park (University of Cambridge))

10:35 "Millions in Millionka – A history of the Chinese in Vladivostok"
Sören Urbansky (Ludwig – Maximilians University, Munich)
(Discussant: Dr Hürelbaatar (University of Cambridge))

Tea/Coffee break 11:10 – 11:40

11:40 "When water flows from a river to a lake: discourses of water environment at ethnic, regional and (inter) national levels in Northeastern China"
Nasan Bayar (Inner Mongolia University, Hohhot)
(Discussant: Richard Fraser (University of Cambridge))

12:15 "Disease Flows Across the Chinese-Russian Border"
Dr Christos Lynteris (University of Cambridge)
(Discussant: Gaëlle Lacaze (University of Strasbourg))

Lunch 12:50 – 14:00

Poster Presentations

14:00 "The border as a black-box: the case of nephrite mining and trade in East Siberia"
István Sántha (Research Centre for Humanities, Budapest) and **Tatyana Safonova** (Central European University, Budapest)

14:10 "Transborder cooperation in the field of environmental protection in the border areas of Russia, China and Mongolia"
Valentin Batomunkuev (The Baikal Institute of Nature Management, Ulan-Ude)

14:20 "Chinese labor migrants in Buryatia"
Olga Shaglanova (Ethnographic Museum, Ulan-Ude)

14:30 "Multidimensional Borderland: (Post-)Imperial Spaces of the Baikal Region, 1911–1924"
Ivan Sablin (National Research University Higher School of Economics, Saint Petersburg)

14:40 **Roundtable:** – Geopolitics and realignments;
– Socioeconomic comparisons;
– Security, energy and environment;
– Culture(s): influences, endangerment, identities, language, self expression, etc

Yang Cheng, Caroline Humphrey, Franck Billé, Sayana Namsaraeva
Morten Pedersen (University of Copenhagen)

Tea/Coffee break 16:15

16:30 **Final discussion:** remaining questions and further directions

17:15 **Wine Reception**