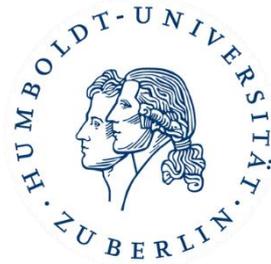




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Call for Abstracts

Workshop

Central Asian Studies Inside Out

Engaging with Knowledge Transfer between Academia and Actors in Society and Politics

for Master and PhD students

8–9 February 2018

Leibniz-Zentrum Moderner Orient and the Institute for Asian and African Studies at Humboldt University Berlin invite master and PhD students from different European institutions working in the - broadly defined - field of Central Asian Studies. It is the aim of the workshop to create a platform for exchange about topics currently dealt with in Central Asian Studies in Europe and their relevance to society and politics. By meeting social and political actors, participants can develop strategies to transfer their knowledge to a broader public. The outcome of the workshop will thus be a network of young scholars in Central Asian Studies with first ideas of how to establish structures for knowledge transfer between academia, civil society, and political actors.

The workshop consists of two parts: On the first day, each participant will present his or her research project and explain its relevance to a field outside of academia. On this day, we want to answer the questions: What do we have to offer and why should more people know about our topics? On this basis, the second day is dedicated to identifying the interest actors in society and politics could have in the knowledge transfer with Central Asian Studies. To this end, we will invite guests for three discussions during the day, leading up to a final discussion amongst the participants to draw conclusions. The public closing discussion gives an insight into the results of the workshop and can also be a platform for feedback from outside.

Applicants should study at a European institution as master or PhD students and work on a topic related to Central Asia (broadly defined as: Turkmenistan,

Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Afghanistan, Xinjiang, Tibet, Mongolia). Submissions of abstracts should not exceed 300 words and should be submitted with a brief CV until November 24, 2017 to centralasianstudies@web.de. The abstracts should not only introduce a specific topic currently dealt with in Central Asian Studies, but also make a strong claim on its relevance to current political and social developments. The accepted abstracts should be turned into full papers (roughly 5,000 words) by January 25, 2018. The form of a publication will be discussed during the workshop.

A limited number of travel allowance is available and we can arrange private accommodation.

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