

Third International Conference  
on Central Asian Archaeology  
11<sup>th</sup>–13<sup>th</sup> January 2024

**Mobility and Archaeogenetics  
in Central Asia  
People – Goods – Ideas**



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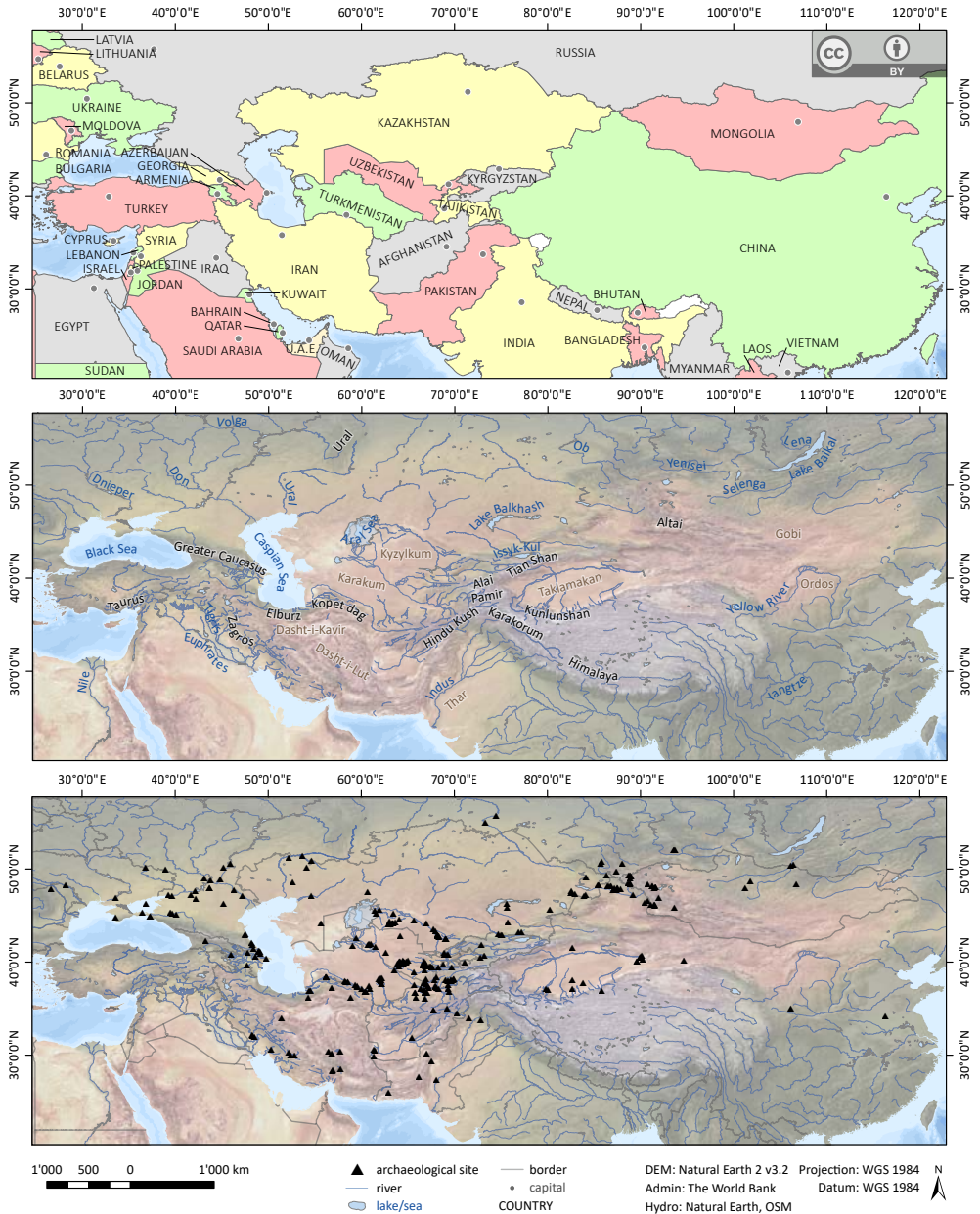


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# Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> January 2024

19.00

Dinner for invited speakers (Hotel Kreuz, Bern)



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# Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> January 2024

08.30	Registration (Uni Mittelstrasse, Room 224, Mittelstrasse 43, 3012 Bern)
09:00–09:20	<b>Christoph Baumer</b> (Society for the Exploration of EurAsia) Welcome address and opening remarks
09.20–09.30	<b>Mirko Novák</b> (University of Bern): Mobility – What does that mean?
<b>Session 1: Bronze age</b>	
09.35–09:55	<b>Gorgerat Laurent</b> (Basel) <span style="float: right;">Chair: Alisher Begmatov</span> The mistress of the animals. A motif conquers the world
10.00–10.20	<b>Cerasetti Barbara</b> (Berlin) Mobility in the past: understanding GKC society through the excavation of Togolok 1
10.25–10.45	Discussion
10.45–11.10	Coffee break
11.10–11.30	<b>Fribus Alexey</b> (Saint Petersburg) <span style="float: right;">Chair: Rocco Rante</span> Materials of the satellite settlement Gonur 20 in the mirror of intercultural interactions in Central Asia
11.35–11:55	<b>Kovalev Alexey</b> (Saint Petersburg) Saensayi culture – migrants from Lower Volga with BMAC bronzes in Eastern Tian Shan
12:00–12:20	<b>Kroll Sonja</b> (Paris) The stranger from Ulug – a long way from home
12:25–12:50	Discussion
12:50–14:00	Lunch
14:00–14:20	<b>Bendezu-Sarmiento Julio</b> (Paris) <span style="float: right;">Chair: Sara Peterson</span> Sedentism, mobility and migration in the settlements of the Oxus civilisation
14:25–14:45	<b>Vinogradova Nataliya Mateevna</b> (Moscow) Ethno-cultural processes in the South of Tajikistan in the Early–Middle Bronze Age
14:50–15:10	<b>Arciero Roberto</b> (Leiden) Not only cultural interaction. Agricultural exploitation and water management in the Murghab (southern Turkmenistan) during the Late Bronze Age
15:15–15:35	<b>Bonora Gian Luca</b> (Ferrara) The Mobility of Goods, Ideas and Technologies from the Oxus Civilization Graveyard of Adjı Kui in Margiana (South Turkmenistan)
15:40–16:05	Discussion
16:05–16:30	Coffee break
16:30–16:50	<b>Kliakhandler Igor</b> (Florida) <span style="float: right;">Chair: Michael Shenkar</span> Regions of ancient irrigation, mountain passes, and transmission of goods, peoples, cultures
16:55–17:15	<b>Dubova Nadezhda</b> (Moscow) Transfer of ideas, migration of people or commonality of basic ideas?
17:20–17:45	Discussion
<b>Keynote Lecture</b> (Uni Main Building, Room 101, Hochschulstrasse 4, 3012 Bern)	
18:00–19:00	<b>Willerslev Eske</b> (Copenhagen) The population genomic history of western Eurasia
19:30	Dinner for invited speakers (Restaurant Zunft zu Webern, Bern)

# Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024

## Session 2: Bronze Age (continued)

Chair: Elena Armoli

08.30–08.50 **Frachetti Michael** (Saint Louis)  
Social interaction, mobility, and institutional participation: Archaeology and Ancient Genomes interwoven

08.55–09.15 **Kidd Fiona** (Abu Dhabi)  
Desert mobilities: results of the Uzbek-UAE expedition to the Qyzylqum

09.20–09.40 **Ivanov Genadiy** (Samarkand)  
The Eilatan Culture in Fergana Valley: Origin and Development

09.45–10.10 Discussion

10.10–10.35 Coffee break

## Session 3: Graeco-Bactrian Saka

Chair: Barbara Cerasetti

10.35–10.55 **Omelchenko Andrey** (Saint Petersburg)  
Cultural links and changes in the ancient Central Asia: natural, political and economic factors (by the example of the Bukhara region)

11.00–11.20 **Ivanova Evgeniya** (Athens)  
Adapting the Hellenistic Worldview: Bactrian Influences on Greco- Bactrian Art

11.25–11.45 **Aripdjanov Otabek** (Tashkent)  
Tracing Craftsmanship and Cultural Interactions: Worked Bone and Ivory Objects from Kushan Bactria in Central Asia

11.50–12.10 **Rante Rocco** (Paris)  
Mobility dynamics in the Oasis of Bukhara

12.15–12.40 Discussion

12.40–13.50 Lunch

## Session 4: Early Middle Ages

Chair: Dmitriy Voyakin

13.50–14.10 **Peterson Sara** (London)  
The transmission of a 'military' motif to Chorasmia and Bactria around the 1<sup>st</sup> century BCE

14.15–14.35 **Ilyasova Zumrad** (Basel)  
Threads, Tropes, Technologies, and Terminologies – Tracing the Mobility of Central Asian Silks

14.40–15.15 Discussion

## 15:15 **Textile Museum of the Abegg Foundation, Riggisberg**

Museum visit to the permanent exhibition and guided tour of the depot

The Abegg-Stiftung is committed to the collection, conservation and study of historical textiles. It is based just outside the village of Riggisberg in the foothills of the Bernese Alps, which is where the museum of textiles and applied art, the research library and the Villa Abegg, the Abeggs' former home that is now a museum, are situated. The studio for textile conservation and restoration is also a training centre for budding young conservators. The Abegg-Stiftung publishes books and papers in which it shares its research findings with fellow historians and conservators as well as a lay readership. Year after year, its annual exhibitions shed new light on a material that has served humanity for thousands of years, whether made up into objects of everyday use or in the form of exquisite works of art.

19:00 Dinner for invited speakers (Restaurant Bären, Münsigen)



# Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> January 2024

## Session 5: Early Middle Ages (continued)

- 08.30–08.50 **Kolchenko Valerii** (Bishkek) Chair: Gian Luca Bonora  
"Zoroastrian" (= "Sogdian?") Burials of the chui valley
- 08.55–09.15 **Begmatov Alisher** (Wien)  
From Late Antique to Early Medieval Sogdiana: A View from Novel Excavations in Samarkand
- 09.20–09.40 **Armaroli Elena** (Modena)  
Man-environment interactions in ancient Sogdiana through isotopic analysis
- 09.45–10.10 Discussion
- 10.10–10.35 Coffee break
- 10.35–10.55 **Mir-Makhamad Basira** (Jena) Chair: Nadezhda Dubova  
Introduction and Spread of Non-Native Economic Crops to the Chu Valley in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Half of the 1<sup>st</sup> Mill. CE: Archaeobotanical Evidence from the Novopokrovka-2 Site
- 11.00–11.20 **Spyrou Maria** (Tübingen)  
Investigating the history and evolution of plague in Eurasia
- 11.25–11.50 Discussion
- 11.50–13.15 Lunch

## Session 6: Later Middle Ages

- 13.15–13.35 **Shenkar Michael** (Jerusalem) Chair: Fiona Kidd  
The Architecture and the Decoration of the Late Sogdian Palace at Sanjar-Shah
- 13.40–14.00 **Voyakin Dmitriy** (Almaty)  
Interdisciplinary Approaches to Deciphering the Complex History of Kesken-Kuyuk Kala: A Study in Medieval Central Asian Urbanism
- 14.05–14.25 **Stewart Charles** (Atchison)  
A Tale of Two Women: Medieval Dress, Jewelry, and Archaeogenetics Uncovered at Usharal-Ilbalyk (Kazakhstan)
- 14.30–14.50 **Sorokin Denis** (Almaty)  
Preliminary results of comprehensive studies of medieval Christian necropolises of Ilbalyk and Suleimantepa
- 14.55–15.20 Discussion
- 15.20–15.45 Coffee break
- 15.45–16.05 **Vincenzi Ilaria** (Barcelona) Chair: Michael Frachetti  
Mobility, clashes, meetings: developing of a new architectural model at Vardana with the advent of Islam
- 16.10–16.30 **Slavin Philip** (Stirling)  
The End of the "Silk Road": Plague, Natural Disasters and Transformation of Central Asia, c.1330-1400
- 16.35–16.55 **Ilyasov Djangar** (Tashkent)  
Mobile Utensils: Goods, Motifs, Scripts, and Peoples on the Move
- 17.00–17.25 Discussion
- 17.25–17.55 **Conclusion discussion** Mirko Novák, Sonja Kroll, Susanne Rutishauser
- 17.55–18.00 **Closure of conference** Christoph Baumer
- 19.00 Dinner for invited speakers (Restaurant Rosengarten, Bern)

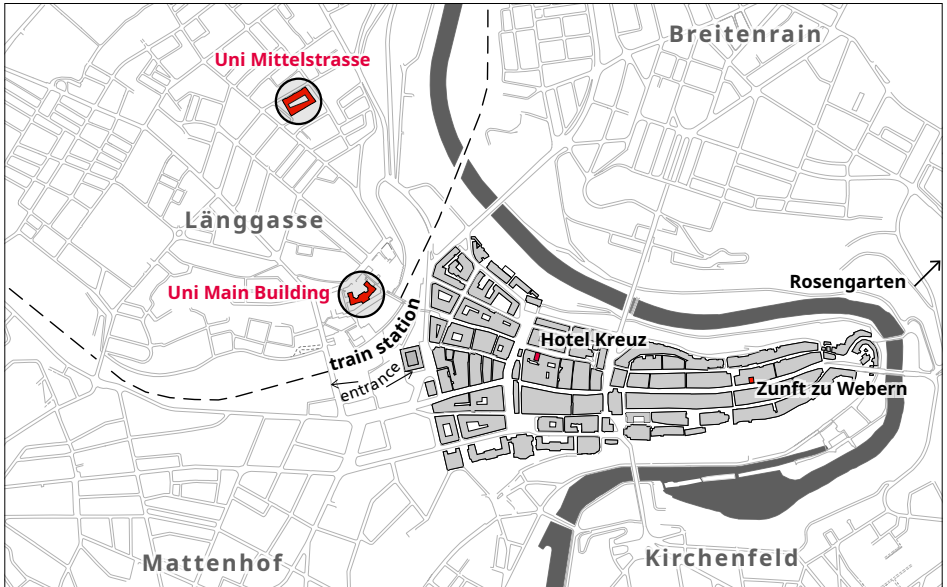
## Venue

The conference will take place at the University of Bern, **Uni Mittelstrasse, room 224** (Mittelstrasse 43, 3012 Bern)

The public key note lecture on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January at 18.00 o'clock, will take place at the University of Bern, **Uni Main Building, room 101** (Hochschulstrasse 4, 3012 Bern)

The **conference desk** will be located

**Thursday**, 11<sup>th</sup> January, 08.30–09.30, University of Bern, **Uni Mittelstrasse** Mittelstrasse 43, 3012 Bern, **in front of room 224**



## The Organizing Committee

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