Second International Conference on Uyghur Studies
History, Culture, and Society

Université libre de Bruxelles (ULB) and
Central Asia Program at the George Washington University

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ULB Solbosch, salle H. Janne
Institut de sociologie (15ème étage) – avenue Jeanne 44, 1050 Bruxelles

Tuesday, November 17, 2015, Université Libre de Bruxelles

9.00-9.30. Opening Remarks
Andrea Rea, Dean of the Faculty of Philosophy and Social Sciences, ULB
Sean R. Roberts, George Washington University, USA
Vanessa Frangville, Chair Holder in Chinese Studies, ULB

9:30-11:00am. Xinjiang in the Context of China's Global Policy
Chair: Sean R. Roberts (George Washington University, USA)
Andrew Fischer (Erasmus University Rotterdam)
Labour Transitions and Social Inequalities in Tibet and Xinjiang: a comparative analysis of the structural foundations of discrimination and protest
Elizabeth Wishnick (Montclair College)
Xinjiang and One Belt One Road
Sean Roberts (George Washington University)
Is there an Uyghur Islamist Terrorist Threat?

11:00-11:30am. Coffee-break

11:30am-1:00pm. Security and Social Changes in Xinjiang
Chair: Sebastien Peyrouse (George Washington University)
Michael Dillon (Independent scholar, formerly Centre for Contemporary Chinese Studies at the University of Durham, UK)
Conflict in Xinjiang: Resistance and Resolution
Yitzhak Shichor (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)
*Suppressing Uyghur Unrest in Xinjiang: the Role of Military, Para-Military and Non-Military Forces*

Nimrod Baranovitch (Haifa University, Israel)
*The Impact of Environmental Degradation in Xinjiang on Uyghur Discontent*

1:00-2:00pm. Lunch

2:00-3:30pm. Societal Evolutions in Xinjiang and among the Diaspora
Chair: Rémi Castets (Michel de Montaigne University)

Andrei Ostrovskii (Institute of Far Eastern Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences)
*Energy Resources of Xinjiang as the Driving Force for the Development of the Region*

Elena Bazhenova (Institute of Far Eastern Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences)
*Socio-Economic Development of Xinjiang as the Key Point for China ‘Silk Road Economic Belt’*

Henryk Szadziewski (University of Leeds)
*Uyghur Asylum Seekers Since 2009. Observations From Within The Diaspora*

3:30-4:00pm. Coffee-break

4:00-5:00pm. The Chinese School System and Uyghur Responses
Chair: Nimrod Baranovitch (Haifa University, Israel)

Hanna Burdorf (Newcastle University)
*Sinicization of the school system in the Xinjiang region*

Timothy A. Grose (Rosse-Hulman Institute of Technology)
*Protested Homecomings: Xinjiang Class Graduates and Reaclimating to life in Xinjiang*

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9:00-10:30am. Uyghur Modes of Resistance and Resilience
Chair: Yitzhak Shichor (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Nathan Light (Uppsala University, Sweden)
*Uyghur Culture, Performance and Identity in Contemporary China*

Dilnur Reyhan (INALCO, Paris)
*Uighur Web: Production Discrimination and Otherness - Representations of Uighur Women in the Digital Space*

Jean-Paul Loubes (Laboratory Architecture of Paris-La Villette)
*The Fabrication of a Sacred Place: the Cave of the Seven Sleepers of Tuyuk (Xinjiang)*

10:30-11:00am. Coffee-break

11-12:30pm. A Vivid Uyghur Culture
Chair: Vanessa Frangville (Université Libre de Bruxelles)

Michal Zelcer-Lavid (Bar Ilan University)
"Green-Colored-Uyghur-Poet": Religious Identity in Contemporary Uyghur Poetry

Elise Anderson (Indiana University)
“The real teachers are those in schools”: Modes of On ikki muqam Transmission in Contemporary Xinjiang

Mukaddas Mijit (Université Paris Ouest Nanterre la Défense)
Uyghur Youth Music: The Parallel World

12:30-1:30pm. Lunch

1:30-3:30pm. Regional Actors and International Respsoneses
Chair: Aude Merlin (Université Libre de Bruxelles, CEVIPOL)

Isabelle Facon (Fondation pour la recherche stratégique)
The new Sino-Russian partnership on the global and the regional scenes

Anna Bondarenko (Independent Scholar, formerly Institute of Far Eastern Studies, Academy of Sciences, Moscow, Russia)
Multilateral Cooperation between the Altai Territory of the Russian Federation and Xinjiang

Sebastien Peyrouse (George Washington University)
Central Asia’s Position on Uyghur Issue. Caught between Russia and China

Yunus Koç (Hacettepe University)
Turkey’s political stance about the Uyghur issue

3:30-5:00pm. Screening of ‘The Silk Road of Pop’ followed by a Q & A
Introduction by and Q & A with Stijn Deklerck, co-producer and Mukaddas Mijit, research consultant of the film

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