

11th Annual
**CENTRAL AND
SOUTHWEST ASIA
CONFERENCE**

Sponsors

Students for Peace and Justice, Rocky Mountain Ballet Theatre and the Central and Southwest Asian Studies Center at the University of Montana
All sessions will be open to the public and free of charge.

Location (For All Events) University Center, (UC) Theatre, The University of Montana, Missoula, MT, 59812

Wednesday, April 17th, 2013

- ROCKY MOUNTAIN BALLET THEATRE PERFORMANCE, **CULTURAL DIPLOMACY AND THE ARTS: MONTANA IN THE YEAR OF THE SNAKE**, 6:45-7:10 p.m.

- KEYNOTE PANEL: **CHINA, THE MIDDLE EAST AND CENTRAL ASIA: CHINESE FOREIGN POLICY IN A CRITICAL PART OF THE WORLD**, 7:10-9:00 p.m. Chair-Moderator: **Zhen Cao** (Modern and Classical Literatures and Languages, University of Montana). Discussants: **Liu Zhongmin** (Shanghai International Studies University), **Wu Bingbing** (Peking University), **Xuming Qian** (Shanghai International Studies University), **Sisu Pan** (Central and Southwest Asian Studies Center, University of Montana)

Thursday April 18th, 2013

- **DISCOVERING CENTRAL ASIA: A PASSAGE THROUGH THE HEART OF EURASIA**, 11:00-12:00 noon, Chair-Moderator: **Ulrich Kamp** (Department of Geography, University of Montana). Discussant: **Rick Graetz** (Department of Geography, University of Montana)

- **WHY DO I STUDY CENTRAL AND SOUTHWEST ASIA?**, 12:30-2:00 p.m. Chair-Moderator: **Ardi Kia** (Central and Southwest Asian Studies Center and Department of Anthropology, University of Montana). Discussants: **Alexandra Calloway-Nation**, **Nathan Domitrovich**, **Chris Hansen**, **Larry Himes** and **Juliana Lutz** (Undergraduate and Graduate Students at University of Montana)

- **ARABIC AT THE LAST BEST PLACE**, 2:30-4:30 p.m. Chair-Moderator: **Brian Lofink** (Office of International Programs, University of Montana). Discussants: **Samir Bitar** (Central and Southwest Asian Studies Center and Department of Anthropology, University of Montana), **Brendan Work** (Teacher of Arabic, Missoula County Public Schools), **Chase Anderson**, **Matthew Patten** and **Mary Anderson** (Arabic Studies Students, University of Montana), **Erin Johnson** (Arabic Studies Student, Sentinel High School)

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April 17th- April 19th, 2013

- ROCKY MOUNTAIN BALLET THEATRE PERFORMANCE,
**CULTURAL DIPLOMACY AND THE ARTS: TO RUSSIA
WITH LOVE**, 6:45-7:10 p.m.

- KEYNOTE PANEL: **TATARS, ISLAM AND OTHER MUSLIM
COMMUNITIES IN THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION**, 7:10-9:00 p.m.
Chair- Moderator: **Ona Renner-Fahey** (Modern and Classical
Literatures and Languages, University of Montana). Discussants:
Vladimir Kholodnov (Kazan Federal University), **Robert H. Greene**
(Department of History, University of Montana)

Friday, April 19th, 2013

- **AFGHAN AND TAJIK STUDENT PANEL: INSIDER PERSPECTIVES
ON AFGHANISTAN AND TAJIKISTAN**, 10:00-12 noon. Chair-
Moderator: **Ardi Kia** (Central and Southwest Asian Studies Center and
the Department of Anthropology, University of Montana). Discussants:
Suraya Nazhat, Shakib Rajaieean, Daler Rakhimov and **Farzona Shukarova**
(Undergraduate and Graduate Students at University of Montana)

- **SEEDS OF HOPE: THE UNITED STATES OF HOPE AND OTHER NGO
EFFORTS TO CREATE A BETTER FUTURE FOR AFGHANISTAN**, 12:10-
1:00p.m. Chair-Moderator: **Corey Roberts** (United States of Hope). Discussants:
Sam Redfern, Susannah Cragwick (United States of Hope)

- **U.S. AND CHINESE POLICY VIS-A-VIS IRAN AND ISRAEL**, 1:30-2:45 p.m.
Chair-Moderator: **Mehrdad Kia** (Central and Southwest Asian Studies Center and
the Department of History, University of Montana). Discussant: **Wu Bingbing** (Peking
University)

- **PREHISTORY AND ITS INFLUENCES ON EARLY ANCIENT CENTRAL ASIA**,
3:00-4:30 p.m. Chair-Moderator: **Nathan Domitrovich** (Central and Southwest Asian
Studies Center and Department of Anthropology, University of Montana). Discussant:
Ardi Kia (Central and Southwest Asian Studies Center and the Department of
Anthropology, University of Montana)

- KEYNOTE PANEL: **ARAB UPRISINGS: CAUSES AND IMPLICATIONS**, 7:00-9:00
p.m. Chair-Moderator: **Mehrdad Kia** (Central and Southwest Asian Studies Center
and Department of History, University of Montana). Discussants: **Noureddine Jebnoun**
(Georgetown University), **Mehrdad Kia** (University of Montana)

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