

Dr. Ulfat Abdurasulov – curriculum vitae

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Education

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| 10/30/2008 | D.phil, History Institute, Uzbek Academy of Sciences, Tashkent (History of Central Asia). |
| 1999 | MPhil, Pedagogical University, Tashkent (History and Geography) |

Career history

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| 03/2022 | Research Fellow (FWF-Project), Institute of Iranian Studies, Austrian Academy of Sciences. |
| 09/2024–12/2024 | Visiting Professor, Central European University, Vienna |
| 08/2021–11/2021 | Visiting Associate Professor, Slavic-Eurasian Research Centre, Hokkaido University |
| 10/2020–06/2021 | Petra Kappert Fellow, Centre for the Study of Manuscript Cultures, University of Hamburg |
| 01/2014–03/2020 | Research Fellow, Institute of Iranian Studies, Austrian Academy of Sciences. |
| 01/2011–03/2014 | VolkswagenStiftung Fellow, Institute of History, Uzbek Academy of Sciences |
| 01/2010–01/2012 | Vice-Director, Institute of History, Uzbek Academy of Sciences |
| 11/2003–2010 | Research Fellow, Institute of History, Uzbek Academy of Sciences |
| 09/1999–11/2003 | Teacher of the public school (no 27) in Tashkent. |

Scholarships and awards

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| 03/2022 | Stand-Alone Project of the Austrian Science Fund (FWF-Der Wissenschaftsfonds), <i>Central Asia in Russian Diplomatic Archives (17th–19th Centuries)</i> |
| 10/2020–06/2021 | Petra Kappert Post-Doc Fellowship, Centre for The Study of Manuscript Cultures, University of Hamburg |
| 2014–2020 | Post-Doc by Austrian Science Fund (FWF) START Prize, <i>Seeing Like an Archive: Documents and Forms of Governance in Islamic Central Asia (18th-19th Centuries)</i> |
| 2010–2013 | VolkswagenStiftung Research Fellowship, <i>The Archives Talk: Writing the History of Colonial Central Asia</i> , University of Halle-Wittenberg (2010–2014) |
| 2013–2014 | Grant-holder of the Central Asia Research and Training Initiative (CARTI), Open Society Institute, <i>Soviet “Orientalist” in Private: Studying the Personal Archives</i> (IN2013-09783) |
| 4/2009–7/2009 | Grantee of DFG Programme (PA 387/10-1), Institute of Oriental Studies, Martin Luther University, Halle-Wittenberg, Germany |

List of publications

Monographs

Three Lives of a Text: A Longue Durée Biography of Diplomatic Records on Khivan-Muscovite Relations (Leiden: Brill, forthcoming [accepted after peer review]).

Notes on the Present State of the Khanate of Khiva by the Head of the Amu-Darya Department Colonel Nil Lykoshin, 1912. Edited, Translated and Annotated by Ulfat Abdurasulov (Vienna: Austrian Academy of Sciences Press, 2024). DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1553/978OEAW93289>

Seeking Justice at the Court of the Khans of Khiva (19th-early 20th Centuries) (Brill: Leiden-Boston, 2020) (co-authored with Paolo Sartori). DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1163/9789004427907>

Articles and chapters in edited volumes (selected)

“Allegiance in the Eye of the Beholder: The Khivan Submission of 1700” *Itinerario* (2026): forthcoming

“Shadow of the Golden Horde: Russia as a Turkographic Empire”. In *A Shadow Cosmopolis: Mapping the Contours of Turkographia*, eds. Benedek Péri, Paolo Sartori (Vienna: Austrian Academy of Sciences): 65–92 [co-authored with James Pickett].

“Alexander Samoilovich and His Travel Diaries (1906–1907). Part One: Russian Turkestan” *Journal of Central Asian History* 4/2 (2025): 213–273 [co-authored with Paolo Sartori] DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1163/27728668-20250038>

“Soft Power of Empire: Muscovy’s Turkic Engagement with the Persianate World” *Journal of the Economic and Social History of the Orient* 68 (2025): 234–273. <https://doi.org/10.1163/15685209-12341643>

“Papering Over a Diplomatic Gulf: Bureaucracy and Translation between Early Modern Central Asian and Muscovite Courts.” In Abbas Amanat, Kevin Gledhill, et al. (eds.), *The Caspian World: Connections and Contentions at Modern Eurasian Crossroads* [Ithaca and London: Cornell University Press, 2025]: 66–90.

“Mīrzā Abd al-Rahmān’s Vernacular Ethnography” *Journal of Central Asian History* 2 (2023): 83–132 [co-authored with Paolo Sartori]. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1163/27728668-20230014>

“Advice from a Holy Man. *Ishāns* in Nineteenth-Century Khwārazm”. In *Muslim Religious Authority in Central Eurasia*, eds. Ron Sela, Paolo Sartori, and Devin DeWeese (Leiden: Brill, 2022): 180–207. DOI: https://doi.org/10.1163/9789004527096_008

- “Passage to India: Rhetoric and Diplomacy between Muscovy and Central Asia in 17th Century” *Itinerario* 3 (2020): 502–527. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0165115320000327>
- “Making Sense of Central Asia in Pre-Petrine Russia” *Journal of the Economic and Social History of the Orient* 63/4 (2020): 607–633. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1163/15685209-12341516>
- “Imperial Strategic Uncertainty: The Promises and Perils of a Russian Protectorate in Central Asia.” In *Aus den Tiefenschichten der Texte. Beiträge zur tuko-iranischen Welt von der Islamisierung bis zur Gegenwart*, eds. N. Purnaqcheband and F. Saafeld (Reichert Verlag Wiesbaden 2019): 233–264 [co-authored with Paolo Sartori] <https://doi.org/10.29091/9783954907267>
- “Konflikt kak resurs: anatomiiia turkmenskikh besporiadkov v Khorezme, 1914-1916 gg.” *Ab Imperio* 3 (2018): 141–186 (in Russian)
- “The Aral Region and Geopolitical Agenda of the Early Qongrats” *Eurasian Studies*, 13/1-2 (2017): 3-36. <https://doi.org/10.1163/24685623-12340016>
- “Take Me to Khiva: Sharī‘a as Governance in the Oasis of Khorezm (19th-Early 20th Centuries)” *Islamic Law and Society*, 24/1-2 (2017): 20-60 (co-authored with Paolo Sartori). DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1163/15685195-02412p02>
- “Ol’ga Chekhovich: Two Facets of a Soviet Academic” *Iranian Studies* 48/5 (2015): 785–804.
- “*Atā’-i-Mulk* and *Yārliqlī-Mulk*: Features of Land Tenure in Khiva” *Der Islam* 88/2, (2012): 308–323.

Invited Lectures and Conference Talks (selected)

- “Echoes of Amu-Darya: Information Management in Peter the Great’s Central Asian Ventures”, Public lecture at the New College, University of Oxford, June 10 2026”
- “The Missing Hostages: *Amanat* and the Dynamics of Russian-Central Asian Diplomacy” Workshop: *Imperial Hostages (Amanaty). Exploring Imperial Governance and Subordination in the Eurasian Space*. Münster, University of Münster, November 27-28, 2025
- “Archival Translations: The Transforming Lives of a Muscovite Diplomatic Text” Workshop: *Triangulating Archives and Diplomatic Practices in Early 18th-Century Eastern Europe*, Warsaw, University of Warsaw, 21-22 November 2025.
- “The Politics of Knowledge Production in the Russian Diplomatic Archives.” International Conference *What Is Russian Colonialism?* 4–6 June 2024, Vienna, Austrian Academy of Sciences.
- “Allegiance in the Eye of the Beholder: Rituals and Performativity in Russian-Central Asian Diplomacy.” Conference *Towards a Global Diplomatic History, 1400-1900*, 30–31 May 2024, University of Warwick.

“A Sea of (Dis-)Connectivity? Opening Remarks.” At the International Symposium.” International Symposium *Muddying the Waters. Towards a History of the Caspian Sea*, 13–14 September 2023, Vienna, Austrian Academy of Sciences

“Of Pre-Petrine Russian Archives, Central Asia and Early Modern Connectivity.” *The Leon B. Poullada Memorial Symposium on Central Asia, Between Wilayah and Waqf: Sacrality, Sovereignty, and Society in Early Modern Central Asia*, 24–25 March 2023, Princeton University

“Revenge of the Vernacular: Muscovy’s Turkic Engagement with the Persian World.” Joint lecture by Slavic-Eurasian Research Centre at the University of Hokkaido and ILCA, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, 2 October 2021.

“To Make It Serviceable for the Purposes of Politics and History”: On Diplomatic Archives, Record-Keeping, and Knowledge about Central Asia in Modern Russia,” Public Lecture, 25 February 2021, CSMC, University of Hamburg,

“From Persian to Old Church Slavonic: What was Found in Translation between Khiva and Moscow.” International Summer School *Culture of Documentation in Persianate Eurasia (15th–19th Centuries)*, 2–7 June 2019, Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna

“The Caspian Connection: How to Write Khiva into Global History.” International Conference *The Caspian in the History of Early Modern and Modern Eurasia*, 29–31 March 2019, Yale University

Events) organized:

The International Conference *Archival Impulse: Knowledge Production, Record Keeping, and Imperial Governance (15th-19th Centuries)*, Vienna, 19-20 March, 2026. Conveners: Ulfat Abdurasulov, Jan Hennings, and Paolo Sartori.

International Symposium “*Muddying the Waters. Towards a History of the Caspian Sea*”
13–14 September 2023, Vienna, Austrian Academy of Sciences. Convenors: Ulfat Abdurasulov and Paolo Sartori.