

Summer School

The Archives of Islam in the Russian Empire

(16th-early 20th Centuries)

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Austrian Academy of Sciences
Alte Burse
Sonnenfelsgasse 19
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Program

SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2026

19:00

INFORMAL GET-TOGETHER

Weingut Feuerwehr Wagner
Grinzinger Str. 53, 1190 Wien

MONDAY, JUNE 8, 2026

09:20–09:30

Paolo Sartori | Austrian Academy of Sciences
Welcome and introduction

Reading Sessions

09:30–11:00

Danielle Ross | Utah State University
Reading Personal Lives through Legal Documents: The Marriage of Wali Apanaev and Nagima Utamisheva

11:00–11:30 COFFEE BREAK

11:30–13:00

Benedek Péri | Eötvös Loránd University
Turki Texts from Late Mughal India

13:00–14.30 LUNCH BREAK

14:30–16:00

Natalia Królikowska | University of Warsaw
“Stop Sending Me Poor-Quality Textiles”: Concessions in the Strategic Alliance between Khan Devlet Giray and King Sigismund Augustus in the 1560s

16:00–16:30 COFFEE BREAK

Students’ Presentations

16:30–17:30

Jonas Wieschollek | University of Cambridge
Russian Legal Orientalism: International Law and the Conquest of Central Asia (1860–1910s)

TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2026

Reading Sessions

09:30–11:00

Ulfat Abdurasulov | Austrian Academy of Sciences
Making the Most of It: Cases Across the Bukharan–Russian Turkestan Border

11:00–11:30 COFFEE BREAK

11:30–13:00

Norihiro Naganawa | Hokkaido University
Waqf in the Transcaucasian Muslim Spiritual Assemblies

13:00–14:30 LUNCH BREAK

14:30–16:00

James Pickett | University of Pittsburgh
Perso-Turkic, or Turko-Persian? Using Turkic Grammar to Read Central Asian Persian Documents

16:00–16:30 COFFEE BREAK

Students’ Presentations

16:30–17:30

Isabelle Linais | CNRS, Paris
Soviet Muslim exile to Afghanistan (1920s-1930s)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 2026

Reading Sessions

09:30–11:00

Natalia Królikowska | University of Warsaw
On the Mechanism of Legal Rebellion in the Crimean Khanate: The Petition of the Crimean Nobles to the Sublime Porte (1782)

11:00–11:30 COFFEE BREAK

11:30–13:00

Norihiro Naganawa | Hokkaido University
An Astrakhan Imam’s Trip to the Early Soviet North Caucasus

13:00–14:30 LUNCH

14:30–16:00

Said Gaziev | Humboldt University, Berlin
Noise Complaints: Reading a Petition as a Source

THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 2026

Reading Sessions

09.30–11.00

Danielle Ross | Utah State University
“Help! There’s a Hole in my Manuscript!” How to Work with Damaged Sources

11:00–11:30 COFFEE BREAK

11:30–13:00

Ulfat Abdurasulov | Austrian Academy of Sciences & **Benedek Péri**
Two Ways of Reading Empire: A Mughal Letter Between Translation and Transmission

13:00–14:30 LUNCH

14:30–16:00

Benedek Péri | Eötvös Loránd University
Exploring 18th–19th Century Central Asian History Through Chronograms

16:00–16:30 COFFEE BREAK

Students’ Presentations

16:30–17:30

Lina Tsrimova | EHESS, Paris
Analysing a Case from the North Caucasus Judicial Archives Concerning the Release of a Nogay Woman at the Beginning of the 19th Century

FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 2026

Reading Sessions

09:00–11:00

Said Gaziev | Humboldt University, Berlin
Hez va Töralar: Moral Superiority and the Fitness to Rule in Turkestan

11:00–11:30 COFFEE BREAK

11:30–13:00

Paolo Sartori | ÖAW, Vienna
Hamida Bibi vs Muhiddin Khwaja

13:00–14:30 LUNCH

14:30–16:00

James Pickett | University of Pittsburgh
Digital Corpus Analysis: Computational Methods for Archival Research

16:00–16:30 COFFEE BREAK

16.30–17.30

Students’ Presentations