
CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT

4th International Conference “Archaeology and Conservation along the Silk Road”

INTRODUCTION AND THEME

A.Kh. Khalikov Institute of Archaeology (Tatarstan Academy of Sciences) and Kazan Federal University, in cooperation with Nanjing University and the University of Applied Arts Vienna, are pleased to announce the 4th International Conference on “Archaeology and Conservation along the Silk Road” to be held at Kazan, Russia, from 23 to 25 May 2020.

Following the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd successful conferences in May 2014 (Xi’an, China), May 2016 (Nanjing, China), and November 2018 (Tabriz, Iran), this conference will be again highly multidisciplinary and multi-national, bringing together international experts in the fields of conservation, archaeology and art history focusing on sites along the Silk Road. The conference will particularly highlight the role of the Eurasian steppe as a highway of cultural traffic between the East and the West. The great mobility of ancient populations such as Afanas’evo, Andronovo, Scythian-Saka, and Xiongnu, and the active interaction of them with ancient populations in the East and West helped to disseminate technology and culture, such as domesticated animals, metallurgy, and cavalry.

The conference intends to provide international scholars a platform to exchange knowledge and ideas, disseminate research results, and cultivate international co-operation. At the conference, participants are highly welcomed to present their research and studies through papers and posters in the following categories:

I. Archaeology

- 1) Migration of ancient people along the Silk Road
- 2) Trade of goods (ceramic, metal, textile, jewels, etc.)
- 3) Exchange of culture (religion, art and technology, etc.)
- 4) Transmission of domesticated plants and animals
- 5) Climate and environment patterns as major factors for the Silk Road
- 6) Mapping the Silk Road by modern technologies (GIS, Lidar-scanning, etc.)



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II. Preservation and Conservation

- 1) Building remains (stone structures and earthen architecture, etc.)
- 2) Architectural decoration (mural painting, mosaic, etc.)
- 3) Organic and inorganic artifacts (paper, textile, ceramics, metal, glass, etc.)
- 4) Site management (monitoring, care and maintenance of excavated sites, etc.)
- 5) Material sciences and conservation (analytical investigation and methods, etc.)
- 6) Training in conservation

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Language

The official languages of the conference are English and Russian. Translation will be provided.

Conference Venue

The conference will be held at Kazan University from 23–24 May 2020. After the conference, a one-day excursion to the UNESCO World Heritage Site “Bolgar” will be organized on 25 May 2020 at the expense of the conference organizers.

Call for Abstracts for Paper and Poster

Participants are invited for oral as well as poster presentations. Abstracts should be submitted in English, 600–800 words long. They will be reviewed and selected by the organizing committee. Please note that late submission of the attached registration form and abstract may result in automatic rejection.

Deadline for submission of registration form and abstract: 30 November 2019

Confirmation and final program: 30 January 2020

Registration Fee: none

Travel and Accommodation

Visa support will be provided to all participants by the organizers. Participants will be responsible for securing their visa. Pick-up service will be provided from and to the Kazan Airport. Participants will be responsible for all costs, including visa fees, flight tickets, accommodation, meals and excursion during the conference.



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CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION

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Vladimir Napolikh (corresponding member of the Russian Academy of Science)

Prof. Brigitte Winklehner (former president and actual honorary president of Eurasia Pacific Uninet-EPU)

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Submission procedure:

To ease the organizing work, we ask you to submit the registration form and abstract by email to one of the following persons, depending on your citizenship.

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*Filled registration form along with abstract may kindly be submitted as word file