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PROGRAMME

May 9

Registration				08.00-09.00
Opening of the conference				09.00-09.30
Session I		Session II		09.30-11.30
Room 1		Room 2		
Chair: Habib Borjian		Chair: Annika Törne		
Gohar Hakobian	The Project “Original Toponyms of Dersim” —Results	Katherine Hodgson	Language Contact and Relativization Strategies in Colloquial Armenian	09.30-10.00
Elahe Taghvaei	Phytotoponyms of Esfahan	Timur Maisak	One Source – Two Targets: On The Two Combinations of The Numeral ‘One’ with The Additive Clitic ‘Also’ in Udi	10.00-10.30
Dariush Borbor	The Aryan Migration to Iran the Caucasus and Anatolia: A Physiography-Ecology-Onomastics Based Study	Daria Ryzhova, Irina Bagirokova	Lexification of The Semantic Field of Mixing in West Circassian: A Typological Perspective	10.30-11.00

		Samvel Karabekyan, Seda Tigranyan, Meri Chplakhyan	An Examination of Arabic Loanwords in Van Dialect	11.00-11.30
Coffee break				11.30-12.00
Session III		Session IV		12.00-14.00
Room 1		Room 2		
Chair: Matthias Weinreich		Chair: Katherine Hodgson		
Mikhail Pelevin	The Pashto Language and the Institutionalization of Pashtun Identity in the Early Modern Period	Maxim Stepanyants	Old Present and New Progressives in Abkhaz-Abaza Lects: Reconstructing the Development of the TAM System	12.00-12.30
Matteo De Chiara	Hindukush and Caucasus: A Historical, Linguistic and Anthropological Parallel	Yury Lander, Irina Bagirokova	West Circassian Incorporation: An Areal Perspective	12.30-13.00
Habib Borjian	The Selyeri Argot of Damavand	Lena Mironova, Yury Lander, Shamset Unarokova	West Caucasian Demonstratives Against The Typological Background	13.00-13.30
Maryam Khaleghinezhad, Mostafa Azhdari	Ethnic and Linguistic Ties between Iran and the Caucasus: The Most Important Factor in Strengthening Regional (Cultural and Identity) Commonalities			13.30-14.00
Lunch				14.00-15.00

Keynote lecture by Prof. Dr. Saloumeh Gholami “The Complexity of Subgrouping Iranian Languages: Moving Beyond Isoglosses”				15.00-16.00
Room 1				
Coffee break				16.00-16.30
Session V		Session VI		16.30-18.00
Room 1		Room 2		
Chair: Mikhail Pelevin		Chair: Timur Maisak		
Victoria Arakelova	How close is ‘Ali to Allah? On the Status of Imam ‘Ali in the Heterodox Shi‘a and Yezidi Traditions (Anatolian-Caucasian-Iranian Contact Zone)	Tsovinar Kirakosian, Hayk Hakobian	Unveiling the Udi Past: Narratives of Language and Identity in Abgar Payazati’s Unpublished Work	16.30-17.00
Artur Rodziewicz	A New Yezidi Institution in the South Caucasus: Extiyergeha Gurcistanê û Êzdîxana Serhedê	Georgi Mirzabekyan	The Ashirets and Tribes of the Yerevan Liva in the 1728 Ottoman Tax Register	17.00-17.30
Annika Törne	Qirva and Conflict - A Social Kinship Practice in Times of Trouble	Anton Evstratov	The Bagaderan Battalion: An Attempt to Integrate Russian Deserters in Persia in the First Half of the 19th Century	17.30-18.00
Evening banquet				18.30

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Session VII		Session VIII		10.00-11.30
Room 1		Room 2		
Chair: Matteo de Chiara		Chair: Yury Lander		
Carlo Marchetti	The Manuscript MK and the Pahlavi Way to Happiness	Tea Shurgaia	Feast and Entertainment of Knights and Kings (According to Georgian Medieval Literature and Chronicles)	10.00-10.30
Matthias Weinreich	Reading Mt 12:43-45 in the light of Zoroastrian Theology. An Attempt	Alen Hayrapetyants	Children as “Psychopomps in Reverse”, Some Considerations on An Enigmatic Episode of The Nart Epic	10.30-11.00
Massimiliano Vassalli	The ‘Zoroastrian Idolatry’ According to 19th-Century Europeans	Shushanik Ayvazyan	Migration Tendencies from Azerbaijan and the Caucasus to Turkey	11.00-11.30
Coffee break				11.30-12.00
Keynote Lecture by Prof. Dr. Ganik S. Asatrian “On Zoroastrianism in Dagestan”				12.00-13.00
Room 1				
Lunch				13.00-14.00
Cultural programme and farewell banquet				14.00