



The Institute of Ismaili Studies

Seminar

RUSSIA AND ISMAILI MUSLIMS: OVER A CENTURY OF LEARNING

Dates: 5 November, 2012

Venue: The Institute of Ismaili Studies

10:00 Introduction: Farhad Daftary, Co-Director, The Institute of Ismaili Studies

Session I Contribution of Russian Scholarship to Ismaili Studies

Chair: Farhad Daftary

10:20 – 10:40 *Russian Pioneers of Modern Ismaili Studies. From Bobrinskoy to Ivanow*
Hakim Elnazarov, Coordinator, Central Asian Studies, The Institute of Ismaili Studies

10:40 – 11:00 *Russian Scholars on Ismailism: Analysis of Ismaili Texts by Alexandr Semyonov*
Sultonbek Aksakolov, Ph.D student, SOAS, University of London

11:00 – 11:20 *Research on Isma'ili Philosophical Thought in the Soviet Union and post-Soviet Countries: Current Situation and Future Perspectives*
Janis Esots, Islamic College, London

11:20 – 11:30 Question and Answers

11:30 – 11:50 Coffee break

Session II Context of Contemporary Scholarship

Chair: Davlat Khudonazarov

11:50 – 12:20 *Al-Kirmani as a Philosopher: Some Remarkable Points*
Andrey Smirnov, Deputy Director, Institute of Philosophy, RAS, Moscow, Russia

12:20 – 13:00 *Arabic Manuscript of an Unknown Treatise of Al-Mufaddal al-Ju'fi on Early Shi'a Dogma*
Stanislas Prozorov, Deputy Director, Institute of Oriental Manuscripts, St. Petersburg, Russia (in Russian with English translation)

13:00 – 14:20 Lunch Break

14:20 – 15:00 *Shi'a Objects of Cult in the Religious Practices of the Sunni Population of Central Asia*
Rakhmat Rakhimov, Senior Scholar, Central Asian Department, Museum of Ethnography, RAS, St. Peterburg, Russia (in Russian with English translation)

15:00 – 15:20 Question and Answers

15:20 – 15:40 Coffee break

Session III Transitions and Continuities

Chair: Hakim Elnazarov

15:40 – 16:20 *Aga Khan III visit to Russia 1912*
Davlat Khudonazarov, Research Fellow, Institute of Ethnology and Anthropology, named after N.N Miklukho-Maklay, RAS, Moscow, Russia (in Russian with English translation)

16:20 – 16:40 *Widening knowledge: Muslim Civilisation Abstracts*
Aptin Khanbaghi, Senior Researcher, Institute for the Study of Muslim Civilisations, The Aga Khan University, London, UK

16:40 – 17:00 *AKDN and Russia (AKF, FOCUS, AKTC)*
Farid Daya, CEO, The Aga Khan Foundation, Moscow, Russia

17:00 – 17:20 Question and Answers

17:20 – 17:30 Summary

17:30 End of Seminar