Beyond the Bamiyan Buddhas: Archaeology and History in the Modern and Ancient Persianate World

A two-day program at UCLA and UC Irvine, showcasing the cutting-edge of international research on Afghanistan's archaeology and history

Beyond the Bamiyan Buddhas is jointly organized by Nile Green, Director of the UCLA Program on Central Asia, and Touraj Daryaee, Associate Director of the UCI Samuel Jordan Center for Persian Studies and Culture, with support from the American Institute of Afghanistan Studies, the UCLA Center for Buddhist Studies, the Center for the Study of Religion, the Center for Near Eastern Studies, and the Musa Sabi Term Chair in Iranian Studies (2007-2009).

UCLA Thursday, November 8, 2012 1:00 PM - 5:30 PM 6275 Bunche Hall (MODERN)

1:00 Organizer welcome and introduction Nile Green, UCLA "From Discovery to Destruction: Afghan Buddhism in Modern Times"

1:25-2:15 Keynote Lecture Llewelyn Morgan, Brasenose College, Oxford "Oxus: Bamiyan, Afghanistan & the World"

2:30-3:45 Panel I: The Politics of Afghan Archaeology Chair: Robert Brown, UCLA
Annick Fenet, Université Paris-10 "The Archaeology in the Reign of Amanullah, or the Difficult Birth of a National Heritage"
Ali Mousavi, Asst. Curator of Near Eastern Art, Los Angeles County Museum of Art "Archaeology and political rivalries 1920-1940: From Afghanistan to Iran"

4:00-5:15 Panel II: Buddhist Past in Muslim Presents Chair: Robert Buswell, UCLA
Alka Patel, UC Irvine "Afghanistan’s Palimpsest Landscape: Buddhism and Islam in Material Culture"
Phillipe Marquis, Director, Délegation Archéologique Française en Afghanistan (DAFA), Kabul "Archaeology in Danger: How to Deal with Archaeology in the Post-Conflict Context of Today’s Afghanistan?"

5:15-5:45 Discussant – Monica Smith, UCLA

UC-Irvine Friday, November 9, 2012 1:30 PM - 5:00 PM Humanities Gateway 1030 (ANCIENT)

1:30-1:45 Organizer welcome Touraj Daryaee, UCI

1:45-2:30 Keynote Lecture Fredrik Hiebert, National Geographic Society, Washington D.C. "The Bronze Age World of Central Asia"

2:45-4:00 Panel I: Mapping the Archaeology and Boundaries of Afghanistan Chair: Nushin Arbazadah, UCLA
Phillipe Marquis, DAFA, Kabul "2002-2012 Ten Years of Archaeological Activities in Afghanistan: A Travel through Cultures"
Llewelyn Morgan, Brasenose College, Oxford "Hindu Kush: Boundary & Point of Encounter"

4:15-5:30 Panel II: The Kushano-Bactrian World Chair: Haleh Emrani, UC Irvine
Touraj Daryaee, UC Irvine "King Huvishtka, Yima and the Bird: Observations on a Paradisaic State"
Judith Lerner, NYU "Seals and Sealing Practices in Bactria-Tokharistan in the 4th to the 8th Centuries"
Khodadad Rezakhani, London School of Economics "Hephthalite Taxes and Arab Levies: Observations on Market for Land, Labour, and Capital in Late Antique Bactria"

5:00-5:30 Discussant – Kevin van Bladel, USC