

“How to Build Smart Society”

DAHLEZ AND DECOLONIALITY

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About the Speaker



A Culturologist, an Orientalist and a philosopher, Dr. Nargis T. Nurulla-Khodzhaeva was born and raised in the capital of Tajikistan - Dushanbe, in a family of celebrated cultural figures. Circumstances had it, that Nargis obtained a very international background, speaking fluently in Persian, English, Russian and Tajik working in places such as Yemen and Sweden.

Nargis studied History and Philosophy in the Tajik State University named after V.I. Lenin, and her PhD thesis was devoted to gender issues. This subsequently led to great involvements in the "post-structural" efforts to develop feminist theories in Tajikistan. After well received initial success and noteworthy findings, Nargis moved to Moscow and began work on her monographs and doctoral thesis: "Communities in Central Asia", successfully defending it 2013.

Her current research interest is Postcolonial development of the Central Asian/Middle Eastern region (recent articles: <http://www.vestnik.mgimo.ru/>).

Nargis is also a senior researcher at the Institute of Oriental Studies in Moscow, assistant professor at Lomonosov Moscow State University, amongst other universities globally. She is Vice-President at the International Cultural Z.Shahidi Foundation (Tajikistan).

In her free time Nargis is a passionate art collector having gathered works from all over Central Asia and speaker at numerous international conferences.

About the Lecture

Within the context of contemporary view on the intellectual history of the world, Central Asia is able to offer a substantial, untapped material.

The proposed topic for today's talk will attempt to bring to light the unique connection of intellectual/political sensitivity in a very binary setting: dominance of coloniality (as Kuidjano) in Central Asia, and its connection with the process of saving/producing knowledge. Both sides are linked to deep-rooted divisions of the world: Orient-Occident. The division is interconnected with current national partitions in the region (5 –stans: Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Kyrgyzstan), and with a preservation of the myth of Westphalia on the priority of national sovereignty.

To initiate an understanding of Central Asian history/modernity, the author proposes to use - dahlez, philosophical concept of Al Ghazali, put forward with a view to the perception of many values of plural-cycle culture of the region, as well as the values of the outside.

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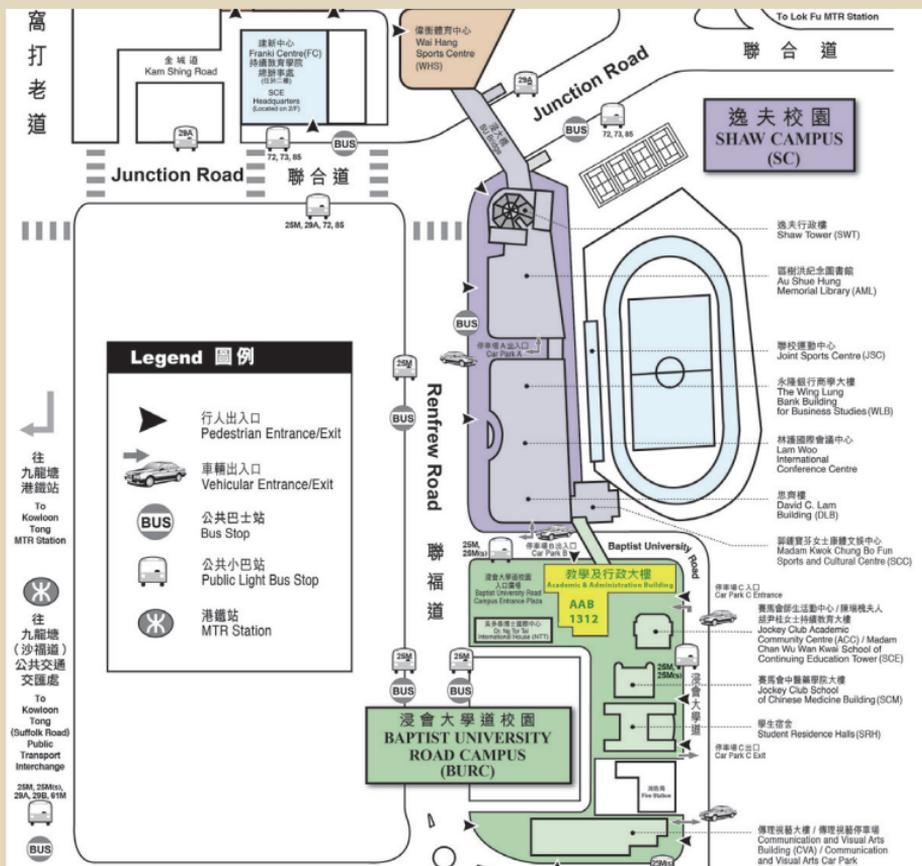
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