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**PROFILE**

Dagikhudo Dagiev holds a PhD from the Department of Political Science, University College London, and an MPhil in Eurasian Studies from Oxford University. His research interests include Central Asian studies, history of Islam with a particular focus on the social and political development of nationalism in contemporary Central Asian states.

**EDUCATION**

- 2019–2020 Birkbeck, University of London**  
**PGCAPHE**, Higher Education Postgraduate Certificate in Education  
**Formative Observation** – *Engaging with the Primary Sources from Nasir-i Khusraw's Tradition*, The Institute of Ismaili Studies (GPISH) 25 November 2019.  
**Summative Observation** – *An Introductory Session on MA Research*, The Institute of Ismaili Studies (STEP) 31 March 2020.
- 2004–2010 University College London, London, UK**  
**Doctor of Philosophy**  
Received a PhD from the School of Public Policy, Department of Political Science.  
PhD thesis: "The Process of Transition in Post-Soviet Central Asia and its Challenge: A Case Study of Tajikistan and Uzbekistan".
- 2002–2004 University of Oxford, Oxford, UK**  
**MPhil in Eurasian Studies**  
MPhil thesis: "Post-Communist Political Development in Central Asia and the Process of Democratization: A Case Study of Tajikistan".
- 2000–2002 The Institute of Ismaili Studies, London, UK**  
**Postgraduate Diploma, Graduate Programme in Islamic Studies and Humanities**  
Field project: "Islam and Ismailis in post-Independent Tajikistan".
- 1994–1999 Khorog State University, Khorog, Tajikistan**  
**Bachelors Degree (with Distinction)**  
Department of Humanities (Classical Tajik-Persian Literature and Languages).  
Bachelors thesis: "The Ethical Philosophy of Nasir-i Khusraw".
- 1990–1992 Tajik State University, Dushanbe, Tajikistan**  
**Department of History**

**WORK EXPERIENCE**

- 2011–Present The Institute of Ismaili Studies, London, UK**  
**Department of Academic Research and Publications, Shi'i Unit,**  
**Senior Research Associate**
- Researching and preparing for publication texts on Medieval and Contemporary Shi'i/Ismaili history, Tajiks and their history, including social and political development in Central Asia.

- Lecturing, Supervising and Marking.
- Preparing an edited volume on 'Islamic Traditions in "Greater Khurāsān": Ismailis, Sufis and Sunnis'.
- Preparing an edited volume on 'Tajiks: History, Culture and People'.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### 2014–Present The Institute of Ismaili Studies, London, UK

- Module Co-Leader for the History of the Islamic World 2 module (30 credits).
- MA Muslim Societies and Civilisations.
- Secondary Teaching Education Programme (STEP).
- Delivering lectures on Islamic History and Contemporary Central Asian Societies (STEP).
- Cultural Encounters, Material Culture and Narratives:
- Religious Plurality.
- Nasir-i Khusraw and his Intellectual Heritage.

### 2020–Present Coordinating IIS Scholarships and Fellowships •

- Farhad Daftary Doctoral Scholarship Programme
- Mohammed Arkoun Doctoral Scholarship
- Dissertation Writing Scholarship
- Zahid Ali Fellowship Programme
- Annemarie Schimmel Fellowship Programme

## MARKING/EXAMINING & SUPERVISING

<b>2016–Present</b>	Marking and Supervising Field Research for GIPISH students.
<b>2016–Present</b>	Marking and Supervising Research Projects for STEP students.
<b>2018/19</b>	Acting as a Second Marker for the <i>Ismailis in Modern Times</i> .
<b>2019–Present</b>	Acting as a Second Marker for the <i>Key Moments in Ismaili History</i> .
<b>2020–Present</b>	Acting as a First Marker for the <i>History of the Islamic World 2</i> .

### Voluntary Work

Deputy Chairman for *Pyavand: British-Tajik Society* (since 2012–present).  
 Chairman for Afghanistan and Central Asian Association (since January 2013–2016).

### Alumni President

President of the IIS Alumni Association Europe Chapter Group (2013–2015).  
 Organised two conferences:  
 'Culture, Art and Architecture of the Fatimids and its Reflection in Modern Mahdia' 4–7 May 2014 in Mahdia, Tunisia.  
 'The Translation Movement between Greek and Arabic Philosophy', 19–21 May 2015 in Athens, Greece.

### 2005–2010 The Institute of Ismaili Studies, London, UK

Department of Academic Research and Publications, **Admin/Research Admin:**

- Search for reviews of IIS publications as part of Impact Studies.
- Contact publishers and scholars with regard to books published by the

IIS.

- Assist with internal communication and information flow within the Department of Academic Research and Publications, Central Asian Studies, Qur'anic Studies and other departments of the IIS.
- Liaise with external scholars on behalf of DARP.

**Research:**

- Pursue a Doctoral Degree.

**2004–2005 The Institute of Ismaili Studies, London, UK**

Department of Central Asian Studies, **Intern.**

- Administration duties included keeping contact with external scholars, authors, and publishers.
- Assisted and coordinated seminars, conferences, and meetings.
- Translated articles and letters from/into English/Russian/Tajik.
- Catalogued books and articles in Russian and Tajik for the IIS library.

**1997–1999 Khorog State University, Khorog, Tajikistan**

Department of Tajik Classic Literature, **Lecturer.**

- Taught courses in Classical Persian Literature.
- Supervised students during their field projects and thesis writing.
- Assisted students with the use of manuscripts.
- Prepared students for final exams.
- Organised seminars and conferences.

**PUBLICATIONS**

**Monograph** *Central Asian Ismailis: An Annotated Bibliography of Russian, Tajik and Other Sources* (Bloomsbury, 2022).

**Monograph** *Regime Transition in Central Asia: Stateness, Nationalism and Political Change in Tajikistan and Uzbekistan* (Routledge, 2014).

**Edited Volume** *Identity, History and Trans-Nationality in Central Asia: Mountainous Communities of Pamirs* (Routledge, 2018).

**Edited Volume** *Tajiks: History, Culture and People* (forthcoming 2023).

**Edited Volume** *Islamic Traditions in 'Greater Khurāsān'* (forthcoming 2024).

**TRANSLATIONS**

**Monograph** *Regime Transition in Central Asia: Stateness, Nationalism and Political Change in Tajikistan and Uzbekistan* (Chinese translation, 2023).

**Edited Volume** *Идентичность, история и транснациональность в Центральной Азии: Горные сообщества Памира* (Russian translation, 2023).

**Book Chapter** "Introduction", in D. Dagiev (ed.), *Tajiks: History, Culture and People*. (forthcoming, 2023).

**Book Chapter** "On the Origin of Zoroaster" in D. Dagiev (ed.), *Tajiks: History, Culture and People*. (forthcoming, 2023).

**Book Chapter** "On the Origin of the Ghūrid Dynasty", (ed.), *Tajiks: History, Culture and People*. (forthcoming, 2023).

**Book Chapter** "Introduction", in D. Dagiev (ed.), *Islamic Traditions in 'Greater Khurāsān'* (forthcoming 2024).

**Book Chapter** "The Study of Sufism and Sufi Literature in Bertel's Work", in D. Dagiev (ed.), *Islamic Traditions in 'Greater Khurāsān'* (forthcoming 2024).

**Book Chapter** on "A Badakhshānī Origin for Zoroaster" in *Identity, History and Trans-Nationality in Central Asia: Mountainous Communities of Pamirs* (Routledge, 2018), pp. 79–90.

**Book Chapter** “Pamiri Ethnic Identity and its Evolution in Post-Soviet Tajikistan” in *Identity, History and Trans-Nationality in Central Asia: Mountainous Communities of Pamirs* (Routledge, 2018), pp. 24–44.

**Book Chapter** “Introduction: Locating Pamiri Communities in Central Asia” in *Identity, History and Trans-Nationality in Central Asia: Mountainous Communities of Pamirs* (Routledge, 2018), pp. 1–9.

**Journal Article** “Национально-территориальное разграничение в Советской Средней Азии” in the *Journal of Turan-name*, vol. 1 (2021), pp. 76–102.

**Journal Article** “The Ismā‘īlī Hierarchy - *Ḥudūd al-Dīn* in the Context of Central Asia” in the *Journal of Shi‘a Islamic Studies*, vol. 10(3), 2017, pp. 343–370.

**Journal Article** “Investigating the Russian, Soviet, and Post-Soviet Studies on Ismailism”, *International Conference of Arabic and Islamic Studies (ICAIS)*, Venice, Italy, 2016.

**Journal Article** “Pamiri/Ismaili Ethnic and Religious Identity in Post-Soviet Tajikistan”, *Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies and the Central Eurasian Studies Society (ASEEES-CESS)*, Nazarbayev University, Astana, Kazakhstan, 2014.

#### **Encyclopaedia Entries:**

##### **Encyclopaedia of the Ismailis**

- Toponyms of Badakhshān/Pamir
- Pir and Pirship in Central Asia
- Evgeniĭ Eduardovich Bertel’s

##### **Encyclopaedia of the of the Bible and Its Reception**

- Middle Asia/Christianity in Central Asia/Islam, vol.18, 2020, pp. 12041206.

**Book Review** of *Misinterpreting Modern Russia: Western Views of Putin and his Presidency* by Bruno S. Sergi (New York & London: Continuum, 2009), published in the *Journal of Europe-Asia Studies*, vol. 64, 1 (2012).

**Book Review** of *Oil, Islam and Conflict: Central Asia Since 1945* by Rob Johnson (Reaktion Books, 2007), published in the *Journal of Shi‘a Islamic Studies*, vol. IV, 3 (Summer 2011).

**Book Review** of *Clan Politics and Regime Transition in Central Asia* by Kathleen Collins (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2008), published in the *Journal of Democratization*, vol. 15, 1 (February 2008).

**Book Review** of *Lost Voices: Central Asian Women Confronting Transition* by Yvonne Corcoran-Nantes (London: Zed Books, 2005), published in the *Journal of Democratization*, vol.16, 2 (February 2006).

#### **CONFERENCES**

**Organised a Workshop** on *Russia’s Invasion of Ukraine and its Implications for Central Asia and the Post-Soviet Space*, at Senate House (21 January 2022).

**Presented a paper on** Aleksandr Semenov’s View on Nāṣir-i Khusraw’s “Wajhi Dīn”, at conference on “Central Eurasian Studies Society”, Indiana University (20–23 October 2022).

**Presented a paper on** *Geographical Map of the Khurasan According to Ancient and Medieval Sources*, at the conference on “Ahmad Shah Massoud & the Past, Present and the Future of Afghanistan”, Cambridge University (22–23 September 2022).

**Book Launch** on *Central Asian Ismailis: An Annotated Bibliography of Russian, Tajik and Other Sources* (Bloomsbury: I.B. Tauris, 2022) organised by Young Central Asian Scholars, online (20 March 2022).

**Presented paper** on *Central Asian Ismailis and their Traditions*, at the Symposium “Diversity and Unity in Transnational Shi‘ism”, the Second International Symposium on Inter-Shi‘a Dialogue & Confessional Diversity within Shi‘ism at Harvard University (9–13 May 2022).

**Organised an International Conference** on *Islamic Traditions in ‘Greater Khurāsān’: Ismailis, Sufis and Sunnis*, at the Institute of Ismailis Studies (24–27 February 2021).

**Presented paper** on *The Study of Sufism and Sufi literature in Bertels’s Work*, at the conference “Islamic Traditions in ‘Greater Khurāsān’: Ismailis”, The Institute of Ismaili Studies (24–27 February 2021).

**Book Launch** on *Identity, History and Trans-Nationality in Central Asia: The Mountain Communities of Pamir* (Routledge, 2018), organised by Vostok Society, SOAS (20 February 2018).

**Presented paper** on *Ismailism in Russian, Soviet and Post-Soviet Studies*, at the conference “The Eighth Biennial Convention of the Association for the Study of Persianate Societies (ASPS)”, Tbilisi, Georgia (15–18 March 2018).

**Chair of the panel** on *State, Religion and Civil Society in Eurasia*, Chisinau, Moldova (20–22 November 2017).

**Presented paper** on *Ismaili Religious Hierarchy in the Context of Central Asia*, at the conference “Annual Conference on the British Association for Islamic Studies”, University of Chester (11–13 April 2017).

**Presented paper** on *One Belt One Road and Central Asia: Challenges and Opportunities*, at the workshop “One Belt and One Road and Central Asia: Challenge or Opportunity?”, organised by Central Asian Institute of Xinjiang Shifan University in Urumqi, China (16–17 February 2017).

**Presented paper** on *Investigating the Russian, Soviet, and Post-Soviet Studies on Ismailism*, at the conference “International Conference on Arabic and Islamic Studies”, Venice, Italy (13–14 June 2016).

**Presented paper** on *The Idea of Creation from Nasir-i Khusraw’s Point of View*, at the conference “The Millennium of Nasir Khusraw”, Shahid Beheshti University, Tehran, Iran (10–11 May 2015).

at the conference “Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies  
**Chair of the panel** on *Central Eurasian Studies Society (ASEEES-CESS)*, Joint Regional Conference Nazarbayev University, Astana, Kazakhstan (22–24 May 2014).

**Presented paper** on *Pamir-i Ethnic Identity and its Re-emergence in Post-Soviet Tajikistan*, at the conference “Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies – Central Eurasian Studies Society” (ASEEES-CESS), Joint Regional Conference Nazarbayev University, Astana, Kazakhstan (22–24 May 2014).

**Book Launch** on *Regime Transition in Central Asia: Stateness, Nationalism and Political Change in Tajikistan and Uzbekistan* (Routledge, 2014), at the conference “The New Central Asia, Islam, Nationalism and State Building” organised by Khurasan Studies and Research Centre (KSRC) and held at Birkbeck College, University of London, UK (8 February 2014).

**Presented paper** on *Hydropower Potential of Tajikistan*, at the conference “Tajikistan in the 21st Century. Prospects for Development and Progress” held at the Ismaili Centre in London, UK (27 September 2013).

**Presented paper** on *Secularization and Religion in Contemporary Central Asia*, at the IIS Alumni Meeting, Europe Chapter Group, Rome, Italy (25–28 October 2013).

**Presented paper** on *Soviet National Territorial Delimitation Policy and its Dilemma in post-Communist Central Asia*, at the conference “XII ESCAS Biennial Conference Cambridge” held at Churchill College, Cambridge, UK (20–22 September 2011).

**Presented paper** on *Soviet Nationalism and the Civil War in post-Communist Tajikistan*, at the conference “Tajikistan: Birth and Rebirth” held at St. Antony’s College, Oxford, UK (13–14 October 2009).

**Presented paper** on *The Ethical Philosophy of Nasir-i Khusraw*, at the conference “Nasir-i Khusraw’s Intellectual Tradition” held at Khorog State University, Khorog, Tajikistan (18–20 May 2000).