

**6<sup>th</sup> Salzburg International Conference  
“Syriac Christianity in China and Central Asia”**

Almaty, Kazakhstan, June 20-27, 2019

**Call for Papers and Information on Registration**

We are pleased to send you the official “call for paper” for the “6<sup>th</sup> Salzburg International Conference on Syriac Christianity in China and Central Asia” which will be held in Almaty, Kazakhstan from 20-27 June 2019. The conference is jointly organized by the University of Salzburg/Center for the Study of the Christian East (ZECO) and the Archaeological Institute of Kazakhstan Academy of Sciences / Department of Nestorian Studies.

**Venue:**

Grand Hotel “Tien Shan”: 115 Bogenbay Batyr Street, 050000 Almaty, Kazakhstan.

**Date and Schedule:**

Thursday, June 20:	Arrival
Friday, June 21:	Registration: 10:00-12:00 Afternoon: Conference Section Evening: Welcome Reception
Saturday, June 22:	Conference (full day)
Sunday, June 23:	Conference and Almaty City Tour (National Museum etc.)
Monday, June 24:	Conference (full day)
Tue-Wed, June 25-26:	A two-day field trip to Issyk Kurgan (Scythian Golden Man), Charyn Canyons, Ili Balik archaeological excavation site, etc. (for further info, see attached letter by Kevin White)
Thursday, June 27:	Departure

**Papers**

We invite paper proposals on all aspects of Syriac Christianity in China and Central Asia. Papers should be original, concise and to the point. They should take 20 minutes to deliver and be presented in English.

**Registration**

Please fill out the attached reply form including an abstract (100-150 words) and submit it to [Salzburg3.conf@sbg.ac.at](mailto:Salzburg3.conf@sbg.ac.at) before **March 1, 2019**

**Registration Fee (mandatory):** € 85. This covers lunch, coffee breaks, rent of the conference room, technical facilities/beamer, conference folders, photocopies, administration fees etc.

**Excursion (Optional):** For those who want to participate in our 2-day excursion, there will be a ticket charge of €55 per person. The ticket covers tour bus, admissions, accommodations incl. breakfast.

### **Payment**

Please transfer the conference fees in Euro to the following bank account **before March 1, 2019**.

- Registration fee € 85 + Excursion Ticket /person (€55): €140
- (or) Registration fee only (without Excursion Ticket): € 85
- Bank Account:

**Account Name:** Project "Church of the East"

**IBAN:** AT69 2040 4000 4040 8239

**BIC/SWIFT:** SBGSAT2SXXX

**Address:** Salzburger Sparkasse Bank, Alter Markt 3, 5020 Salzburg, Austria

In case of cancellation after payment, the amount of fees will be returned to the remitter accordingly, however, any bank transaction charges incurred are to be borne by the original payer/remitter.

### **Hotel Reservation**

We have reserved about 40 rooms with special rate at the Grand Hotel "Tien Shan" Almaty for our participants for the period from 20th to 27th June, 2019. **PLEASE book directly by writing to:** [reservations@ts-hotels.kz](mailto:reservations@ts-hotels.kz). Please indicate "Salzburg-Almaty Conference" while booking.

*Prices are per person/day:* Single room with breakfast: 30.000 KzT (ca. € 71,-) Double room/open buffet breakfast: 40.000 KzT (ca. € 95,-). Amenities: Safe, mini-bar, shower/bathrobe, hairdryer cable TV, SPA center, WI-FI. For detailed information on accommodations or cancellation, please contact the hotel directly or visit <http://ts-hotels.kz/en/>

### **Visa**

Please ensure that you have the right travel documents for entering Kazakhstan. Should you need a letter of invitation for visa application, please contact Kevin White: [Nestorian.Studies@gmail.com](mailto:Nestorian.Studies@gmail.com).

For further inquiries, please contact Dr Li Tang at [Salzburg3.conf@sbg.ac.at](mailto:Salzburg3.conf@sbg.ac.at)

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