



NEW AND FORTHCOMING TITLES

30% DISCOUNT ON ALL BOOKS AND FREE SHIPPING (U.S. AND CANADA)

2018 CENTRAL
EURASIA IN CONTEXT

UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH PRESS

2018 CENTRAL EURASIA IN CONTEXT

NEW BOOKS

Paradox of Power

The Logics of State Weakness in Eurasia

Edited by JOHN HEATHERSHAW and EDWARD SCHATZ

2017 • 328 pp.
978-0-8229-6441-4 • Paper \$31.95
Item No. 501 • **Sale Price \$22.37**

“State weakness” is seen to be a widespread problem throughout Central Asia and other parts of postsocialist space, and more broadly in areas of the developing world. Challenging the widespread assumption that these “weak states” inevitably slide toward failure, *Paradox of Power* views the varied experiences of Eurasian states to reveal a wide array of surprising outcomes.

Islam, Society, and Politics in Central Asia

Edited by PAULINE JONES

2017 • 384 pp.
978-0-8229-6427-8 • Paper \$32.95
Item No. 502 • **Sale Price \$23.07**

There was a general consensus in the 1990s that Central Asia was witnessing an Islamic revival after independence, and would follow similar events throughout the Islamic world in the prior two decades, which had negative effects on both social and political development. Twenty years later, we’re still struggling to fully understand the transformation of Islam in a region that’s evolved through a complex and dynamic process. This volume sheds light on these crucial questions by bringing together an international group of scholars to offer a new perspective on Central Asian states and societies.

The Rise and Fall of Khoqand, 1709–1876

Central Asia in the Global Age

SCOTT C. LEVI

November 2017 • 288 pp.
978-0-8229-6506-0 • Paper \$28.95
Item No. 503 • **Sale Price \$20.27**

Scott C. Levi analyzes how Central Asians actively engaged with the rapidly globalizing world of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. In presenting the first English-language history of the Khanate of Khoqand (1709–1876), Levi examines the rise of that extraordinarily dynamic state in the Ferghana Valley. He reveals the many ways in which the Khanate’s integration with globalizing forces shaped political, economic, demographic, and environmental developments in the region, and he illustrates how these same forces contributed to the downfall of Khoqand.

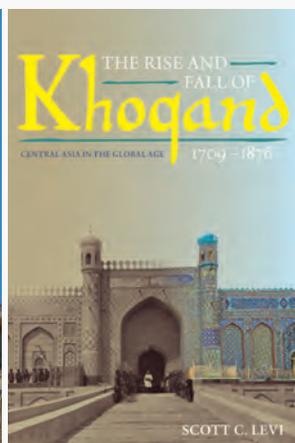
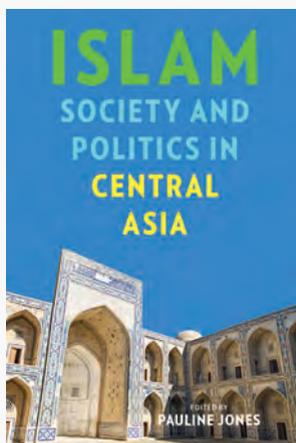
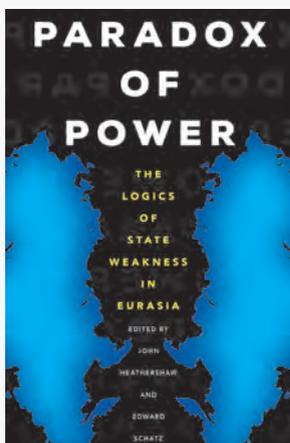
Nationalism in Central Asia

A Biography of the Uzbekistan–Kyrgyzstan Boundary

NICK MEGORAN

2017 • 368 pp.
978-0-8229-6442-1 • Paper \$29.95
Item No. 504 • **Sale Price \$20.97**

Nick Megoran explores the process of building independent nation-states in post-Soviet Central Asia through the lens of the disputed border territory between Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan. In his rich “biography” of the boundary, he employs a combination of political, cultural, historical, ethnographic, and geographic frames to shed new light on the nation-building process in this volatile and geopolitically significant region.





SERIES EDITOR
DOUGLAS NORTHROP

Azan on the Moon

Entangling Modernity along Tajikistan's Pamir Highway

TILL MOSTOWLANSKY

2017 • 240 pp.
978-0-8229-6443-8 • Paper \$26.95
Item No. 505 • **Sale Price \$18.87**

Mostowlansky offers an in-depth anthropological study of people's lives along the Pamir Highway in eastern Tajikistan. Constructed in the 1930s, the road fundamentally altered the material and social fabric of this former Soviet outpost. Through an analysis of construction, mobility, technology, media, development, Islam, and the state, Mostowlansky shows how ideas of modernity are both challenged and reinforced in contemporary Tajikistan. In the wake of China's rise in Central Asia, people along the Pamir Highway strive to reconcile a modern future with a modern past. Weaving together the road, a population, and a region, this book presents a rich ethnography of global connections.

From Belonging to Belief

Modern Secularisms and the Construction of Religion in Kyrgyzstan

JULIE MCBRIEN

November 2017 • 240 pp.
978-0-8229-6508-4 • Paper \$28.95
Item No. 506 • **Sale Price \$20.27**

McBrien offers a nuanced ethnographic study of Islam and secularism in post-Soviet Central Asia, as seen from the small town of Bazaar-Korgon in southern Kyrgyzstan. McBrien reveals how moving toward Islam is not a simple step but rather a deliberate and personal journey of experimentation, testing, and knowledge acquisition. She argues that religion is not always a matter of belief—sometimes it is essentially about belonging. Her book offers an important

corrective to studies that focus only on the pious turns among Muslims in Central Asia, and instead shows the complex process of evolving religion in a region that has experienced both Soviet atheism and post-Soviet secularism, each of which has profoundly formed the way Muslims interpret and live Islam.

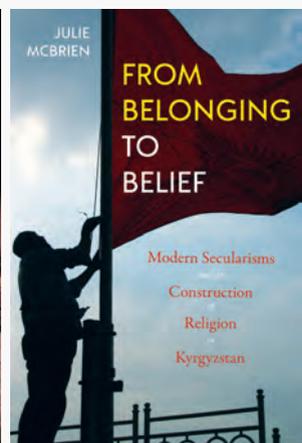
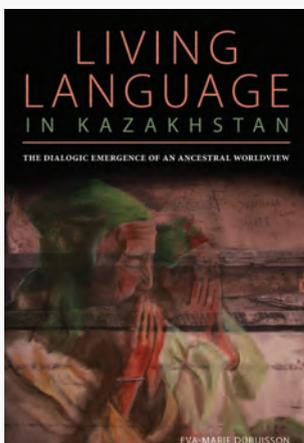
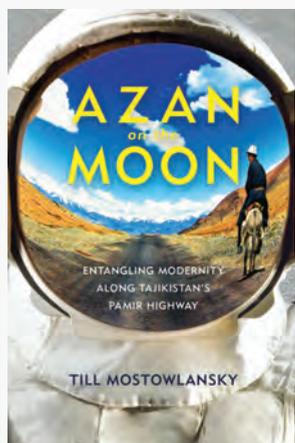
Living Language in Kazakhstan

The Dialogic Emergence of an Ancestral Worldview

EVA-MARIE DUBUISSON

2017 • 200 pp.
978-0-8229-6460-5 • Paper \$26.95
Item No. 507 • **Sale Price \$18.87**

Dubuisson provides a fascinating anthropological inquiry into the deeply ingrained presence of ancestors within the cultural, political, and spiritual discourse of Kazakhs. In a climate of authoritarianism and economic uncertainty, many turn to their forebearers for care, guidance, and advice, invoking them on a daily basis. The ancestral dialogue mediates questions of faith and morality, providing role models, and offering a mechanism for sociopolitical critique, change, and meaning making. As such, this "living language" creates a powerful link to the past and a stable foundation for the present.





RECENTLY PUBLISHED

The Force of Custom

Law and the Ordering of Everyday Life in Kyrgyzstan

JUDITH BEYER

2016 • 248 pp.
978-0-8229-6420-9 • Paper \$28.95
Item No. 508 • **Sale Price \$20.27**

Through this finely textured ethnographic study, Beyer shows how local Kyrgyz negotiate proper behavior and regulate disputes by invoking custom, known as *salt*. While *salt* is presented as age-old tradition, it's also a flexible rhetorical strategy that people adapt to suit contemporary political, legal, economic, and religious environments.

Practicing Islam

Knowledge, Experience, and Social Navigation in Kyrgyzstan

DAVID W. MONTGOMERY

2016 • 240 pp.
978-0-8229-6428-5 • Paper \$28.95
Item No. 509 • **Sale Price \$20.27**

Montgomery offers the most thorough English-language study to date of Islam in post-Soviet Kyrgyzstan. He assembles both an anthropology of knowledge and an anthropology of Islam, demonstrating how individuals make sense of and draw meanings from their environments, and how becoming and being a Muslim is based on acquired knowledge, enabled through the practice of doing.

Despite Cultures

Early Soviet Rule in Tajikistan

BOTAKOZ KASSYMBEKOVA

2016 • 288 pp.
978-0-8229-6419-3 • Paper \$28.95
Item No. 510 • **Sale Price \$20.27**

Examines the strategies and realities of the Soviet state-building project in Tajikistan during the 1920s and 1930s. As Kassymbekova reveals, the local ruling system was built upon an intricate network of individuals, whose stated loyalty to Communism was monitored through a chain of command that stretched from Moscow through Tashkent to Dushanbe/Stalinabad.

The State as Investment Market

Kyrgyzstan in Comparative Perspective

JOHAN ENGVALL

2016 • 240 pp.
978-0-8229-6413-1 • Paper \$28.95
Item No. 511 • **Sale Price \$20.27**

Based on a detailed examination of Kyrgyzstan, Johan Engvall goes well beyond the case of this single country to elaborate a broad theory of economic corruption in developing post-Soviet states regionally—as a rational form of investment market for political elites.

FORTHCOMING BOOKS: SPRING 2018

Learning to Become Turkmen

Literacy, Language, and Power, 1914–2014

VICTORIA CLEMENT

Clement explores the history of Central Asia's Turkmen as they evolved from a set of loosely connected tribes at the beginning of the twentieth century to a sovereign state at the start of the twenty-first century.

FORTHCOMING BOOKS: SEASON TBD

Central Asia in Context

A Thematic Introduction to the Region

Edited by DAVID W. MONTGOMERY

Bringing together an all-star cast of contributors, this textbook will provide students with a detailed introduction to Central Asian history, politics, economics, society, and relations with the rest of the world.

MANUSCRIPT SUBMISSIONS

The University of Pittsburgh Press welcomes your book proposals and manuscripts for consideration. Please contact: Peter Kracht, Director, pkracht@upress.pitt.edu

Additional information is available on our website: click on the link "For Authors"

ORDERING INFORMATION

To receive your 30% discount and free shipping (U.S. and Canada), order online at www.upress.pitt.edu. Use promo code **PC689** in the shopping cart. Or call 800-621-2736. Discount offer expires January 31, 2018.