



# In Search of Roots: Innovative Middle Paleolithic in Central Asia

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*April 8<sup>th</sup> – April 12<sup>th</sup> 2024*

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## Program Overview

### Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024

*National Center of Archaeology, Tashkent, Mirzo Ulugbek district, M. Ulugbek street, 81.*

- 10:00 – 10:15** Opening of the seminar, welcome by the director of NCA
- 10:15 – 13:00** Presentations (Coffee break: 11:45 – 12:00)
- 13:00 – 14:00** Lunch break
- 14:00 – 19:15** Presentations (Coffee break: 16:30 – 16:45)

### Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024

*National Center of Archaeology, Tashkent, Mirzo Ulugbek district, M. Ulugbek street, 81.*

- 10:00 – 11:30** Presentations
- 11:30 – 11:45** Coffee break
- 11:45 – 14:00** Browse of lithic collections from Obi-Rakhmat Grotto
- 14:00 – 15:00** Lunch break
- 15:00 – 19:00** Browse of lithic collections from Kulbulak sites (Coffee break: 16:30 – 17:00)

### Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024

*Transfer from National Center of Archaeology, Tashkent, Mirzo Ulugbek district, M. Ulugbek street, 81.*

**Full day field-trip to Obi-Rakhmat Grotto**  
**(09:00 – 18:30)**

### Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024

*Transfer from National Center of Archaeology, Tashkent, Mirzo Ulugbek district, M. Ulugbek street, 81.*

**Full day field-trip to Kulbulak and Kuksaray 2 sites**  
**(09:00 – 19:00)**

### Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024

*National Center of Archaeology, Tashkent, Mirzo Ulugbek district, M. Ulugbek street, 81.*

- 10:00 – 12:30** Browse of lithic collections
- 12:30 – 14:00** Lunch break
- 14:00 – 18:00** Final discussion

## Detailed Program

Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024

- 10:00** Opening of the seminar, welcome by Maksudov F.A., director of NCA
- 10:15 – 10:45** *Krivoshapkin A., Kolobova K., Kharevich A., Anoikin A.*  
The Obirakhmatien Middle Paleolithic: in a search of ancestry
- 10:45 – 11:15** *Suleymanov R.Kh., Mukhammadiyev A.G.*  
Prospects for Studying the Middle Paleolithic in the Context of New Sites in the Surkhandarya and Tashkent Oases
- 11:15 – 11:45** *Pavlenok K., Pavlenok G., Kogai S., Kurbanov R.*  
The beginning of the Middle Paleolithic in Uzbekistan: Kulbulak site
- 11:45 – 12:00** **Coffee break**
- 12:00 – 12:30** *Kot M.*  
Preliminary results on the chronology of the multilayered site- Kuksaray 2
- 12:30 – 13:00** *Saifullaev B.K.*  
On the Transition from the Middle to the Late Paleolithic in the Middle Zarafshan Valley
- 13:00 – 14:00** **Lunch break**
- 14:00 – 14:30** *Buylaert J-P.*  
New achievements in dating the Paleolithic of Central Asia: luminescence chronologies
- 14:30 – 15:00** *Olsen J.*  
The challenges of radiocarbon dating of prehistoric human bone
- 15:00 – 15:30** *Kurbanov R.*  
New stage of study of Loess Palaeolithic of Tajikistan: archaeology, chronology, palaeogeography
- 15:30 – 16:00** *Challier A.*  
New data on Khonako III Site age (Tajikistan)
- 16:00 – 16:30** *Fagernas Z.*  
Application of palaeoproteomics for palaeolithic sites in Central Asia and Azerbaijan
- 16:30 – 16:45** **Coffee break**
- 16:45 – 17:00** *Zaidner Y.*  
Is there a match? Human & lithic taxonomies in the Levantine Middle Paleolithic
- 17:00 – 17:30** *Meignen L.*  
Early Middle Paleolithic blade assemblages from the Near East: an overview
- 17:30 – 17:45** *Zaidner Y.*  
The Early Levantine Middle Paleolithic toolkit: a view from Misliya Cave
- 17:45 – 18:15** *Rybin E., Khatsenovich A.*  
Middle Paleolithic blade industries of Siberia and eastern Central Asia: question of dynamics and interaction with Initial Upper Paleolithic
- 18:15 – 18:45** *Jaubert J.*  
The Middle Paleolithic of Central Asia viewed from Europe: general impressions for a strategic region at the crossroads of several humanities
- 18:45 – 19:15** *Geneste J.M., Meignen L.*  
Blade and point production in the transitional assemblages of Kulichivka (Ukraine)

## Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024

- 10:00 – 10:30** *Plisson H., Zotkina L., Kharevich A., Kharevich V.*  
Cutting edge technology at Obi-Rakhmat 80,000 years ago
- 10:30 – 11:00** *Rendu W., Shnaider S., Koliashnikova A., Baumann M.*  
How zooarchaeology can be of help to discuss the existence of range weapon in Paleolithic context
- 11:00 – 11:30** *Baumann M., Girya E.*  
First insights into bone tool production at the Middle Paleolithic site of Obi-Rakhmat
- 11:30 – 11:45** **Coffee break**
- 11:45 – 14:00** Browse of lithic collections from Obi-Rakhmat Grotto  
*Moderators: A. Krivoshapkin and K. Kolobova*
- 14:00 – 15:00** **Lunch break**
- 15:00 – 19:00** Browse of lithic collections from Kulbulak and other sites  
*Moderators: K. Pavlenok, S. Kogai*

## Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024

- 09:00 – 11:30** Tashkent - Burchmulla - Obi-Rakhmat Grotto
- 12:00 – 16:00** Site-tour to Obi-Rakhmat Grotto (including excursion, discussion)  
*Moderators: A. Krivoshapkin and A. Kharevich*
- 14:00 – 15:00** **Lunch break (open air picnic)**
- 16:00 – 18:30** Burchmulla - Tashkent

## Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024

- 09:00 – 11:00** Tashkent – Kulbulak (Angren)
- 11:00 – 12:30** Site-tour to Kulbulak site (including excursion, discussion)  
*Moderators: K. Pavlenok and S. Kogai*
- 12:30 – 14:00** **Lunch break**
- 14:00 – 15:20** Angren - Kuksaray
- 15:20 – 16:30** Site-tour to Kuksaray 2 site (including excursion, discussion)  
*Moderators: K. Pavlenok and M. Kot*
- 16:30 – 19:00** Kuksaray – Tashkent

## Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024

- 10:00 – 12:30** Browse of lithic collections from Obi-Rakhmat Grotto, Kulbulak site  
*Moderators: A. Krivoshapkin, K. Pavlenok*
- 12:30 – 14:00** **Lunch break**
- 14:00 – 18:00** Final discussion

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