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Education

Ph.D., Sociology, Brown University, May 2017
Providence, USA

M.A., Sociology and Social Anthropology, Central European University, May 2005
Budapest, Hungary

B.A., Sociology, American University of Central Asia, May 2004
Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan

Professional Appointment

Visiting Fellow, Islamic Legal Studies Program, Harvard Law School 2017-2018

Visiting Assistant Professor of Sociology, Providence College, 2016-2017

Instructor of Sociology, American University of Central Asia, 2007-2009

Program Coordinator, Academic Fellowship Program, Open Society Foundations, 2005-2007

Publications

Botoeva, Aisalkyn "Islam & the Spirit of Capitalism: Articulating Moral Futures in Central Asia"
under review in *Politics & Society*.

Botoeva, Aisalkyn "Transnational Islamic Banks & Local Markets in Central Asia." (2017)
in *Islam, Society and Politics in Central Asia*, Central Eurasia in Context Book Series, Pittsburgh,
PA: Univ. of Pittsburgh Press, ed. by Pauline Jones Luong.

Spector, Regine & Aisalkyn Botoeva "New Shop Owners in Old Buildings: Spatial Politics of the
Apparel Production in Kyrgyzstan." (2017) in *Post-Soviet Affairs*, Vol. 33/3, pp. 235-253.

Botoeva, Aisalkyn and Regine Spector (2013) "Sewing to Satisfaction: Craft-Based Entrepreneurs
in Contemporary Kyrgyzstan" in *Central Asian Survey*, Vol. 32/4, pp. 487-500.

Sanghera, Balihar, Mehriqiul Ablezova and Aisalkyn Botoeva (2012) "Attachments, Emotions
and Kinship Caregiving: An Investigation into Separation Distress and Family Relatedness
in post-Soviet Kyrgyzstani Households" in *Families, Relationships and Societies*, Vol. 1/3, pp.
379-93.

Sanghera, Balihar, Mehriqiul Ablezova and Aisalkyn Botoeva (2011) "Everyday Morality in
Families and a Critique of Social Capital: An Investigation into Moral Judgments,
Responsibilities, and Sentiments in Kyrgyzstani households" in *Theory and Society*, Vol. 40/2,
pp. 167-190.

Botoeva, Aisalkyn (2007) “The Institutionalization of Novel Shopping Places in a post-Soviet Country. The Case of Supermarkets in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan”, in *Movements, migrants, marginalization. Challenges of societal and political participation in Eastern Europe and the enlarged EU*, edited by Sabine Fischer, Heiko Pleines, Hans-Henning Schroeder. Stuttgart: EU. Ibidem publishers.

Botoeva, Aisalkyn (2006) “Contentious Discourses Surrounding Supermarkets in post-Soviet Bishkek” in *Anthropology of East Europe Review*, Vol. 24:2, pp. 44-53.

Teaching Experience

Introductory Classes & Methods

Introduction to Sociology, Providence College, 2016-2017

Social Research Methods, Providence College, 2016-2017

Introduction to Sociology, American University of Central Asia, 2007-2009

Qualitative Research Methods, American University of Central Asia, 2007-2009

Globalization & Economic Sociology

Leadership & Global Development, Summer course through the School of Professional Studies, Brown University, 2016, 2017

Who Governs Markets? Advanced elective for Business, Entrepreneurship and Organizations majors, Brown University, 2015, 2017

Globalization and Social Conflict, Teaching Assistant, Brown University, 2010,2012

Economic Sociology, American University of Central Asia, 2007, 2009

Organizational Studies

Micro-Organizational Theory: Social Behavior in Organizations, Teaching Assistant Brown University, 2011, 2013

Macro-Organizational Theory: Social Behavior in Organizations, Teaching Assistant, Brown University, 2014, 2016

Fellowships & Grants

Postdoctoral fellowship, Berlin Graduate School for Muslim Cultures and Societies, Free University Berlin, 2016-2017 (declined)

Central Asia and Afghanistan Research Fellowship, Aga Khan Development Network, 2013-2014 (\$10,100)

Hazeltine Fellowship in support of dissertation research, Business, Entrepreneurship and Organizations Program, Brown University, 2012-2013 (\$7,000)

Global Supplementary Grant Program, Open Society Foundations, 2009-2012 (\$10,500)

Pre-Dissertation Summer Fieldwork Fellowship, Watson Institute for International Studies, Brown University, 2010, (\$2, 500)

Returning Scholars Fellowship, Open Society Foundations, 2007-2009 (\$13,600)

Selected Talks & Conference Presentations

- 2017 *Development in the Face of Global Inequalities*. Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Interacionals, Barcelona, Spain. Invited talk on “Domesticating the Islamic Economy: How an Alternate Path for Socioeconomic Development Takes Hold in New Contexts,” May 11-13.
- 2016 *Sustainable Development Goals: What Role for Islamic Finance?* Harvard University Muslim Alumni Islamic Finance Conference. Invited talk on “Halal Certification and its Localization through Valuation Circuits,” October 14.
- 2016 *Workshop on “Religion-Branding? Central Asia’s Integration into the International Scene through Religion.”* Central Asia Program, George Washington University, Washington DC, USA. Invited talk on “Articulating Moral Futures: Mosque Imams as Business Ethicists” January 26.
- 2015 *40th Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association (SSHA)*. Baltimore, USA. Presented a paper “Articulating Moral Futures: Mosque Imams as Business Ethicists” at the panel on Mobility and Wealth, November 12-15.
- 2015 *16th Annual Conference of the Central Eurasian Studies Society (CESS)*. George Washington University, Washington DC, USA. Presented a co-authored paper with Regine Spector “Entrepreneurship in Context: Self-Identification vs. State Categories in Central Asia” at the panel on New Business Environments, October 15-18.
- 2015 *American Sociological Association (ASA)*. Chicago, USA. Presented a paper “Who’s Going to be Liable for Your Claims? The Rise of Halal Certification Organizations” at the Economic Sociology panel on Moral Values and Economic Life, August 22-25.
- 2015 *4th annual conference of the Sociology of Development Section of the American Sociological Association*. Watson Institute for International Studies, Brown University, Providence, USA. Presented a paper “Mediating Deception and Devotion: The Moral Economy of Private Halal-Certification Agencies” at the panel on Finance: From Local to Global, March 13-15.
- 2014 *15th Annual Conference of the Central Eurasian Studies Society (CESS)*. Columbia University, New York, USA. Presented a paper “Run by Muslims” Market: Exploring the Puzzle of Entrepreneurial Practices and Private Governance Institutions” at the panel on the State of Business: Rethinking Business Networks, Social Relations and Governance in Central Asia, October 24-25.

- 2013 *European Society for Central Asian Studies (ESCAS)*, Nazarbayev University, Astana, Kazakhstan. Presented a paper “Let’s Bank the Muslim Way: the Establishment of Shariah Compliant Finance in Central Asia,” August 6-7.
- 2013 *Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE)*, University of Milan, Italy. Presented a paper “Let’s Bank the Muslim Way: Explaining the Establishment of Islamic Banks in the Peripheral Economies of Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan,” at the Special Mini Conference Globalization and Institutionalization of Islamic Finance, June 29-30.

Research Experience

- “The Purchase of Piety: Moral Futures and Islamic Businesses in the Post- Soviet Context” doctoral dissertation research. Research methods: comparative historical analysis, in-depth interviews, ethnographic observations, newspaper articles. 2013-2016
- “(Re) Industrialization in Resource Poor Countries” in collaboration with Dr. Regine Spector, University of Massachusetts-Amherst. *Responsibilities: designing and conducting in depth interviews, designing survey questionnaires, and managing collection of interviews and questionnaires; analyzing data, and preparing scholarly manuscripts.* 2011-present
- “Developing Contextual Measures of Religiosity: Perceptions of Piety among Muslims in Central Asia” in collaboration with Dr. Pauline Jones Luong, University of Michigan. *Responsibilities: designing and managing pilot stage of the survey; analyzing data, and preparing manuscripts.* 2013-present
- “What Cheer? Law, Finance and Entrepreneurship in Southeastern New England,” led by Dr. Mark Suchman under the aegis of Commerce Organization and Entrepreneurship program, Brown University. *Responsibilities: co-managing the design of oral history questionnaires, and conducting interviews with Rhode-Island based technology entrepreneurs; analyzing data and preparing scholarly manuscripts.* 2011
- “Families and Friendship: An Investigation into Ethics and Poverty in Kyrgyzstan,” led by Dr. Balihar Sanghera, School of Social Policy, Sociology, and Social Research, University of Kent, UK. *Responsibilities: Conducting in-depth interviews, transcribing and analyzing data; preparing scholarly manuscripts.* 2007-2010
- “Investigation of Well-Being of Older in Kyrgyzstan,” led by Dr. Gail Grant, Center for Research on Ageing, University of Southampton. Funded by Economic and Social Research Council in collaboration with the Department for International Development (DFID). *Responsibilities: Conducting in-depth interviews and leading focus-groups, transcribing.* 2008

Professional Service

Co-Managing Editor, Studies of Comparative International Development (SCID), Watson Institute, Brown University, 2014-2015
Search Committee for Organizational studies, Brown University, Fall 2014
Professional Development Committee, Brown University, Fall 2010- Spring 2011
Colloquium Committee, Brown University, Fall 2009 – Spring 2010
Alumni Outreach Committee, American University of Central Asia – Fall 2007-Spring 2008
Peer-reviewer for Central Asian Survey, since 2012

Pedagogical & Professional Training

Reflective Teaching (Certificate I) – aimed at developing and refining fundamental teaching and assessment strategies and communication skills based on how students learn. The Harriet W. Sheridan Center for Teaching and Learning, Brown University

Professional Development Seminar (Certificate III) – aimed at developing teaching portfolio, cover letters, CVs, and interview & presentations skills. The Harriet W. Sheridan Center for Teaching and Learning, Brown University

Ethnography Module – aimed at honing students’ skills in multi-sited ethnographic research, ethnographic interviews and situated listening, problems with self-reporting as a basis for research, the ethics and politics of field, Watson Institute, Brown University

Geographic Information Systems Module – provides participants with the basics of managing, processing, analyzing and representing spatial data, Brown University

Brown Executive Scholars Training - designed to help prepare advanced graduate students for future leadership roles in higher education administration through a semester-long mentored education and training program, Brown University

Membership in Professional Associations

American Sociological Association (member sections: Organizations, Occupations and Work, Global & Transnational Sociology, Economic Sociology)

Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE)

Social Science Historical Association (SSHA)

Eastern Sociological Society (ESS)

Central Eurasian Studies Society (CEUSS)

Language Skills

Kyrgyz – Native

Russian – Second Native

English – Fluent