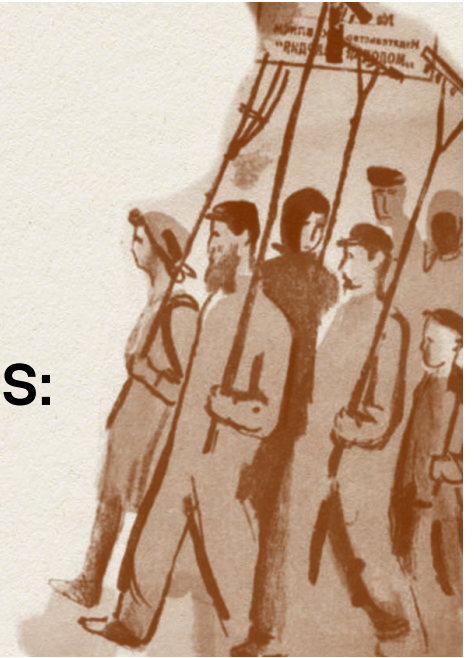




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AT THE CROSSROADS OF CULTURES: THE JEWS OF CENTRAL ASIA AND THE CAUCASUS

MOSCOW-TBILISI, JUNE 5-9, 2024

Research Center of the **Jewish Museum and Tolerance Center** (Moscow) together with the **Ben-Zvi Institute** (Jerusalem) and the **Georgian American University** (Tbilisi) are organizing a conference devoted to the interaction, mutual influence of various Jewish groups and their ethno-confessional neighbors in Central Asia, the Caucasus and in the border regions during the "colonial era" of the 19th - 20th centuries and nowadays. We consider a wide range of topics, including, but not limited to:

- The impact of modernization on the life of Jewish communities;
- Political activity and involvement;
- Relations and interactions with local and foreign (Jewish and non-Jewish) populations;
- Cultural development and assimilation processes;
- Language policies.

In addition to this, the organizers will seek to develop a section devoted to commemoration of 100 years since the setting of the Jewish agricultural settlement in USSR initiated by the KOMZET and OZET committees. Original and innovative papers focusing on their activities in Uzbekistan, Azerbaijan, Georgia and other parts of the USSR are extremely welcomed.

Format: the conference will take place in Moscow on June 5-6 and in Tbilisi on June 7-9, 2024, in *hybrid format*.

We accept proposals in **Russian** and **English** languages (simultaneous translation will be provided)

To apply: <https://forms.gle/f9rDAg34BxRhFk6d8>

Proposal deadline: **March 31, 2024**

Decisions by: **April 10, 2024**

After the conference, we plan to publish a peer-reviewed collection of articles in Russian and English.

We will try to cover accommodation in Moscow (up to 2 nights) and Tbilisi (up to 3 nights). Visa support cannot be provided, but the Organizing Committee can send an official invitation. For young researchers (master's students, postgraduate students and researchers who defended their theses no more than 5 years ago) we have a few competitive travel grants .

CONFERENCE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE:

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