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Qualifications

1985 PhD in Middle Eastern History, Institute of Asian and African Studies,
Moscow State University

1982 MA (equivalent) with distinction in Middle Eastern History (major) and
Arabic language (minor), Institute of Asian and African Studies, Moscow
State University

Biography

A Historian of the Middle East by background Galina M.Yemelianova has been researching and teaching history and contemporary politics in the Middle East and Muslim Eurasia for more than two decades. Since 2008, she has headed the University of Birmingham Research Group on the Caucasus and Central Asia.

Her language competencies include:

- Russian - native
- Arabic - fluent
- French - intermediate
- Kazakh-intermediate
- Turkish-intermediary

Teaching

Current Convening and Teaching:

Postgraduate

MSc Pathway on the Caucasus and Central Asia consisting of 3 modules :

- The Caucasus: History, Culture and Contemporary Politics
- Central Asia: Islam, Nationalism and Globalization
- Ethnic and Ethno-Religious Conflict in Eurasia

An integral part of the Pathway is Kazakh language course which is taught by a native Kazakh language speaker.

Undergraduate

- Outlines of Russian History (1st year)
- European Identities (1st year)
- Extended Essay and Dissertation in Russian and East European Studies' (3rd and 4th years)

Previous Convening and Teaching:

Postgraduate

- MA module on Historiography of the Arab Countries

- MA module on History of Social Thought in the Middle East

Undergraduate

- Medieval Arab History (1st year)
- Modern Arab History (2nd year)

Postgraduate supervision

Dr Yemelianova has extensive experience in successful supervision of PhD students from numerous countries on various topics related to the Middle East and Muslim Eurasia. Currently she is supervising 3 doctoral students (from the USA, the UK and Azerbaijan).

Research

Major research interests

- History of Peoples of Central Asia, the Caucasus and the Volga-Urals Regions
- History and Contemporary Politics of the Middle East
- Ethnicity, Nationalism and Religion in Russia, Eurasia and East Europe
- Islam and Islamic Radicalisation in the Middle East, Eurasia and Eastern Europe
- Contemporary Islamic Thought and Islamic Movements
- Sufism (mystical Islam) in the Middle East, Central Asia, Eurasia, Eastern and Western Europe
- International Islamic and Islamist Networks and Movements
- Islam and Modernization
- Islam, Secularism and Citizenship.

Previous research projects

Between 1996 and 2010 Dr Yemelianova successfully managed and conducted eight large research projects on the history and contemporary ethno-religious situation in various regions of the former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe, funded by the British Academy, The Leverhulme Trust, the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC), the Nuffield Foundation, the European Commission and the British Council. Her research was based on extensive field-work in Muslim-populated region of the former Soviet Union. Her research team included academics from the Caucasus, Central Asia and Russia.

Current research projects

Since April 2010 Dr Yemelianova has led and managed an international project 'Innovative Teaching and Research through Academic Partnership' between the University of Birmingham and the Kazakh-British Technical University (KBTU, Almaty, Kazakhstan), funded by the British Council, (for the period between 01.04.2010 and 31.03.2013). The project's activities include an exchange of academics and students between the two Universities, an involvement of Kazakhstani academics in teaching of the MSc Module of Central Asia: Islam, Nationalism and Globalization at CREES (convened and taught by Dr Yemelianova), a teaching of Kazakh language by Dr Svetlana Zhanabayeva, KBTU (in class and via skype) to students on MSc module on Central Asia at UoB; a teaching by UoB academics of MSc module on Economics in post-Communist Societies and MA module on Development and Emerging Inequalities in post-Soviet Eurasia at KBTU; a joint research on factors of rising Islam in the UK and Kazakhstan; an organisation of seminars on Kazakhstan and wider Central Asia with external guest-speakers; an organisation of joint panels, round-tables and workshops with the purpose of disseminating the project's findings (up to date - panel at XII European Society for Central Asian Studies (ESCAS), University of Cambridge, 20-22 September 2011; poster presentation at the British Council International Forum **Going Global 2012**, QEII Conference Centre, London, 13-15 March 2012 and round-table at **BASEES** Conference, University of Cambridge, 30 March-2 April 2012) and joint publications by members of the research team.

Other activities

Dr Yemelianova's other academic activities include:

- membership of the University of Birmingham Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC) Block Grant Partnership BGP (BGP) Board representing the College of Social Sciences;
- membership of the editorial board of *Europe-Asia Studies* (Glasgow).

Beyond academia, Dr Yemelianova regularly consult government and international organisations, as well as think-tanks, particularly on political, ethno-national and religious dynamic in Central Asia, the Caucasus and Muslim-populated regions of Russia.

Dr Yemelianova has provided regular interviews and expert comments to relevant TV and radio programmes (Television News, Sky News, Radio 1's World at One, BBC World Service) and periodicals (see link to her latest interview to newspaper PULSE in January 2012), as well as interviews to radio and TV programmes and periodicals in Bulgaria, Kazakhstan and Russia and Sweden.

Publications

Books

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Yemelianova, G (1991) 'Problems of Integration in the Arab World', *Vostok*, Moscow, no 4, pp 32-49 (in Russian).

- **Book Chapters**

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Yemelianova, G (2010) 'Islam and Social Conflict in Russia,' in Wright-Neville, D, ed, *Globalisation's New Challenges: Social Cohesion in Diverse Communities*, Edward Elgar Publishing Ltd, (forthcoming in November);

Yemelianova, G (2010) 'Islamic Radicalisation: A Post-Soviet, or Global Phenomenon?', in Yemelianova, G, ed, *Radical Islam in the Former Soviet Union*, Routledge, pp 11-30.

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