



BRITISH-UZBEK SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the October newsletter of the British Uzbek Society. We have made some changes to our autumn event schedule, so please read the information below carefully. You can also follow BUS on [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#) to keep up to date with what's happening.

UPCOMING EVENTS

On 27th October the **British Uzbek Society** and the **Embassy of Uzbekistan** will host a talk on Uzbek cinematography by **Professor Birgit Beumers** that will commence at 6.30pm. Her talk will explore trends in recent Uzbek cinema, both in terms of its industry structures and film production mechanisms, and in terms of the status of **Uzbek cinema** in **Central Asia** and beyond. **Professor Beumers** will look specifically at works by filmmakers such as **Yolkin Tuichev**, **Rashid Malikov**, and **Zulfikar Musakov**, but also the films, installations and video projects of Paris-based **Saodat Ismailova**. She will address questions of film aesthetics to determine the extent to which Uzbek cinema is integrated into discourses of the regions (specifically other Central Asian countries) and of **Russian cinema**.

Prior to Professor's talk we will hold an **Annual General Meeting** (AGM) of the British Uzbek Society that will commence at 5.30pm. The purpose of the meeting is for the chairperson, **Louis Skyner**, to report on the Society's activity over the past year and its current finances, and to elect directors and a chairperson of the Society (pursuant to the Society's Articles of Association the current directors are standing down after serving for terms of three years). Before the election the candidates will be given chance to present their vision and plan for the Society.

Please note that only people who are paid up members of the Society on 27th October 2022 may participate and vote at the AGM, and put themselves forward as a candidate for the position of director and chairperson. In order to effectively organise the AGM we should be grateful if those people who wish to stand for election notify the current chairperson, **Louis Skyner**, by sending him a mail to louis.skyner@dentons.com by 20th October 2022.

The AGM and **Birgit's** lecture will take place at the Embassy of Uzbekistan, 41 Holland Park.



RECENT ARTICLES ABOUT UZBEKISTAN

British journalist **Henry Wismayer** and Dutch photographer **Marcus Westberg** travelled to **Karakalpakstan** for the **Washington Post**, publishing a remarkable article, [The Lessons from Uzbekistan's Lost Sea](#), after their visit.



Silk Road Samarkand hosted the **SCO** Summit in September, and is now officially open to the public. It was featured last week in the travel section of **London's City AM** newspaper. Read it [here](#).

EVENTS IN UZBEKISTAN

From 20-22 October **Uzbekistan** will be hosting a **Festival of the Traditional Textile Atlas Bayrami** in partnership with **UNESCO**. This event will take place in **Margilan** in the **Fergana Valley**, and will include exhibitions, masterclasses, cultural performances, and family-friendly activities.

ABOUT THE BRITISH UZBEK SOCIETY

The British Uzbek Society (BUS) is an independent, non-political organisation. It was formally established in July 2002 with the aim of supporting and helping to facilitate cultural, educational and people-to-people links between the United Kingdom and Uzbekistan. The Society organises a monthly programme of events including lectures, forums, and cultural activities. BUS membership is open to all and the cost for an individual member is £50 per year. Students benefit from a specific discount and pay just £25. Please send all membership queries to BUSmembership@gmail.com. More information about events is available from BUS_events@outlook.com.

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