Central Asia is characterized by a rich variety of ecologies, climates, geographical environments, social systems, languages and cultures. Within Central Asia multiple cultural exchanges took place. At the same time, Central Asia stood in bi-directional exchanges with neighboring regions. A key precondition for these multifaceted contacts and exchanges was mobility. Such mobility concerned people, goods and products as well as ideas, concepts and innovations. Whereas the past second International Conference on Central Asian Archaeology (2020) addressed the question of contacts between cultures, the forthcoming conference focusses how such cultural contacts took place.

An outstanding tool to detect and verify migrations are archaeogenetics. Such studies help to discern and understand the interconnectedness of different human populations and the emergence of shared cultural contents. The conference will include a session dedicated to archaeogenetics.

**Abstracts:** max. 250 words. **Deadline:** June 30, 2023. Notification of acceptance: August 2, 2023

**Papers** (20 min) should be based upon new archaeological investigations, surveys and discoveries and must be the result of original research. The inclusion of archaeogenetic aspects in the papers is welcome.

**Time frame:** Early Bronze Age to the end of the 14th century CE

**Geographical scope:** Central Asia is defined as comprising Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Southern Siberia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan and Xinjiang.

**Registration fee:** There is no registration fee for speakers and students, others 50 CHF.

**Travel Grant Application:** Deadline: September 20, 2023.

**Visa:** All participants are requested to organize their own visas and travel insurances. The convenors are not responsible for these issues, but are pleased to provide Letters of invitations if requested.