The First International Conference on Uyghur Studies: History, Culture and Society

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The Uyghurs are one of the ten most populous stateless nations in the world. While the Uyghur people have a long history of cultural accomplishments and political influences, they have remained marginal in international scholarship given their ambiguous position both in regional studies and in geopolitics. Nonetheless, given the contribution of Uyghurs to global and regional historical and cultural processes, there has developed a transnational community of scholars whose research is focused on the Uyghur people's history, culture, society. This conference is the first attempt to bring together a broad spectrum of this international community of scholars, drawing from the academic communities of the Americas, Russia, Turkey, and elsewhere in European Asia. Hopefully, it will serve as a basis for future transnational collaboration on the history, culture, and society of Uyghurs throughout the world.

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