

Penultimate year FR Evaluation

Title of the Project	Historical Interactions between Multi-cultural Societies and the Natural Environment in a Semi-arid Region in Central Eurasia
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General advice and comments of PEC: Significance of this project for RIHN can be seen in its focus on historical understanding of environmental changes and human-nature interactions. The palaeoclimatological approach modeled by this project seems to be innovative and working well in related academic fields. Nevertheless, there is still a need for further investigation on multi-cultural societies and this requires more interaction with local societies in the targeted areas. Inter-group communication and consultation within the project is necessary to investigate the human-nature relations in more detail and to disseminate these results for better understanding of the contemporary issues within those societies.	