

Brief information about the project

Name of the project	AP26101427 - Scientific Expeditions and Commissions of the Russian Empire in Turkestan: Activities and Outcomes (end of the 19th - beginning of the 20th century)
Relevance	The research project is devoted to a comprehensive study of the activities of research expeditions and commissions of the Russian Empire in the Turkestan region in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, as well as an analysis of their outcomes. This topic has not previously been the subject of systematic research. For the first time, the project provides a comprehensive analysis of the composition of statistical expeditions, the nature of the conducted research, the scientific perspectives of researchers, the methodologies used to identify “surplus lands,” and issues related to funding.
Purpose	The objective of the project is to conduct a comprehensive and in-depth study of research expeditions carried out by the Russian Empire in the second half of the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries in the Turkestan region, particularly in the Syr Darya and Semirechye regions (expeditions of P.A. Skryplev, P.P. Rumiantsev, and others).
Objectives	Research Tasks To provide a comprehensive characterization of the activities of research expeditions and commissions organized by the Tsarist government in the districts of the Syr Darya region (P. Skryplev expedition, 1906–1913) and the Semirechye region (P. Rumiantsev expedition, 1909–1913). To conduct a historical-comparative analysis of research methods and the policies of the Tsarist government, as well as to examine individual works of researchers and their influence on colonial policy. To analyze the specific features of research methodologies used in expedition publications and to examine materials reflecting the structure and functioning of these expeditions. To identify the roles of statisticians, topographers, hydrologists, cartographers, registrars, and translators, as well as to determine the characteristics of кадровой политики (personnel policy) and distribution of responsibilities within the imperial administrative system in Kazakhstan. To analyze the participation of the local Kazakh population in expeditions and their interactions with officials and specialists based on archival sources. To conduct a comprehensive analysis of both objective and subjective factors influencing research activities related to colonial policy, with particular attention to the expeditions of P. Skryplev and P. Rumiantsev, their methods, and key conclusions. To substantiate the approaches to кадровые вопросы (personnel management) in the Russian Empire and identify the main principles of personnel selection.
Expected and achieved results	Expected and Achieved Results The research will clarify the personnel policies of the Russian Empire in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries and

	reveal the perspectives of researchers sent to study colonized territories in the Kazakh steppe. A scientific analysis of the objective and subjective factors influencing the collection of statistical expedition materials will be conducted. The study will also determine the scientific and professional contributions of topographers, cartographers, statisticians, hydrologists, and registrars, as well as their role in producing multi-volume publications based on expedition results. The project plans to publish research articles based on valuable and previously unintroduced archival sources, including: At least 2 articles in peer-reviewed journals with a percentile of no less than 50 in Web of Science (Arts and Humanities Citation Index) and/or Scopus (Social Sciences Citation Index); At least 4 articles in peer-reviewed domestic and/or international journals recommended by the Committee for Quality Assurance in Science and Higher Education. The materials of the project can be used in educational courses on the history of Kazakhstan, historiography, and source studies. The results are expected to be of interest to both domestic and international scholars and will contribute significantly to the development of historical science. As a result of working with archival collections and rare book repositories, a monograph based on previously unpublished sources is planned.
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Usage	None
Priority compared to real-world alternatives	Humanities and natural science faculties of the Republic of Kazakhstan; Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of the Republic of Kazakhstan; organizations dealing with land-use issues; all local history and integrated museums.
List of publications with links to them	1. Galiya Iskakova. Eyes and Ears of the Empire: Postal and Telegraph Service in Semirechye. Bylye Gody Issued since 2006. E-ISSN: 2310-0028 2026. 21(1): 410-420 DOI: 10.13187/bg.2026.1.410 Journal homepage: https://bg.cherkasgu.press/ https://bg.cherkasgu.press/journals_n/1772357180.pdf 2. N.A. Tassilova, A. Tasagil. SCIENTIFIC EXPEDITIONS OF THE RUSSIAN EMPIRE IN KAZAKHSTAN AS A MECHANISM FOR THE FORMATION OF COLONIAL KNOWLEDGE (late 19th – early 20th centuries). Bulletin of history. No1 (120). 2026 https://doi.org/10.26577/JH120120264 https://bulletin-history.kaznu.kz/index.php/1history/article/view/2154
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