About the Bregel Lecture Series

The Bregel Lecture series honors the late professor Yuri Bregel (1925-2016) and his many contributions to the study of Central and Inner Asian history and Persian and Turkic historiography. Professor Bregel taught in the Department of Central Eurasian Studies from 1981 until 2000, serving also as Director of the Research Institute for Inner Asian Studies from 1986 to 1997 and as Director of the Inner Asian and Uralic National Resource Center from 1989 to 1997.

Previous speakers:

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- 2011: Beatrice Manz
- 2010: Peter B. Golden
- 2009: John Woods
- 2008: Robert McChesney
- 2007: Maria Subtelny
- 2006: Charles Melville

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