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Glossary of terms

Note on transliteration: This thesis is written in English (U.K.) spelling. Russian and Tajik terms are transliterated following the BGN/PCGN romanisation system. Places and names are not always transliterated; I have decided to use the most common English terms (e.g. Tajikistan and Gorno Badakhshan instead of Tojikiston and Gorno Badakhshon).

<i>Agroprom</i>	Agricultural department (of the district authorities)
<i>Amliak</i>	Form of land tenure in pre-Soviet times
<i>Bek</i>	Native noble, wealthy landlord (in pre-Soviet Central Asia)
<i>Bey</i>	Native noble, wealthy landlord (in pre-Soviet Central Asia)
<i>Bobo</i>	Grandfather
<i>Brigade</i>	A production unit within the <i>kolkhoz</i> or <i>sovkhos</i> ; today the term is still used to refer to production units within large (cotton) producing farms
<i>Brigadier</i>	Manager of a brigade
<i>Dastarkhon</i>	Table cloth
<i>Dehqon farm</i> (in full: <i>khajagi dehqoni</i>)	Commercial farm established on former <i>kolkhoz/sovkhos</i> farmland after restructuring of the former Soviet farms. A <i>dehqon</i> farm can be a collective, private, or individual entity
<i>Gorno Badakhshan (Autonomous Oblast)</i> (GBAO)	Autonomous region in (north)east Tajikistan
<i>Hukumat</i>	District/city authorities/administration

<i>Iftar</i>	The (shared) meal eaten by Muslims after sunset during Ramadan
<i>Jaloliddini Balkhi</i>	District in southwest Tajikistan (the Khatlon region); one of the case study sites (earlier called “Kolkhozobod” and “Jaloliddini Rumi”)
<i>Jamoat</i>	Lowest-level administrative unit of the state (municipality)
<i>Kelin</i>	Daughter-in-law
<i>Khatlon</i>	Region in southwest Tajikistan
<i>Kolkhoz (kolkhozes, also kolkhozy)</i>	Collective farm enterprise (in the Soviet Union)
<i>Kolkhozobod</i>	Town in southwest Tajikistan (the Khatlon region); centre of the district of Jaloliddini Balkhi
<i>Konibodom</i>	District in northern Tajikistan (the Sughd region)
<i>Mahalla</i>	Self-governed local institution; a neighbourhood
<i>Mulk</i>	Form of land tenure in pre-Soviet times
<i>Nohiya</i>	District (in Tajik language)
<i>Oblast</i>	Region/province (in Russian language)
<i>Pripiski</i>	On paper figures, “add-ons”
<i>Qarz</i>	Debt
<i>Qarzi zamin</i>	Land debt (indebted farmland)
<i>Raion</i>	District (in Russian language)

<i>Raions of Republican Subordination (RRS)</i>	Districts under direct central rule, surrounding the capital city (Dushanbe)
<i>Rais</i>	Chief, director
<i>Raisi</i>	Chief, director of
<i>Ramadan</i>	The ninth month of the Islamic calendar; Muslims observing <i>Ramadan</i> abstain from drinking and eating during the day that month
<i>Semechki</i>	Sunflower seeds
<i>Shahritys</i>	District in southwest Tajikistan (the Khatlon region)
<i>Sharia</i>	Islamic canonical law
<i>Sovkhoz (sovkhozes, also sovkhozy)</i>	State-owned farm enterprise (in the Soviet Union)
<i>Sughd</i>	Region in northwest Tajikistan
<i>Tinji</i>	Peace, quietness
<i>Tovarnii kredit</i>	Commodity credit
<i>Vakhshstroï</i>	The Vakhsh (river) Valley project
<i>Vanj</i>	District in northeast Tajikistan, in Gorno Badakhshan
<i>Wacf</i>	Form of land tenure in pre-Soviet times
<i>Yanga</i>	Sister-in-law
<i>Yovon</i>	District in southwest Tajikistan (the Khatlon region); one of the case study sites
<i>Zamin</i>	Land

Zamini presidenti

Presidential land

Acronyms

ADB	Asian Development Bank
AKF	Aga Khan Foundation
BICAS	BRICS Initiatives in Critical Agrarian Studies
BRICS	Brazil Russia India China South Africa
CIA	Central Intelligence Agency
CIS	Commonwealth of Independent States
DfID	(British) Department for International Development
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organisation (of the United Nations)
FPSP	Farm Privatisation Support Project
FSU	Former Soviet Union
GAO	Gross Agricultural Output
GBAO	Gorno Badakhshan Autonomous Oblast
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
GIZ	Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ GmbH); German Society for International Cooperation, Ltd.
GNI	Gross National Income
ICG	International Crisis Group
IFAD	International Fund for Agricultural Development
IFI	International Financial Institution
IMF	International Monetary Fund
JICA	Japan International Cooperation Agency

LDPI	Land Deal Politics Initiative
LFE	Large Farm Enterprise
NBT	National Bank of Tajikistan
NGO	Non-Governmental Organisation
OBOR	One Belt One Road
ODA	Official Development Assistance
RRS	Raions of Republican Subordination
SOE	State Owned Enterprise
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNWFP	United Nations World Food Programme
USAID	United States Agency for International Development
USSR	Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
WTO	World Trade Organisation

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