

## Giga-stan X: Giga-stan X: Extreme Gigapanning in Central Asia

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### Abstract:

The mechanics of Gigapanning are tricky at first, but experience makes the process easy for nearly everyone. Sometimes though, the conditions under which Gigapans are being attempted demand creative work-arounds and preemptive strategies to ensure quality images. This poster will address the technical and social issues of shooting Gigapans in "extreme" conditions across the former Soviet republics of Central Asia (the "stans"). This includes high altitudes of the Tian Shan and Pamir Mountains (above 3000m), high temperature (above 45 deg C) and complicated social settings (such as in the center of a Unesco protected monument!). Although not apparently preventative to taking gigapans, these conditions add difficulty to effective shooting and set-up. Simple planning considerations, technical solutions, and mishaps (of course!) will be illustrated in the poster.