Mila Teshaieva will present an artist's lecture on Thursday, January 29, at 6 p.m., in the Appellate Courtroom of Eckstein Hall (Law School), in conjunction with the exhibition Mila Teshaieva: Promising Waters which runs from January 22 through May 31, 2015.

For over four years, photographer Mila Teshaieva has documented the transformation of the three former Soviet republics on the shores of the Caspian Sea: Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, and Turkmenistan. Her project takes the viewer on a subtle and complex journey through the promises of a new oil region, raising questions as to the relationship between the state and private identity and the ties between past, present and future.

Mila Teshaieva
Ukrainian, b. 1974

Untitled (Aqtau), 2013
Archival pigment print
Courtesy of the artist
Boy with balloons stays at the seashore in Aqtau, a town created in 1963 as a model socialist city for uranium miners. The mines are now closed; Aqtau is being remodeled as the City of Energy. Kazakhstan.