

Welcome Note

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Dear OSCE Academy Alumni,

We welcome you to the second issue of the alumni journal, SalamAlum. This issue will update you on our Alumni Network life in 2011-2012.

This year our Alumni family grew by 30 more people and now we are more than 200 of active, intellectual and professional alumni. Some of us work in various capacities in Central Asia and beyond, others continue to study, but all we remain active members of the Alumni Network. Thank you to all of you for this!

In this issue you will find:

-from October 2011 to January 2012 four of our alumni from Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan have gone through the Junior Public Officers Programme and interned at the Ministries of Foreign Affairs for three months;

-starting from January 2012 the Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (NUPI) offers one-year fellowships to two alumni in the Department of Russian and Eurasian Studies in Oslo. Two of our alumni are currently in Oslo;

-the OSCE Academy Alumni Network, with support of the NUPI now offers two Alumni Travel Grants a year to enable OSCE Academy alumni to attend conferences worldwide. Tulkinjon Umaraliev '07 was the first one to receive it in March and Erkinbek Kamalov was the second for the travel in November;

-the 2nd **Alumni Conference on Central Asia: *Comprehensive Security and Sustainable Development***, was held in the beginning of May 2012. The conference was opened by the public lecture by Dr. Sally Cummings of the University of St. Andrews;

-alumna of the Year 2012 **Dina Iglıkova '07** from Kazakhstan was elected through the online voting on the Alumni Web-page. She won in a very tough competition. Congratulations Dina!

To contribute to the next issue of the Alumni Journal you can send your stories and ideas to alumni@osce-academy.net!

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Alumni Profile

In fall 2012 OSCE Academy Alumni Network was joined by 30 more graduates and now the overall number has reached 205. Majority of alumni, 70 per cent, stay in Central Asia and Afghanistan, contributing directly to the region's development. The results of our annual survey reveal that 71 per cent of the OSCE Academy's graduates are employed, 14 per cent continue education and 10 per cent combine work and study. 15 graduates, who chose an academic path, are doing PhD.

8 per cent of employed graduates work in the public sector (primarily in the Ministries of Foreign Affairs or Embassies of their countries). Among 46 per cent working for international organizations, 12 per cent (13 alumni) are in the OSCE; the rest are pursuing their careers in the UN, World Bank, ICC, GIZ etc. 18 per cent are in Education and Research Institutions and 10 per cent in the Non-Profit Sector.

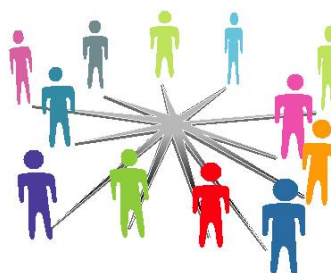
Already now, after only a few years' operation, 27 per cent of the alumni hold senior positions, working for the Central Asian governments, international organisations and NGOs, and 5 alumni teach at the university level. 18 per cent in the private sector – work mainly in the companies contributing to the sustainable development of the countries.

#	Name	Alumni Publications over 2011
1	Janyl Bokonbaeva'05	<i>Kyrgyzstan-OSCE: paths of cooperation</i> monograph http://osce-academy.net/en/alumnistories/92/
2	Matthew Naumann '05	<i>Situation Assessment of Children in the Kyrgyz Republic</i> UNICEF http://www.unicef.org/kyrgyzstan/Situation_analysis_ENG.pdf <i>State of the World's Minorities and Indigenous Peoples</i> , chapter on Central Asia - Minority Rights Group www.minorityrights.org/download.php?id=1077
3	Assel Mussagalieva '05	<i>Improving Maternal and Child Health in Kazakhstan</i> , in European Magazine for Sexual and Reproductive Health <i>Entre Nous</i> , issue no 74 August 2011 http://www.euro.who.int/de/what-we-do/health-topics/Life-stages/maternal-and-newborn-health/publications/2011/improvement-of-maternal-and-child-health-in-kazakhstan.-entre-nous-74.-2011
4	Violetta Yan' 05	<i>The Arab Spring: Implications for Europe-Eurasian Relations?</i> , Central Asia Security Policy Brief #6, OSCE Academy and GCSP, December 2011 (co-authored with Graeme P. Herd) http://osce-academy.net/uploads/docs/graeme_p_herd_and_violetta_yan.pdf
5	Alexey Dunditch '05	<i>International Relations in Central Asia: Events and Documents</i> , ed. by A. Bogaturov, Moscow, 2011 <i>Retrospective of Afghanistan Political Process</i> (book review), International Trends Vol.9, #3(27), Sept-Dec 2011
6	Rustam Karimov '05	<i>Methods of Education of the Younger Generations</i> (Методика воспитания подрастающего поколения 2011) from the Youth Forum of the CIS countries
7	Tulkinjon Umaraliev '08	<i>New Social Media and Conflict in Kyrgyzstan</i> , SIPRI Insight on Peace and Security 2011 (co-authored with Neil Melvin) http://books.sipri.org/product_info?c_product_id=429
8	Daniyar Karabaev' 09	<i>Turmoil and Beyond in Tajikistan</i> , published by The Sunday Indian Journal, December 2011 <i>Kyrgyz-Tajik Friendship</i> , published by Central Eurasia Scholars and Media Initiative and BBC, January 2012
9	Kushtarbek Shamshidov '10	<i>The 4th GCSP-OSCE Academy-NUPI-NESA-GCMC Seminar, Central Asia 2011</i> (co-authored Dr Pál Dunay, Dr Graeme P. Herd and Dr Maxim Ryabkov) http://www.gcsp.ch/International-Security/Publications/GCSP-Publications/Geneva-Papers-Conference-Series/The-4th-GCSP-OSCE-Academy-NUPI-NESA-GCMC-Seminar-Central-Asia-20112
10	Ekaterina Klimenko'10	<i>Central Asian Regional Security Complex</i> in Central Asia and the Caucasus journal, April 2011 http://www.ca-c.org/journal/2011-04-eng/01.shtml
11	Javeed Ahmad' 11	<i>International Conferences on Afghanistan: From Bonn 2001 to Bonn 2011</i> http://osce-academy.net/uploads/alumni/Javeed_Ahwar.pdf

Alumni Network Events 2012

The OSCE Academy's Alumni Network connects alumni in Central Asia and beyond its borders. Besides the informal networking, through the Facebook and Odnoklassniki, Alumni Network conducted more formal events like alumni chapter meetings, alumni conference on comprehensive security and sustainable development and some other events described below.

Date	Event
Jan .10, 2012	Mentorship Programme launched <i>Alumni Mentorship Programme helps alumni to maintain ties with the OSCE Academy and at the same time provide current students with guides, who will help to go through challenged in academic life, based on their experience.</i>
Jan. 15-Jan. 23, 2012	Annual Survey 2012 <i>Annual Surveys have been conducted since 2009. Results are used to calculate general statistics. 73 alumni participated in the 2012 Survey.</i>
March 3, 2012	Alumni Breakfast <i>Graduates gathered at the alumni meeting to discuss the opening and running the NGO in Kyrgyzstan with the participation of alumni.</i>
March 3, 2012	Open House <i>Alumni participated in the Open House Day, organized for Bishkek-based candidates interested in the OSCE Academy's Masters Programme in Politics and Security and Masters Programme in Economic Governance and Development.</i>
March, 2012	Alumni Travel Grant <i>The OSCE Academy Alumni Network, with support of the Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (NUPI) started offering two Travel Grants a year to enable OSCE Academy alumni to attend conferences worldwide. The first alumnus to receive this Grant is Tulkinzhon Umaraliev '07, who participated in the Milton Wolf Seminar, Transitions Transformed: Ideas of Information and Democracy post-2011 in Vienna. (pg.10)</i>
Apr. 13, 2012	Lene Wetteland '07 met with the Masters students <i>Lene Wetteland '07 initiated a meeting of the OSCE Academy students of the Masters Programme in Politics and Security with the Helsinki Committee and the Norwegian dialogue/human rights organization Oslo Center for Peace and Human Rights representatives.</i>
May 5, 2012	2nd Alumni Conference <i>OSCE Academy has conducted the 2nd Alumni Conference on Comprehensive Security and Sustainable Development in Bishkek. (pg.4-5)</i>
May 6, 2012	Alumni Retreat <i>Alumni discussed activities implemented throughout 201-2012 and agreed on a plan of actions for 2012-2013. (pg.)</i>
May 14, 2012	Meeting with Mr. Istvan Nyitrai, Deputy Head of Mission, Delegation of the European Union to the Republic of Tajikistan <i>Alumni chapter from Tajikistan met with Mr. Istvan Nyitrai to . During the meeting Mr. Nyitrai told about the activities of the European Union in Tajikistan and answered all the questions that interested graduates.</i>
May 28, 2012	JPO Agreement signed with the MFA of the Republic of Afghanistan <i>Every year one graduate of the OSCE Academy will be offered a 3-months position of a junior public officer within the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Afghanistan.</i>
Sept.-Oct. 2012	JPOs start their assignments in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Afghanistan <i>Bibgul IZbair '12 – Kazakhstan; Anahita Saymidinova '12 – Tajikistan; Cholpon Aitakhunova '12 and Natalia Zakharchenko '12 Kyrgyzstan; and Javeed Ahmad '11 - Afghanistan (pg.7)</i>



“Central Asia: Comprehensive Security and Sustainable Development”



Top left: Dr. Sally Cummings, Senior Lecturer, University of St. Andrews and Dr. Maxim Ryabkov, Director, OSCE Academy Top right: Ambassador Andrew Tesoriere, the Head of the OSCE Centre in Bishkek and Dr. Indra Overland, Head of the Russian and Eurasian Studies Department, NUPI Bottom left: Participants of the 2nd Alumni Conference Bottom right: Farkhod Aminjonov '09

Starting from 2011 OSCE Academy conducts annual Alumni Conference on Central Asia: Comprehensive Security and Sustainable Development. This year the conference took place on May 5-6 in Bishkek. Around thirty alumni from Central Asia and Afghanistan participated in the conference. 2nd Alumni Conference was opened with the public lecture “Securing Central Asia” by Dr. Sally Cummings, Senior Lecturer, University of St. Andrews. 16 alumni presented their papers within the three OSCE dimensions-panels: Political Military, Human and Economic-Environmental. Presenters touched upon the security in Central Asia and Afghanistan; human security and conflicts in Central Asia; energy security and the climate changed and other important for the region issues. Mr. Sean McGreevy from the OSCE Centre in Bishkek, Mr. Roman Mogilevsky from the Institute of Public Policy and Administration at UCA and Dr. Sabine Machl from the UN Women in Kyrgyzstan chaired and excellently moderated the conference panels.

The Conference was honored and welcomed by the Ambassador Andrew Tesoriere, the Head of the OSCE Centre in Bishkek and Dr. Indra Overland, Head of the Russian and Eurasian Studies Department, NUPI. At the end of the conference participants voted for the best three papers presented, which will be published as Central Asia Policy Briefs. The winners are:

“Afghanistan: State, Human Boundaries and Sources for Perpetual Conflict”- Elham Gharji '10, President, Gawharshad Institute of Higher Education, Kabul, Afghanistan.

Key points:

- One of the main features of conflicts in Afghanistan has been anti-state violence throughout country's modern history. Most of these anti-state violent movements originated in the Southern borders of the country, where a blurred border line divide Afghanistan from Pakistan, formally.

- *The anti-state violence, especially in the context of the current insurgency can be viewed as an implication of a self-conflicting state building policy in the past that led to development of a selective Afghan nationalism in regards to border 'creation and border maintenance'.*
- *The selective Afghan nationalism affected nation building differently in different parts of the country in terms of transforming the political boundaries between the populations in the region into their mental boundaries-understood as nation building in this paper.*
- *Where political boundaries have been created and maintained for a long time cross-border threats do not exist or are very low. But where socio-political boundaries and the mental boundaries do not match, the Afghan state has been continuously threatened by tribal uprisings and cross-border interferences. The current conflict in Afghanistan presents a clear evidence of the case. A sustainable solution to the problem would make addressing border problems inevitable.*

This paper was published as "Central Asian Security Policy Brief" at <http://osce-academy.net/en/policy-briefs>

"Re-defining "Energy Security" in the context of Central Asian Energy Export-Import Relations"- Farkhod Aminjonov '09, PhD Candidate, Balsillie School of International Affairs, Toronto, Canada.

Abstract:

An instrumental value of energy consists of achieving certain economic, political and social goals. Traditionally the concept of "Energy Security" dealt with energy supply disruptions from energy-consuming countries' perspective. This paper argues that under specific conditions energy-producing

countries can also experience energy security challenges that prevent producers from benefiting economically and gaining political leverage. The paper studies energy security concerns from Central Asian energy producers perspective by arguing that excessive reliance on Russian pipeline networks in exporting energy resources, low maintenance of these networks and absence of alternative options to export hydrocarbons from the region created several energy security problems: discriminatory pricing policy for energy resources, natural gas waste in the air and significant reduction of energy export due to explosions on energy exporting pipeline networks.

"Understanding conflicts in Central Asia: a need to go beyond the search for causality" - Khushbakht Hojiev '06, PhD Candidate, Friedrich-Wilhelms University of Bonn, Centre for Development Research, Bonn, Germany.

Abstract:

Conflicts in Central Asia (CA), as one of pertinent phenomena in its post-independence era, have been attracting the attention of scholars and analysts that have extensively written about the region during last two decades. Yet, explanation of conflicts in the region has not been free of controversies and divergence in interpretations. On the one hand, most prominent understanding of conflicts in CA has developed under the concepts of 'struggle for power' and 'ethnic conflict' (or 'inter-ethnic conflict'), which is presented by number of scholars as "tragedy" of Ferghana valley (Piontkovsky 2000; Slim 2002). On the other hand, the region itself has been framed in most occasions as a region of potential conflicts and tensions along the lines of its political and socio-economic developments (Rubin and Lubin 1999). However, the concepts employed until today within several approaches in studying conflicts in CA fail to provide a convincing account on how and under what mechanisms and institutions violent conflict erupts (/ed) in the region. Similarly, framing CA as a region of potential conflicts proved to be ineffective in understanding politics, history and society in this region.

This paper provides a brief account on how conflicts in the region are studied today by the western scholarship and how they can be better understood. It argues that to understand conflicts in CA one has to go beyond attempts of building simplistic causality, rather focusing on process dimension of conflict to understand how conflict erupts into violence in one part of the region and does not in the other.

Alumni Retreat 2012

On 6 May 2012, the Alumni Conference was followed by the retreat at the Ethno-complex Supara in Bishkek, where alumni discussed what has been done since the last meeting:

- Mentorship programme- the idea was proposed during the alumni meeting in 2011. The programme was launched in January 2012. Fifteen alumni sent their mentor's applications and current Masters students were eager to contact alumni-mentors and consult on different issues.
- Alumni Fund - we have opened a bank account and during the year alumni can transfer any amount of money to this account. Money will be collected from November to November and at the end of the year, starting from November 2013, through the online voting alumni will decide on how to use the funds. The bank account details are available at: <http://osce-academy.net/en/alumni/>
- Alumni Travel Grant (p.11) - alumni discussed the type of the deadline for the applications, since there only two travel grants available every year. It was decided to put this question up for voting on the Alumni Web page. Alumni decided to have a running deadline, which means that the applications will be accepted throughout the year and best candidate will receive the travel grant.

In order not to miss the opportunity to participate in the next alumni meeting, please, fill out the Alumni Survey 2013 in January!



Alumni were met with traditional Kyrgyz hospitality

Violetta Yan '05, Ekaterina Klimenko '10, Shoira Olimova '11, Nazik Mamedova '11, Elnura Omurkulova '11, Serik Beimenbetov '05, Amir Ishmatov '05, Bobur Nazarnuhamedov '11, Ernist Turdubaev '06

Alumna of the Year 2011

The Alumna of the Year 2012 is Dina Iglukova '07 from Kazakhstan! Dina was nominated together with two other candidates and won in the online voting on the Alumni Webpage!

During the past year Dina upgraded her OSCE staff grade; published the compilation of ten research papers written by her students under Central Asia Youth Network (CAYN)/OSCE project; conducted 3-day CAYN conference that included TEDx alike presentations, debates, trainings, and one-day crisis game written by her and Syinat Sultanaliyeva alumni'07; produced CAYN documentary; wrote white papers for the OSCE mission in Astana in order to contribute to the reconfiguration of the OSCE strategic activities in Central Asia. Dina also actively participated in the recruitment process for the OSCE Academy's Masters in Arts in Politics and Security Programme and was very successful in organizing social events for alumni when in Bishkek.



Keep it up Dina!

Junior Public Officers (JPO) Programme 2012

Last year four of the OSCE Academy's alumni from Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan has completed a three months internship at the Ministries of Foreign Affairs under the JPO Programme. The objective of the JPO Programme is to give alumni valuable work experience in the foreign ministries, at the same time to integrate them into the governments/public service of the countries in the region.



Danyar Suyunov '05, JPO 2011-2012 from Kyrgyzstan: "I have gained a valuable experience during my internship in the Department of International Organizations and Security under the Kyrgyz MFA. I was able to establish friendly relationships with the MFA's staff and I believe this will help me in my future career development in this government system. During my internship I have learned about activities of MFA and its role in forming of external policy of our country. Moreover, during this practical experience I managed to assist in organization of the seminar on "Implementation of universal anti-terrorist mechanisms"; In addition, I have developed document on modernized reporting and appraisal systems of MFA's staff; helped the MFA staff member to visit the OSCE Forum on cooperation for security in Vienna (January-April 2012), which was funded by the OSCE Center in Bishkek; maintained the correspondence with 56 ECOSOS UN member countries and achieved their approval for membership of Kyrgyzstan in ECOSOS UN."

This year finalists are:



Natalia Zacharchenko'12
Kyrgyzstan

I hope that the participation in JPO will be a unique chance to receive and apply the exclusive knowledge and experience further in my life.



Anahita Saymidinova '12
Tadjikistan

Being the Junior Public Officer in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, I will put my theoretical knowledge obtaining at the OSCE Academy into practice.



Cholpon Aitakhunova'12
Kyrgyzstan

The Junior Public Officers program is important school and contribution to my future career as an expert to add to peace and prosperity building in Kyrgyzstan and Central Asia



Javeed Ahmad'11
Afghanistan

In long run, I want to get my PHD in Islamic Studies for which I need to have both theoretical and practical knowledge that JPO will help me in that concern.

The OSCE Academy expresses its sincere gratitude to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Tajikistan, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Afghanistan and the Norwegian Institute of Foreign Affairs for their support of this new initiative.

Alumni Career Developments



Irina Wolf '06

I guess I have been invited to write my little 'success story' for the OSCE alumni magazine because I belong to those few young women, who after graduating from the OSCE Academy were pursuing Ph.D. studies, working at a university and raising children at the same time. So it is my honor and pleasure to share my story with you.

As I received the DAAD scholarship for pursuing my Ph.D. studies in 2007 I moved with my husband and the five-year old son to Konstanz, one of the most beautiful little towns in the southern Germany. The excellent research facilities at the University of Konstanz and a very cooperative and friendly environment at the working group on peace psychology made my transnational, interdisciplinary research on "Comparative quantitative and qualitative content analyses of coverage of Hizb ut-Tahrir in German, British and Kyrgyz quality newspapers in 2002-2007" a fascinating experience. Although my second son was born just three days af-

ter getting the official permission to conduct the dissertation research in psychology, I was able to continue my studies, working as a research assistant in the empirical project on modern anti-Semitism in Germany and teaching methods of research to undergraduate students. Apart from my regular responsibilities at the university I presented my research at five international conferences and published five research articles in Germany, Austria and the USA. My thesis was submitted in less than three years and was graded by the psychology and sociology professors from the University of Konstanz and the professor of journalism from the Michigan State University with summa cum laude. Shortly after the defense I conducted my post-doctoral research at the same university and in November 2011 I joined the Institute for Social Work and Social Education in Frankfurt am Main as a research officer. Currently I am involved in the evaluation of the German federal program "Promote Tolerance – Strengthen Competence" dealing with prevention of right-wing extremism, xenophobia

and anti-Semitism in Germany and implement the EU-project on prevention of sexual violence in sport.

Looking back at my own experiences I can only encourage and motivate young people in general, but women in particular to go for family AND work or studies. I suspect that it was exactly the desire to spend some more precious time with my family that made my working process highly efficient and goal-oriented. Over the last several years the words of the American theologian Reinhold Niebuhr became my personal prayer for the everyday life. He said, "God grant me the Serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the Courage to change those things I can, and the Wisdom to know the difference." Today I can say that without my family and my little encouraging prayers I wouldn't be there, where I am now. I wish you best of luck in your endeavors and looking forward to reading your success story!

One-Year Stay at NUPI



Indra Overland, coordinator and mentor

As part of the cooperation with the OSCE Academy, the Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (NUPI) offers the opportunity for two OSCE Academy alumni to go to Oslo for one-year fellowships in the Department of Russian and Eurasian Studies. The fellowship is an add-on to the MA degree from the OSCE Academy, and the purpose is to further prepare the two successful applicants for work in international affairs or study at PhD level by deepening their practical and academic experience. The daily work is a combination of own research initiatives and assistance to on-going research projects in the department. The first two fellows, Shemshat Kasimova '10 and Bakhromzhon Mananov '11, arrived in January 2012 and NUPI will accept another two for the year of 2013.



Kristin Fjæstad, coordinator

Shemshat Kasimova '11

I have been lucky to come back to NUPI for an entire year after my two-month internship here in 2010. Academic challenges in a friendly environment at NUPI create a unique atmosphere for a young researcher to develop and widen their horizon. Thanks to senior researchers I have adopted new ways to academic research and am now looking forward to applying my skills in a practical environment back home. Apart from academic concentration, it is also a great place to meet professionals with different background and expertise; various workshops and conferences are held throughout the year.



Moreover, Norway is not only about NUPI and although Norwegian weather might not be the best for someone who enjoys the sun as it is not out every day, it is certainly the best for someone who enjoys the outdoor activities, traveling and discovering new things. Norway being in the Schengen zone, changes the idea of closed borders, an idea that, I hope someday will be applicable in Central Asia.

I could go on, endlessly, about the benefits of staying a year at NUPI but will conclude that a year will not be counted by months or days spent in this institution but by accomplishments I hope I will achieve.

Bakhrom Mananov '11

“One-year Internship at the Norwegian Institute of International Affairs is a great opportunity for gaining experience and knowledge. Since NUPI is a research institute, one will be in a challenging academic atmosphere where he/she will be given different tasks. Except this, NUPI organizes lots of seminars and meetings with professional researchers and specialists who work in different fields like politics, economy, international affairs, development studies. Participation in these seminars helps to develop network for future work and academic development. Notwithstanding such intensive atmosphere, the working schedule is quite flexible and provides opportunities for interns to do their own small scale research and publish article or other type of academic paper. At present I am doing my own research on “Textual analysis of media”, and planning to publish an article with the research results. I found NUPI as good place for growth. The staff is very friendly and supportive, the country is beautiful and peaceful. In one sentence I would say NUPI is a great place for academic growth and Norway is beautiful.”



Alumni Travel Grant

The OSCE Academy Alumni Network, with support of the Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (NUPI) offers Travel Grants to enable OSCE Academy alumni to attend conferences worldwide. One Travel Grant will be available every six months- the first Travel Grant from January till June and the second Travel Grant - from July till December. The details and the application are available at:

<http://osce-academy.net/en/p1614249/>

In March 2012, Tulkinjon Umaraliev '07 was the first one to receive the Travel Grant to participate in the 2012 Milton A. Wolf Media and Diplomacy Seminar: Transitions Transformed: Ideas of Information and Democracy post 2011.

The second travel grant was given to Erkinbek Kamalov who presents his paper “ External view for the future of post 3.11 Japan” at the International Conference of International Peace Research Association 24-29 November, 2012

GCSP-A European Scholarship for Central Asia

In order to contribute to the advancement of professional knowledge in international peace and security, the Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP) and the European Institute of the University of Geneva (IEUG) are offering a European Scholarship for Central Asia to a candidate who has recently graduated from the OSCE Academy in Bishkek with a university degree, and who has demonstrated excellence in both his/her academic abilities and leadership potential. The programme is designed to prepare participants for leadership roles in government as well as international and non-governmental organisations. It provides expert training in international security policy through a balance of knowledge transfer and skills development. Participants who successfully complete the programme are awarded the ITC Certificate and the degree of Master of Advanced Studies in International and European Security (60 ECTS).

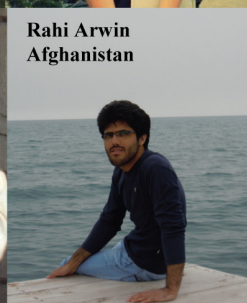


In 2011-2012 a European Scholarship for Central Asia was received by **Kushtarbek Shamshidov '10**.

“The GCSP scholarship, which is 9 month International Training Course (ITC) gave me a broad overview of international security issues with a special focus on the contemporary regional and global security environment. This course also gave me an extensive understanding about security concepts, the main actors as well as transnational and international sources of insecurity. ITC program combined with MAS program composed of highly qualified academics and practitioners from different backgrounds helped me to understand security related issues in a very effective manner. This scholarship program is best suited to those who are interested in continuing their academic or professional career in the security field. I also learned a lot from highly diversified colleges from different cultural and professional backgrounds.” - **Kushtarbek Shamshidov '10**

The call for applications is announced in November-December and disseminated via Alumni Mailing list and Alumni Webpage.

Welcome Our New Alumni '12



Alumni to Alumni



“My dear Alumni of 2008, now when it has been already four long years since we have graduated, looking back at what we’ve been through together, I want to tell you all that we truly had a great opportunity to get to know what it is like to be a part of the OSCE Academy. I am very honored for having a chance of getting to know all of the great teachers and mentors we came across during our study. And I believe I was blessed by having such a chance of studying at the Academy. Therefore, from the bottom of my heart I want to wish prosperity to the OSCE Academy, lots of luck to all of you and as many as possible of loud, crazy, arguing all the time students, as we were.

Best wishes,”

**Kim Oksana, Alumni '08
(Kyrgyzstan)**

“I often recall my warm memories about the wonderful year spent at the OSCE Academy in Bishkek. I am deeply grateful to the Academy faculty and staff for creating an amazing learning environment! However, people who really made that year unforgettable were my classmates. I would like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow students for the friendly atmosphere of mutual support. I enjoyed each and every moment spent with you.

I believe that such bright and intelligent people like you are those who will make Central Asia a region of peace and prosperity! I wish all OSCE Academy alumni good luck in their efforts to bring our countries together. Let’s spread the OSCE Academy spirit to every corner of Central Asia!”

**Nurlan Tussupov '09
(Kazakhstan)**



“Taking this opportunity, I’d like to wish our young intellectuals good luck at the beginning of your new spirit of adventures and hope that the acquired knowledge that OSCE Academy enabled you to possess will be used in the right channel! Your study at the academy is already a sign of your great achievement and may the beginning of the new outstanding achievements be as truly memorable and enjoyable as it was at the Academy. Set goals, make plans and commit yourself to become high achievers!
Take very good care of yourself.”

**Marhabo Yoldaliev '10
(Tajikistan)**

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