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## **THE 2<sup>ND</sup> GCSP-OSCE ACADEMY-NUPI SEMINAR “CENTRAL ASIA 2009” BISHKEK, 3-4 SEPTEMBER 2009**

On 3-4 September 2009 the *Geneva Centre for Security Policy* (GCSP), the *Norwegian Institute of International Affairs* (NUPI), and the *Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe* (OSCE) Academy, Bishkek, will organise a forum for security policy experts from Eurasia, East and South East Asia, Europe and the United States, to analyse and discuss the continued interaction of key regional security dynamics and functional issues in Central Asia over 2009.

A series of panels will identify major emergent themes, linkages and trends, and reflect on their strategic impact and security policy implications. The focus will include panels on the Afghan factor and Georgian crisis in Central Asian security politics, energy geopolitics, the role of the Collective Security Treaty Organization (CSTO) and the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) in the region, as well as US, and Chinese, Russian, Iranian and Indian policies towards Central Asia.

As well as enhancing partnerships between security policy experts and institutes in the region and strengthening our knowledge and understanding of contemporary security dynamics, the key findings of this Seminar will be published within a ‘Geneva Paper’ shortly after it concludes.

## *Programme*

**Wednesday, 2 September 2009**

**Arrival of Participants: Golden Dragon Hotel, Bishkek.**

**1800            Welcome Reception and Group Photo**

**Thursday, 3 September 2009: OSCE Academy**

**0900 - 0920    Welcome and Introduction to the Seminar**

**Mr. Maxim RYABKOV**, Director, OSCE Academy, Bishkek, Republic of Kyrgyzstan.

**Dr. Indra ØVERLAND**, Director, Energy Program, and Acting Head of Department of Russian and Eurasian Studies, Norwegian Institute of International Affairs, Oslo, Norway.

**Dr. Graeme P. HERD**, Co-Director, 24<sup>th</sup> International Training Course in Security Policy, Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP), Geneva, Switzerland.

**0930 - 1030    New Problems, Perspectives and Paradigms in Central Asia?**

Chair: **Dr. Pal DUNAY**, Director, 24<sup>th</sup> International Training Course in Security Policy, Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP), Geneva, Switzerland.

**‘Unilateral, Bilateral, and Multilateral Approaches to Security Problems in Central Asia’ - Dr. Farkhod TOLIPOV**, PhD in Political Science, Associate Professor at the National University of Uzbekistan, Tashkent, Uzbekistan.

**‘New Strategies in Central Asia: between Russia and America’ – Dr. Murat LAUMULLIN**, Institute of Strategic Studies under the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

**1100 - 1230    Energy Geopolitics in Central Asia**

Chair: **Dr. Indra ØVERLAND**, Director, Energy Program, NUPI, Oslo, Norway.

**‘NUPI Central Asia Regional Data-Gathering Team’**

**Mr. Kakhorjon AMINOV**, Project Coordinator/Policy Expert, Asian Development Bank/DFID: Implementation Support for Private sector Development Strategy in Tajikistan, Dushanbe, Tajikistan.

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**Mr. Jahangir KAKHAROV**, Part-time Lecturer, National University of Uzbekistan, Faculty of Economics, Tashkent, Republic of Uzbekistan.

**1400 – 1530**      **Afghan and Georgia Factors in Central Asia**  
 Chair: **Dr. Roger KANGAS**, Professor in Central Asian Studies, Near East South Asia Center (NESAC), National Defense University, Washington D.C., US.

**‘Afghan Factor and Security Problems of Tajikistan’ – Dr. Tagai RAKMONOV**, Main Specialist, Political and Ethno-political Processes Research Department, Strategic Research Centre under the President of the Republic of Tajikistan.

**‘The Georgian-Abkhazian conflict 2008: position of Kyrgyzstan’ - Amb. Muratbek IMANALIEV**, Director, Institute for Public Policy, Bishkek, Republic of Kyrgyzstan.

**‘CSTO in the context of Afghanistan and Georgia’ - Mr. Arkadii DUBNOV**, political analyst at the "Vremya Novostei" newspaper, Moscow, Russian Federation.

**1600 – 1730**      **India, Iran and China: Dynamics of Regional Cooperation and Competition?**

Chair: **Dr. Graeme P. HERD**, Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP), Geneva, Switzerland.

**‘Indian Perspectives’ - Dr Ajay PATNAIK**, Centre for Russian and Central Asian Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University of Delhi, India.

**‘Iranian Perspectives’ - Dr. Tim EPKENHANS**, Professor for Iranian and Islamic Studies, University of Freiburg Germany.

**‘Chinese Perspectives’ – Dr. ZHANG Ning**, Professor, Doctor, Deputy of Central Asian Division, *The Institute of Russian, East European & Central Asian Studies* (IREECAS) under the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS), Beijing, Peoples Republic of China.

#### **Friday 4 September 2009: OSCE Academy**

**0900 - 1015**      **Kazakhstan and the OSCE: Implications of Rebalancing the Basket?**

Chair: **Mr. Maxim RYABKOV**, Director, OSCE Academy, Bishkek, Republic of Kyrgyzstan.

**‘The Kazakh Chairmanship: Setting the Scene’ - Amb. Andrew TESORIERE**, Head of Mission, Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) Centre, Bishkek, Republic of Kyrgyzstan.

**‘Kazakhstan's Interests in Rebalancing the Politico-Military and Humanitarian Dimensions and Its Room for Maneuvering as OSCE Chairmanship State’ - Dr Stuart HORSMAN**, Policy Support Officer, Central Asia Desk, Policy Support Service, Conflict Prevention Centre, OSCE Secretariat, Vienna, Austria.

**1045 – 1200 Russian and US Central Asia Policy after the Financial Crisis?**

Chair: **Ms. Violetta YAN**, Deputy Director, OSCE Academy, Bishkek, Republic of Kyrgyzstan.

**‘Russian-Chinese Security Parameters and the SCO’ - Dr. Sergei LOUSIANIN**, Deputy Head, Far East Institute of the Russian Academy of Sciences.

**‘Obama’s Central Asia Policy: New Priorities and Approaches?’ - Dr. Roger KANGAS**, Professor in Central Asian Studies, Near East South Asia Center (NESAC), National Defense University, Washington D.C.

**‘New Dynamics in SCO-CSTO Relations’ - Dr. Pal DUNAY**, Director, 24<sup>th</sup> International Training Course in Security Policy, Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP), Geneva, Switzerland.

**1345 - 1500 Compound Crises and Development in Central Asia**

Chair: **Dr. Natalie HASSMAN**, Professor of Eurasian Studies, George C. Marshall European Centre for Security Studies, Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany

**‘UN system perspective of the situation and challenges in Kyrgyzstan’ - Mr. Timothy SCHAFFTER**, Representative, United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), Kyrgyz Republic.

**‘The Impact of the Global Financial Crisis on Development in Tajikistan’ - Ms. Hongwei GAO**, Representative, United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), Tajikistan.

**1530 – 1700 Concluding Remarks and Next Steps**

**Dr. Indra ØVERLAND**, Director, Energy Program, Norwegian Institute of International Affairs, Oslo, Norway.

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**1900 Concluding Informal Dinner**

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