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**THE 3RD GCSP-OSCE ACADEMY-NUPI-NESA SEMINAR
"CENTRAL ASIA 2010"
BISHKEK, 15-17 SEPTEMBER 2010**

The *Geneva Centre for Security Policy* (GCSP), the *Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe* (OSCE) Academy in Bishkek, the *Norwegian Institute of International Affairs* (NUPI), and the *Near East South Asia Centre for Strategic Studies* (NESAS) in Washington D.C. hold an annual forum for security policy experts from Eurasia, East and South East Asia, Europe and the United States. Through a series of inter-linked panel discussions, this seminar identifies and analyses key security trends in Central Asia, with a particular focus on their likely strategic implications. Issues highlighted in previous seminars have included the impact of the Afghan factor and the conflict in Georgia on Central Asian security politics, energy geopolitics, the evolving human security agenda, the role of the Collective Security Treaty Organisation (CSTO) and the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) in the region, as well as US, Chinese, Russian, Iranian and Indian policies towards Central Asia. The seminar is attended by over thirty participants and the synthesis of the work presented and the opinions expressed during the seminar are published in a *Geneva Paper*.

Programme

Tuesday 14 September 2009

Arrival of Participants: Ak Keme Hotel, Bishkek

1800 Welcome Reception and Group Photo

Wednesday 15 Sept. 2010: Human Security and Development

0900 – 0915 Welcome to the Seminar and Participants

Dr. 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. Roger KANGAS, Professor in Central Asian Studies, Near East South Asia Center (NESA), National Defense University, Washington D.C.

Dr. Graeme P. HERD, Head of International Security Programme and Co-Director, 25th International Training Course in Security Policy, Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP), Geneva, Switzerland.

0930 - 1100 Energy, Security and Conflict (NUPI Panel)

Chair: Dr. Indra Øverland, Director, Energy Program, NUPI.

Invited speakers:

NUPI Central Asia Regional Data-Gathering Team – Report 2010

1130 – 1300 Socio-Economic Development and Security

Chair: Dr. Maxim Ryabkov, Director, OSCE Academy

Invited speakers:

Neal Walker, Country Representative, UNDP, Kyrgyzstan

Jackie Charlton, Senior Regional Governance Advisor, DFID: *“What Impact Can Development Make on Radicalization and Extremism?”*

1500 – 17:00 Conflict, Ethnicity, Political Extremism, and Radical Islamism in Central Asia

Chair: Dr. Roger Kangas, Professor in Central Asian Studies, NESA .

Invited speakers:

Dr. Larisa Khoperskaya, Network for Ethnic Monitoring and Early Warning: *“Ethnic identity as a factor in political processes in Kyrgyzstan”*

Dr. Kadyr Malikov, Kyrgyzstan: *“State and Islam”*

Dr. Parviz Mullojanov, Tajikistan: *“Political Islam in Central Asia: main characteristics, current state and future prospects”*

18:00 Reception/Buffer at Hyatt Regency Bishkek (191, Sovetskaya Street, Bishkek) at 18h00

Thursday 16 Sept. 2010: Role of States

- 0900 - 1015 **Afghanistan, Pakistan and Central Asia (NESA PANEL)**
Chair: Thomas Wilhelm, Director, Foreign Military Studies Office (US Department of the Army at Ft Leavenworth, Kansas)
Invited speakers:
Prof. John Wood, NESA: *"Current Security Challenges in Afghanistan"*
Dr. Orozbek Moldaliev,: *"The Afghan syndrome in world politics: an uncertain future for Central Asia?"*
Daniele Riggio, Public Diplomacy Division, NATO: *"NATO support to a comprehensive approach for lasting security in Afghanistan"*
- 1045 – 1200 **China and India in Central Asia (GCSP Panel)**
Chair: Dr. Graeme P. Herd, Head of International security Programme, GCSP.
Invited speakers:
Dr. Feng Shaolei, Professor, East China Normal University
Dr. Ajay Patnaik, Professor, JNU, New Delhi: *"Comparing India's and China's approaches in Central Asia"*
- 1330 - 1500 **US and Russia in Central Asia**
Chair: Dr. Natalie Hassman, Professor of Eurasian Studies, George C. Marshall European Centre for Security Studies, Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany
Invited speakers:
Dr. Roger Kangas, Professor, NESA: *"U.S. Policy in Central Asia: Pragmatism and Future Options"*
Dr. Ivan Safranchuk, Associate Professor, MGIMO: *"Russia's Interests in Central Asia and the instruments of their realization"*
- 1530 – 1700 **Political Structures and Adaptation**
Chair: Violetta Yan, Deputy Director, OSCE Academy
Invited speakers:
Dr. Sally Cummings, Senior Lecturer, University of St. Andrews: *"The Geography of Authoritarianism in Central Asia"*
John Collis, Senior Partner of JCS and Director of the Kyrgyz-British Society: *"Democratic rule of law and its role in Kyrgyz insecurity"*
- 1715 **GROUP PHOTO Steps of OSCE Academy**
- 1730-1830 **CITY TOUR**

Friday 17 Sept. 2010: Multilateral Solutions

- 0900 – 1045 **Multilateral Relations and Regional Integration:**
Chair: Dr. Indra Overland, Director, Energy Program, NUPI.
Invited speakers:
Dr. Pal Dunay, Director of 25th International Training Course in Security Policy, Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP), Geneva, Switzerland.
Dr. Tim Epkenhans, Associate Professor, University of Freiburg
- 1100 – 1245 **OSCE Kazakh Chairmanship: A Score Card?**
Chair: Amb. Andrew Tesoriere
Invited speakers:
Dr. Murat Laumulin, Senior Researcher, Institute of Strategic Studies, Kazakhstan
Dr. Anne Kreikemeyer, CORE: *“Trust in a tolerant, traditional and transparent multi level game? The Kazakh OSCE Chairmanship 2010.”*
- 14:00 – 15:30 **Approaches to Hard Security**
Chair: Dr. Pal Dunay, Director of 25th ITC, GCSP
Invited speakers:
Dr. Farkhad Tolipov, Associate Professor, State University of Uzbekistan:
“Integration agenda and disintegration policy in Central Asia: Implications for regional security”
Dr. Gregory Gleason, George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany: *“Hard security, hard choices: collective security in Central Asia”*
- 1530 – 1700 **Conclusions – Looking Forward**

Ten pre-selected individual comments on panels from the audience. Key message from each panel – what do we not know, the way ahead.

Free discussion

Concluding remarks from the Organizers
- 1900 **Concluding Informal Dinner – TBA**