

CALL FOR PAPERS

NON-TRADITIONAL RISKS AND CHALLENGES TO CENTRAL ASIAN SECURITY CONFERENCE

17-18 May, 2018

OSCE ACADEMY
in Bishkek

The **OSCE Academy** invites applications for participation in its “Non-Traditional Risks and Challenges to Central Asian Security” conference, to be hosted by the OSCE Academy in Bishkek (Kyrgyzstan) on 17-18 May 2017. This event is part of our series of annual security events held by the Academy and generously funded by the **Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (NUPI)**. With this paper-based conference we aim to bring together experts and scholars from the region and beyond to discuss what can broadly be defined as non-traditional security challenges.

Background: The Annual Security Seminar, organised in Fall each year, traditionally focuses on issues related to conventional security threats such as the New Great Game, the region’s development vector, radicalization and violent extremism, as well as questions of the global political order. The rationale for our new conference is to provide space to explore non-traditional risks and challenges to Central Asian Security: panels will focus on issues that relate to human, social, environmental, and economic security such as deteriorating education, internet (il)literacy and cyber security, crumbling social protection, energy security, environmental pollution, climate change and its consequences, including forced migration, the melting of glaciers and threats to food security.

We welcome paper proposals focusing on these and other related issues, and we invite proposals for pre-organised panels, workshops, and roundtables.

The working language of the Seminar is English; in selected cases Russian can be considered as second conference language (the Academy has limited resources to provide simultaneous translation).

Researchers, practitioners, representatives of local and international organizations, policy makers and government officials from Central Asia and the OSCE region are encouraged to apply. There is a limited amount of travel and accommodation funding available for both academic and non-academic participants.

Please send your abstract (max. 300 words) and a short BIO (max. 200 words) to: securityconference2018@osce-academy.net no later than **25 March 2018**. Please also indicate in your application if you request partial or full travel support to participate in the Seminar.

The selected participants will be informed by **April 16th, 2018**.

We plan to publish best papers as a special edition of the Academy’s Policy Papers series and, via translation into Russian, as part of the Academic Yearbook 2018.

In case of questions please write to our Research and Training Coordinator, Svetlana Dzardanova at s.dzardanova@osce-academy.net