

OSCE Academy Regional Security Conference

CENTRAL ASIAN SECURITY: FACTORS OF FRAGILITY, SOURCES OF RESILIENCE

OSCE ACADEMY
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11-14 October 2018

In a time when old and new challenges are gaining momentum all over the globe, it is paramount to develop an analytical clarity regarding what makes security fragile and what is capable of making it resilient. Security is not a static good, but a condition in time, ever open to change and to being impacted by numberless factors. The challenge for political leaders and their governments, for societies at large, and for scholars and knowledge communities is to train our eyes and to fit our actions to the understanding of the evolving nature of security and, hence, to addressing factors of fragility and tapping into sources of resilience to threats, in Central Asia or elsewhere. Relevant actors are many, within and across states, in Central Asia and outside, all with different interests, backgrounds and capabilities. A critical and topical scholarly inquiry into these actors, the processes they are involved in, interests and capabilities they bring, and generally, into bridling fragility and enhancing resilience, with a concentrated look on the nexus between the two in the wider region of Central Asia, is what the conference hopes to engender.

PROGRAMME

Wednesday 10 October, 2018 Arrival

Thursday 11 October, 2018

8.45-9.00 REGISTRATION

9.00-9.30 WELCOMING ADDRESS:

Amb. Dr. Pierre von Arx, Head of the OSCE Programme Office in Bishkek

Dr. Alexander Wolters, Director of the OSCE Academy

9.30-11.00 | KEY NOTE SPEECH: "Security Challenges Across the Domain Spectrum" Dr. Flemming Splidsboel Hansen

11.00-11.15 COFFEE BREAK

**11.15-12.10 | PANEL 1: Central Asian Regional Integration – Relevant Again?
Chair: Shairbek Juraev, Marie Curie Fellow, University of St Andrews**

Central Asian Integration: Chances and Challenges **Bakhtiyor Alimdjanov**

United and Disunited Central Asia: Multiple Identities of Central Asians **Arzuu Sheranova**

12.10-13.10 LUNCH AT DOLCE VITA PIZZERIA

13.10-14.25 | PANEL 2: Regional Implications of Peace and Insecurity in Afghanistan

Chair: Dr. Payam Foroughi, Adjunct Professor, American University of Central Asia (AUCA)

The Struggle for establishing New Peace Order in and around Afghanistan **Rigina Syssoyeva**

Implications of Peace in Afghanistan **Mohammad Hasan Raha**

Daesh in North of Afghanistan and its Implication for Central Asia **Qayoom Soroush**

14.25-14:30 SHORT BREAK

14.30-15.45 | PANEL 3: State-building in Afghanistan and Its Discontents

Chair: Dr. Emil Dzhuraev, Senior Lecturer, OSCE Academy

Afghanistan's 2019 Pre-election Contest: Technocrats versus Strongmen/Warlords and its New Implication on the Upcoming Presidential Election **Rahimullah Kakar**

Insecurity, the Main Factor behind Afghans' Dramatic Move to Cities and Afghanistan's Urban Future **Naqibullah Ahmadi**

Afghanistani Diaspora Community in Hamburg-Germany: Between making a new Home in Germany and solving the Fragile Status Quo in Afghanistan **Javeed Ahwar**

15.45-16.00 COFFEE BREAK

16.00-17.15 PANEL 4: Security Among, Across and By States

Chair: Mr. Medet Tiulegenov, Head of the International and Comparative Politics, AUCA

Regional Security Challenges require Strong Leadership: Comparative Analysis of Central Asia and the Western Balkans **Ivana Vuchkova**

Grassroots Peacebuilding: Cross-Border Cooperation in the Ferghana Valley **Diana Mamatova**

Terrorism in "The Land of the Great Steppe": How the State represents Terrorism in Kazakhstan **Nurbek Bekmurzaev**

17.30 DEPARTURE FROM THE OSCE ACADEMY

18.00 RECEPTION at Hotel Plaza Restaurant

Friday 12 October, 2018

9.00-10.30 | PANEL 5: Attractions and Puzzles of the Silk Road Theme

Chair: Dr. Charles J. Sullivan, Assistant Professor, Nazarbayev University

China's State Capitalism and Geostrategic Vision as Mutually Constitutive Drivers of Belt and Road

Initiative in the Central Asian Context **Bokhtar Bakozade**

Silk Road as new Foreign Policy Discourse: Evidence from the U.S, China, and Russian Engagement Strategies in Central Asia **Ramakrushna Pradhan**

The Energy Silk Road as a Confidence and Security Building Measure **Richard Wheeler**

10.30-10.45 COFFEE BREAK

10.45-12.15 | PANEL 6: The Belt and Road Initiative Between Kabul and Kiyev

Chair: **Dr. Kemel Toktomushev, Assistant Professor and Research Fellow, University of Central Asia**

Afghanistan Perspectives on the Belt and Road Initiative: Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats **Abdullah Zahid**

Afghanistan's Belt and Road Regional Prospects towards the Economy of Integrated Development **Mohammad Irfani**

Chinese Global Infrastructure Projects: a Challenge or a Prospect? A Perspective from Ukraine **Yurii Poita**

12.15-13.15 LUNCH AT DOLCE VITA PIZZERIA

13.20-14.50 | PANEL 7: Regimes Coping with Internal and External Stress

Chair: **Dr. Philipp Lottholz, Post-Doctoral Research Assistant, University of Reading**

The Effects of Major Powers Regional Competition upon Minor Powers' Adaptation Strategies. The Southern Caucasus Case **Carlo Frappi**

Embattled Authoritarians: Continuity and Collapse in Central and Southwest Asia **Charles Sullivan**

Terror on Tourism: Dissecting the July 2018 Deadly Attack in Tajikistan **Payam Foroughi**

14.50-14.55 SHORT BREAK

14.55-15.50| PANEL 8: Energy Cooperation and (In-)Security

Chair: **Mr. Richard Wheeler, Managing Director of the Center for Energy Security Dialogue, USA**

Bishkek Power Plant Breakdown and its Implications for Management of Kyrgyzstan's Public Debt **Amangeldi Djumabaev**

An EU Perspective on Central Asia's Energy Security Landscape: Stable Interests, Changing Environment **Tamás Kozma**

15.50-16.05 COFFEE BREAK

16.05-17.30 | PANELS 9: Resilience and Fragility Below the State

Chair: **Dr. Alexander Wolters, Director, OSCE Academy**

New Societal Transitions in Uzbekistan: From Strong State to Strong Society? **Madina Abdullaeva**

Community-Level Crime Prevention and Resilience – Part of or Substitute for Law Enforcement Reform? **Philipp Lottholz**

The June 2010 Ethnic Conflict and Communal Security in Osh in Micro- and Macro-Comparative Perspectives **Joldon Kutmanaliev**

Civil Activism or Non-Civil Survival? Comparative Case Studies of LGBT1 Groups in Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan **Reina Artur Kyzy**

17.30-17.40 COFFEE BREAK

17.40-18.30 | PANEL 10: Religion, Secularism and the State in Central Asia **Chair: Dr. Emil Dzhuraev, Senior Lecturer, OSCE Academy**

Reforms in Religious Sphere in Uzbekistan: Islam and State Security **Yorkinjon Khaydarov**

Securitization of Religion in Central Asia: Influence of the Arab Uprisings beyond the Middle East **Yasar Sari**

18.30-18.40 | CONCLUDING REMARKS

Saturday 13 October, 2018

9.30-11.00 | PUBLIC LECTURE: “Afghanistan and Central Asia in a Glance (from Policy to Practice)”
(in Russian Language) **Dr. Moheb Spinghar**, Director of the Institute of Diplomacy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan

11.00-11.15 COFFEE BREAK

11.15-13.00 SIMULTANEOUS WORKSHOPS

Cyber Security: How to Protect yourself in a Cyberspace (in English language) Conference Hall

Trainers: Dr. Anna Gusarova, Director of the Central Asia Institute for Strategic Studies, Kazakhstan and Erlan Bakiev, Head of Department Service for Counter Extremism and Illegal Migration, Ministry of Interior, Kyrgyzstan

System of Restrictions and Bans on Public Servants (Goal, Types, Comparative Analysis) (in Russian Language) Room 14

Trainer: Jaroslav Strelchenok, International Anti-Corruption Expert, Latvia

13.00-14.00 LUNCH AT RESTAURANT NAVAT

Sunday 14 October, 2018 Departure

Rapporteur Ammar Rezai, alumnus of 2015, MA Programme in Politics and Security
