



Joint Expert/Alumni Conference

Central Asia: Comprehensive Security and Sustainable Development

Date: 4-5 November 2023

Venue: OSCE Academy in Bishkek. Conference room.

Address: 1A Botanicheskiy pereulok, Bishkek

About the Conference

Security problems have become more interconnected today, affecting many settings on individual, state, and regional levels. A comprehensive approach to security issues can help consideration of security issues from various perspectives. The Central Asian countries have been challenged by several security problems that can be best examined and discussed with the application of a comprehensive security approach. Looking into security problems this way can contribute to sustainable development of Central Asia and the separate countries within it. In light of the diversity of challenges present in the region and the integration of a comprehensive security approach, this conference will shed light on issues as diverse as gender, youth, and climate change. Also, it includes reflections on the role and cooperation of international organizations with a focus on the OSCE and EU in Central Asia as well as on current geopolitical development in the region.

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Organizers

The OSCE Academy in Bishkek is a public foundation that promotes regional cooperation, conflict prevention, and good governance in wider Central Asia through postgraduate education, professional training, and intellectual exchange. The Academy offers MA degree programs in Economic Governance and Development, Politics and Security, Human Rights and Sustainability as well as BA degree program in Economics. The Academy provides expert training and conducts demand-driven research. More information is available at: www.osce-academy.net.

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CONFERENCE AGENDA

Please click the link below to join the webinar:

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4 November (Saturday)

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| 9:30 – 9:45 | Arrival and registration |
| 09:45 – 10:05 | OPENING REMARKS Dr Indira Satarkulova , <i>Acting Director, OSCE Academy in Bishkek</i> H.E. Ambassador Alexey Rogov , <i>Head of the OSCE Programme Office in Bishkek</i> |
| 10:05 – 11:00 | Keynote Speech (online) <i>“Daughters as Ojiza: Daughter’s Marriage, Security and Care among Uzbeks in Southern Kyrgyzstan”</i> , Dr Aksana Ismailbekova , <i>Post-Doc Leibniz-Zentrum Moderner Orient, Crossroads Asia Department</i> |
| 11:00 – 11:30 | Coffee Break |
| 11:30 – 12:30 | Panel I: Gender. Moderator: Aichurek Kurmanbekova <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. “Climate Resilience and Adaptive Social Protection in Uzbekistan: A Gender and Youth-Centric Study”, Murodjon Khalikov2. “Conflict and its resolution in Ferghana Valley: perspectives and role of local women peacebuilders”, Zuleikha Makhmudova3. “Bridging the Skills Gap and the Digital Divide in Central Asia: Lessons from Singapore’s Experience”, Assel Mussagaliyeva-Tang4. "Equality in Action: Gender Projects with a Focus on Uzbekistan's Case", Makhmudjon Utkurov |
| 12:30 – 13:30 | Lunch |
| 13:30 – 14:10 | Q&A Session |
| 14:10 – 15:10 | Panel II: Youth. Moderator Dr Erman Akılı <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. “The role of youth civil society in creating a thriving young workforce to power the energy transition in Central Asia: Potential barriers and a policy roadmap”, Dimitrios Symeonidis2. “How international organizations are implementing peacebuilding projects? Voices of young people from southern Kyrgyzstan”, Kanatbek Abdiev3. “Fostering Youth Participation in Foreign Trade for Sustainable Development in Central Asia”, Saodat Umarova4. “The role of the Youth in Global processes”, Begim Zhanuzakova |
| 15:10 – 15:50 | Q&A Session |
| 15:50 – 16:20 | Coffee Break |
| 16:20 – 17:00 | Report presentation and discussion |

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| | “Central Asia Barometer Survey: Opinions on Climate Change and Ecological Issues in Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan”, Kasiet Ysmanova |
| 17:00 – 17:45 | Panel III: Climate Change. Moderator Dr Aijan Sharshenova <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. “Power Struggles on Frozen Frontiers: Climate Change, Geopolitics and the Arctic”, Dr Erman Akilli 2. “Mining sector nexus climate change in Central Asia”, Diyorjon Keldiyorov 3. “Blue Paradiplomacy: Bridging Waters for Climate Resilience and Cooperation in a Changing World”, Mira Dzhakshylykova |
| 17:45 – 18:30 | Q&A Session |
| 19:00 | Reception dinner at Navat restaurant. Transport provided by the organizers. |

5 November (Sunday)

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| 09.15-09.20 | Arrival |
| 09:30 – 10:30 | Panel IV: Central Asia and International stakeholders. Moderator: Dr Fabio Indeo <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. “Perspectives for the OSCE Human Dimension in the reshaped Central Asia”, Akmaljon Abdullayev 2. “Dynamics of Regional Development in Central Asia and "C5+1" Format of Cooperation”, Farrukh Khakimov 3. “The Rise of Trilateral Platforms in the Context of Increasing Central Asia-EU Trade: The Role of Azerbaijan and Turkiye”, Ibrahim Mammadov |
| 10:30-11:00 | Discussion |
| 11:00 – 11:30 | Coffee Break |
| 11:30 – 12:30 | Round Table: “ <i>The OSCE and the EU in the Reshaped Central Asia Geopolitical Scenario</i> ”. Dr Matteo Gerlini and Dr Fabio Indeo <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. EU representative speech (TBC) 2. Colin McCullough, Senior Planning and Co-Ordination Officer OSCE Programme Office in Bishkek 3. “Central Asia-OSCE-EU: perspectives of cooperation and dialogue in a reshaped geopolitical scenario”, Dr Fabio Indeo |
| 12:30 – 13:00 | Discussion |
| 13:00 – 13:20 | CLOSING REMARKS Dr Indira Satarkulova , <i>Acting Director, OSCE Academy in Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic</i> |
| 13:20 | Departure to Ethno Complex Supara. Transport provided by the organizers. |
| 14:00-15.30 | Closing lunch |

