



OSCE ACADEMY
in Bishkek



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Latest developments of the OSCE Academy

- On 17 February 2023, the OSCE Academy had its Graduation Ceremony for students of the MA Programmes in Politics & Security and Economic Governance & Development 2021-2023. Overall 25 graduates from Afghanistan, Belarus, Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan received their MA degrees.
- In February 2023 the MA Programme in Economic Governance and Development has received international accreditation from the Agency for Quality Assurance in Education "EdNet".
- In April 2023 the MA Programme in Human Rights and Sustainability has received a License from the Ministry of Education and Science of the Kyrgyz Republic. The first cohort of students started their studies in September 2023.
- In June 2023 the MA Programme in Politics and Security received international accreditation by the "EdNet" Agency for Quality Assurance in Education.
- On 29 September 2023, the OSCE Academy in Bishkek together with the Global Campus of Human Rights in Venice commemorated the 75th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration for Human Rights and held the opening ceremony for the regional Master Programme in Liberal Arts in Human Rights and Sustainability in Central Asia.
- Since October 2023 the OSCE Academy in Bishkek with the support of the OSCE POiB, Ministry of Foreign Affairs following the agreement received from the Ministry of Digital Development, State National Security Committee and State Registration Agency stopped facing foreign citizens' registration issue.

Post-Graduate Education

Admission Statistics 2023

Country	PS	EGD	MAHRS	Total	Enrolled students							
	Submitted applications		PS		EGD		MAHRS		Total			
	Male	Female	Male		Female	Male	Female	Male	Female			
Afghanistan	264	491	436	1191	3	0	1	4	2	2	6	6
Kazakhstan	22	2	18	42	1	5	0	0	1	1	2	6
Kyrgyzstan	130	94	106	330	3	6	2	8	0	2	5	16
Mongolia	4	3	12	19	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	2
Tajikistan	18	24	18	60	2	3	2	4	0	2	4	9
Turkmenistan	3	5	7	15	0	2	0	0	1	2	1	4
Uzbekistan	28	25	20	73	1	0	0	1	1	1	2	2
Out of region	25	12	58	95	0	3	0	0	1	0	1	3
Total	494	656	675	1825	10	20	5	18	7	10	22	48

MA EGD and MA PS (class 2022/2024)

Student Enrollment Statistics (as of November 2023):

Country	Politics and Security		Economic Governance and Development		Combined	
	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male
Afghanistan	0	1	0	3	0	4
Kazakhstan	1	4	0	0	1	4
Kyrgyzstan	4	5	6	2	10	7
Mongolia	1	1	1	0	2	1
Tajikistan	3	2	4	0	7	2
Turkmenistan	0	0	0	0	0	0
Uzbekistan	0	2	0	1	0	3
Out of region (Belarus, Russia)	1	1	0	0	1	1
Sum	10 (38%)	16 (62%)	11(65%)	6(35%)	21(49%)	22 (51%)
Total	26		17		43	



MA EGD and MA PS (class 2023/2025)

Student Enrollment Statistics (as of November 2023):

Country	Politics and Security		Economic Governance and Development		Combined	
	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male
Afghanistan	0	2	0	0	0	2
Kazakhstan	4	1	0	0	4	1
Kyrgyzstan	6	4	8	2	14	6
Mongolia	0	0	1	0	1	0
Tajikistan	3	2	3	1	6	3
Turkmenistan	0	0	0	0	0	0
Uzbekistan	0	1	0	0	0	1
Out of region (Turkiye, Russia)	2	0	0	0	2	0
Sum	15(60%)	10 (40%)	12 (80%)	3 (20%)	27 (67,5%)	13 (32,5%)
Total	25		15		40	



MA in Human Rights and Sustainability (class 2023/2025)

Student Enrollment Statistics (as of November 2023):

Country	MAHRS	
	Female	Male
Afghanistan	0	1
Kazakhstan	1	1
Kyrgyzstan	6	0
Tajikistan	1	0
Mongolia	0	1
Uzbekistan	1	0
Out of region (Russia)	0	1
Sum	9 (69%)	4 (30.7%)
Total	13	



Undergraduate Education

Admission Statistics 2023

Country	BA in Economics			
	Submitted applications	Enrolled students		
		Male	Female	Total
Afghanistan	2111	1	3	4
Kazakhstan	16	0	0	0
Kyrgyzstan	212	3	10	13
Mongolia	5	1	0	1
Tajikistan	50	1	3	4
Turkmenistan	1	0	0	0
Uzbekistan	40	3	0	3
Total	2435	9	16	25

BA in Economics

Student Enrollment Statistics (as of November 2023):

Country	Class 2022-2026		Class 2023-2027		Combined	
	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male
Afghanistan	0	0	2	1	2	1
Kazakhstan	0	1	0	0	0	1
Kyrgyzstan	6	2	10	3	16	5
Mongolia	0	0	0	1	0	1
Tajikistan	0	0	3	1	3	1
Turkmenistan	0	0	0	0	0	0
Uzbekistan	1	0	0	3	1	3
Sum	7(70%)	3(30%)	15(62,5%)	9(37,5%)	22(64%)	12(36%)
Total	10		24		34	



Summer School 2023

Summer School Participation

Country	Female	Male
Afghanistan	0	2
Kazakhstan	6	3
Kyrgyzstan	16	10
Mongolia	4	0
Tajikistan	7	8
Turkmenistan	3	0
Uzbekistan	5	4
Out of the Region (Türkiye, Russia)	2	0
Sum	43 (61.4%)	27 (38.6%)
Total	70	



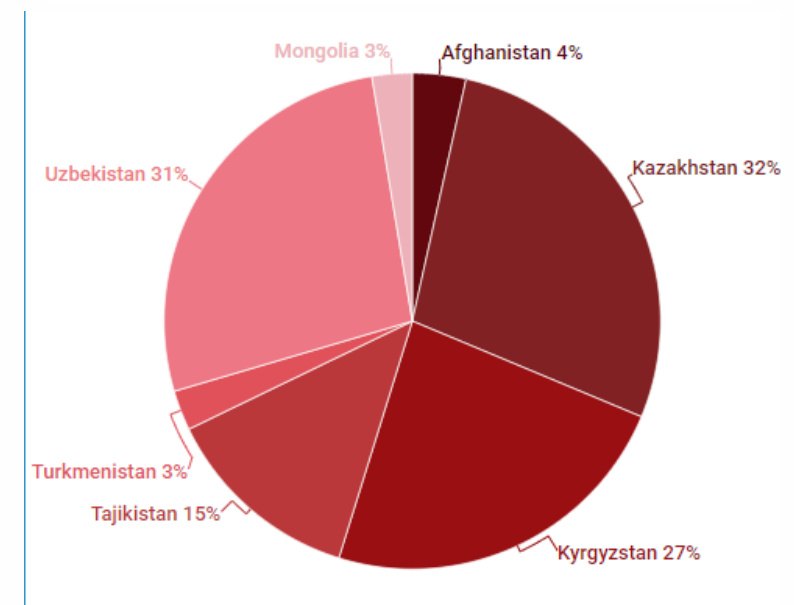
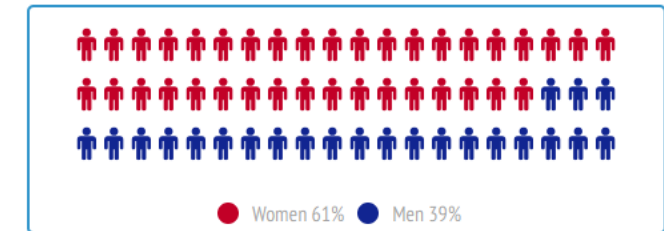
Library

	Library catalogue		
	Current Library statistics	Titles: 3,677 Copies: 4,058	
	Database		Subscription period
1	EBSCO eBook Academic Subscription Collection This multidisciplinary collection includes more than 237,000 e-books covering a large selection of academic subjects and features e-books from leading publishers and university presses.		2023-2024
2	EBSCO (online journals)		2022-2023
3	Jstor		2022-2023
4	Taylor & Francis (online journals)		2022-2023

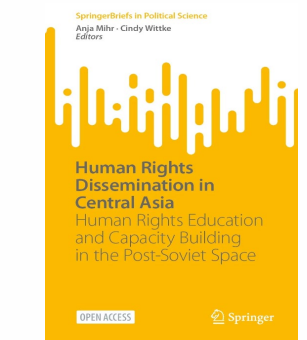
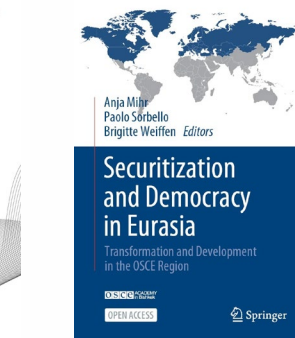
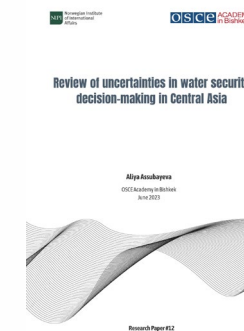
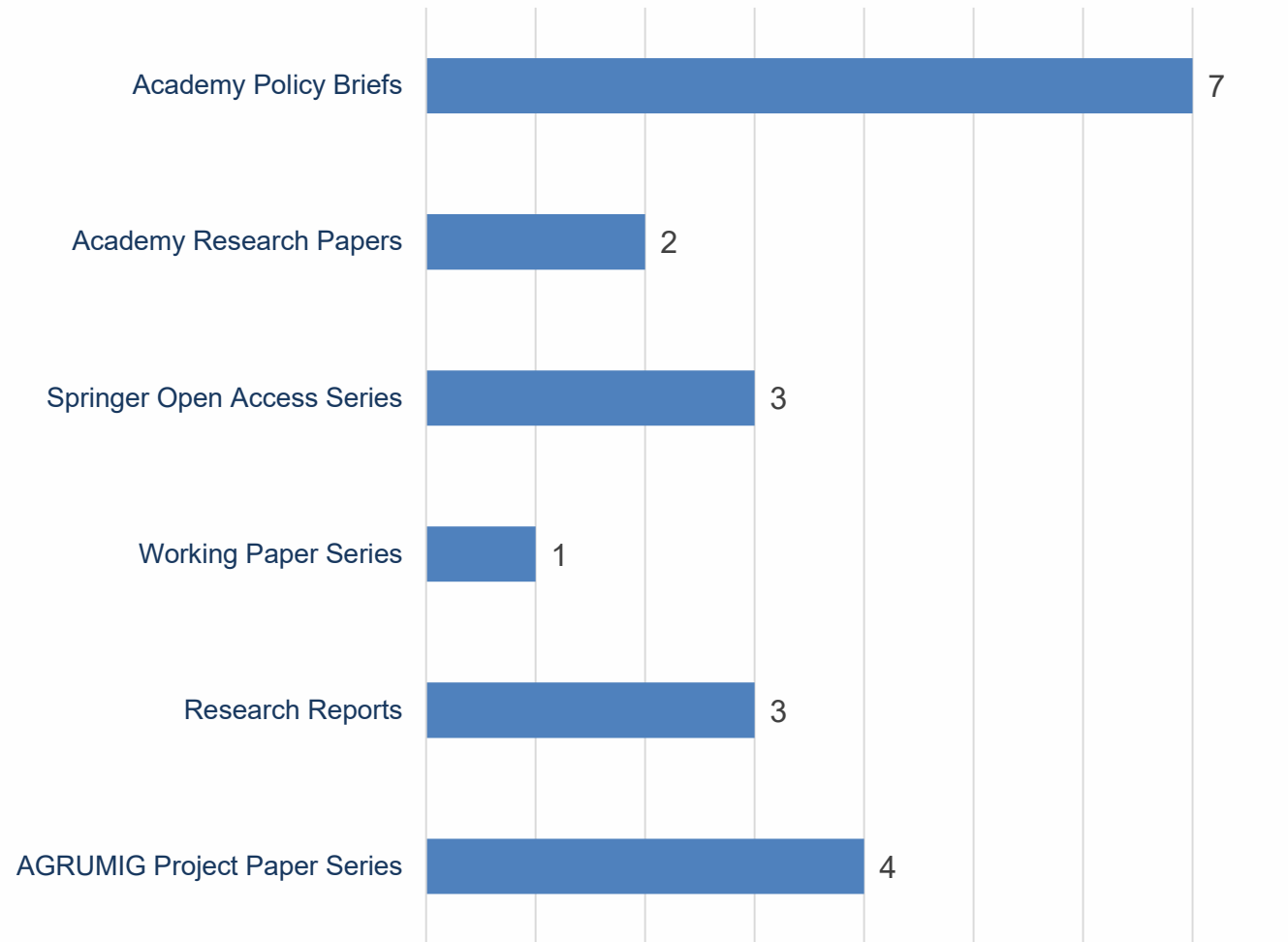
Events & Professional Trainings

Date	Events	Type	Mode	Att.
1 Mar. 2023	"China's Fragmented Foreign Policy", Prof. Andrew Mertha, Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies (in cooperation with American Councils for International Education)	Guest Lecture	In-person	24
28 Mar. 2023	"Foreign Fighters and International Peace: Joining Global Jihad and Marching Back Home", Cholpon Orozobekova, Director of the Bulan Institute for Peace Innovations and OSCE Academy's Associate Research Fellow	Book launch	In-person	49
12 Apr. 2023	"China-Russia Relations in a Changing Central Asia", Dr. Brian Carlson, Head of the Global Security Team of the Think Tank at the Center for Security Studies (in cooperation with American Councils for International Education)	Guest Lecture	In-person	24
24 Apr. 2023	"Climate Change in Central Asia – Decarbonization, Energy Transition and Climate Policy"	Book launch	hybrid	88
27 Apr. 2023	"The Current State of China-Central Asia Relations", Raffaello Pantucci and Alessandro Arduino (FCDO)	Workshop	In-person	19
28 Apr. 2023	"Central Asia's International Relations: Decision-Making Actors and Processes", Dr. Shairbek Dzhuvaev, OSCE Academy's Postdoc Research Fellow (in cooperation with Volkswagen Foundation)	Workshop	online	44
15-17 May 2023	"Connecting Protest Research(ers)", Dr. Asel Doolotkeldieva (NRRF, George Washington University), Dr. Beate Eschment (ZOIS), and DAAD.	Workshop	In-person	39
31 May 2023	"The Geopolitical Everyday: Capturing Transnational Attractions in Sympathies of Students in Bishkek and Osh", Barbara Meier, OSCE Academy's Associate Research Fellow	Public Lecture	online	18
26 Jun. 2023	"Winning Hearts and Minds Abroad: Public Diplomacy Talk", Prof. Erman Akilli, (Kırşehir Ahi Evran University) and Dr. Aijan Sharshenova, OSCE Academy's Postdoc Research Fellow	Policy Discussion	In-person	22
27-28 Jun 2023	"China-Central Asia Affairs: Perspectives from Junior Research Fellows"	Conference	In-person	28
30 Aug. 2023	"Uncertainties in Water Security Decision-making in Central Asia", Dr. Aliya Assubayeva, OSCE Academy's Research Fellow	Public Lecture	Online	22
14 Sep 2023	"Regional Security Regime Emerging in Central Asia", Anna Jordanova, OSCE Academy's Associate Research Fellow	Public Lecture	Online	11
16 Oct 2023	"Does Opium Fuel Insurgent Groups? Evidence from Afghanistan", Pengshan Pan, OSCE Academy's Research Fellow	Public Lecture	Hybrid	TBA
19 Oct 2023	"Central Asia Forecasting Project Launch 2023" (in cooperation with FES)	Report Discussion	Hybrid	TBA
3-4 Nov 2023	"Central Asia: Comprehensive Security and Sustainable Development"	Joint Expert/Alumni Conference	Hybrid	TBA

#	Date	Trainings
1	7-11 Aug 2023	Certificate Training: "Project Management" (in-person)
2	17-21 Sep 2023	Certificate training: "Peace and Conflict" (in-person)
3	25-28 Sep 2023	Certificate training: "Conflict Sensitive Journalism" (in-person)



Publications



Projects in Partnership

Enhancing the capacity of local researchers studying the impact of Chinese involvement in China	Foundation for Open Societies Institute
Chinese Information Operation in the Kyrgyz Republic	Global Engagement Center
Better understanding of the growing Chinese position in Central Asia as a result of the Russia/Ukraine conflict	UK FCDO
Analyzing Chinese Influence in Central Asia	National Endowment for Democracy
Digitalization of Infrastructure and Decarbonization in Central Asia: Opportunities and Challenges	CAREC
Institutional Change and Social Practice. Research on the Political System, the Economy and Society in Central Asia and the Caucasus	Bielefeld University
Negotiating strategic partnerships: domestic roots of foreign policies in post-Soviet Eurasia	University of Dortmund
Leaving something behind - Migration governance and agricultural and rural change in "home" communities: Comparative experience from Europe, Asia, and Africa	EU's Framework Horizon 2020 Programme

Alumni Statistics

MA in Politics and Security				MA in Economic Governance and Development				Total		
Country	Fem	Male	Total	Country	Fem	Male	Total	Fem	Male	Subtotal
KG	87	48	135	KG	57	20	77	144	68	212
KZ	34	24	58	KZ	6	5	11	40	29	69
TJ	36	52	88	TJ	16	18	34	52	70	122
UZ	21	26	47	UZ	5	9	14	26	35	61
TM	18	9	27	TM	3	1	4	21	10	31
AFG	10	41	51	AFG	14	30	44	24	71	95
OoR	9	15	24	OoR	5	0	5	14	15	29
	215	215	430		106	83	189	321	289	619

Alumni Activities

Events

- **16-20 April 2023** International Spring School on “Human Rights & Good Governance for Security in Central Asia,” organized in co-operation with the OSCE POiB and the Global Campus of Human Rights in Venice
- **16 April, 23 May, and 26 May 2023** Chapter Meetings in Tashkent, Astana, and Vienna
- **4-5 Nov 2023 Joint Alumni/Experts Conference** “Central Asia: Comprehensive Security and Sustainable Development.” Side event - round table “The OSCE and the EU in the Reshaped Central Asia Geopolitical” held jointly with the University of Siena, Italy



Support

- **16-21 Jul 2023** Workshop on Contemporary Security Sector Governance and Reform conducted by OSCE CPC and Geneva Centre for Security Sector Governance
- **Sep-Dec 2023** Junior Teaching Fellowship: International University of Kyrgyzstan, National Kyrgyz University, Kyrgyz Economic University, University of World Economy and Diplomacy, Uzbekistan
- **Spring and Fall 2023** JPO at the State Personal Data Protection Agency of KR, Ministry of Economy of KR, and National Investments Agency under the President of the Kyrgyz Republic
- **Oct 2023** OSCE PA Research Fellowship and GCSP MAS Scholarship

Partnerships & Cooperation

New Partners

- International University of Kyrgyzstan
- Kyrgyz Economic University
- State Agency for the Protection of Personal Data under the Cabinet of Ministers of the Kyrgyz Republic
- Kirşehir Ahi Evran University, Türkiye
- South East European University, North Macedonia
- Narxoz University, Kazakhstan
- Leibniz Institute for East and Southeast Studies in Regensburg, Germany
- International Court of Arbitration in affiliation with the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the KR
- PIL Research Company, Kyrgyzstan
- Japan Central Asia Friendship Association
- University of Siena, Italy

Erasmus+ new results

- CAGHAN - Central Asia - Governance, History, Anthropology and Neighborhoods and the end result would be an Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters on Central (Eur) Asian Studies project received initial funding for development of the programme.
- Joint Master Program in Political Science aimed to develop, test and implement a Joint Master's Program in Political Science

Joint Projects as Implementing Partner

- "Enhancing youth crime and drug use prevention through education on legality and awareness campaigns addressing threats of organized crime and corruption," OSCE OCEEA/TNTD

Erasmus+ Academic Mobilities

- Aleksanteri Institute, University of Helsinki, Finland – 2 students went for traineeship in Fall 2023
- Freiburg University in Germany – 1 student went in Spring 2023
- National University of Political Studies and Public Administration (SNSPA), Bucharest, Romania; - 2 outgoing Staff mobilities and 1 incoming Staff for Teaching mobility
- Philipps-University Marburg, Germany – 2 incoming Staff for Teaching mobilities

Jean Monnet Module

- Jean Monnet Module on EU Climate Policy – first Module and Round-table launched the project

MOCCA

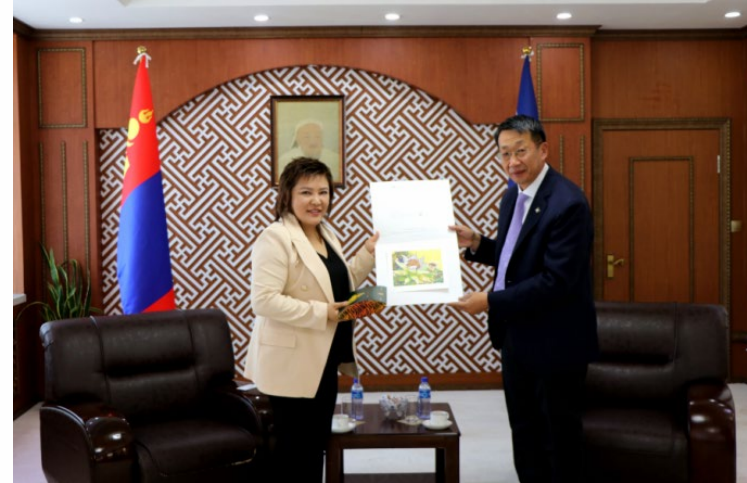
- MOCCA: Multilevel Orders of Corruption in Central Asia," a Horizon 2020 project led by the University of Lund, Sweden

Partnerships & Cooperation: Mongolia

16 October 2023:

- Meeting with the Minister of Education and Science of Mongolia H. E. Mr. Enkh-Amgalan Luvsantseren
- OSCE Academy and the National University of Mongolia signed a Memorandum of Cooperation
- Meeting with the Representatives of the Institute for Strategic Studies under National Security Council of Mongolia (MoC is under discussion)

This visit has been organized with the support of the Permanent Mission of Mongolia to the OSCE in Vienna, the Mongolian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and the OSCE Programme Office in Bishkek.



Financial reporting

2023	UB	ExB*	NOR MFA / NUPI	3PF	Total:
Budget Planned	480,000 €	1,154,875 €	530,713 €	639,700 €	2,805,288 €
Budget Expenditures (end-of-Oct)	326,584 €	467,544 €	393,840 €	444,206 €	1,632,174 €

* Including indirect costs

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