

THE 3RD ALUMNI CONFERENCE
“CENTRAL ASIA: COMPREHENSIVE SECURITY AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT”
BISHKEK, 12-14 SEPTEMBER, 2014

On 12-14 September the *Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) Academy*, Bishkek, organizes a third forum for its alumni from Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, and Afghanistan, to analyse and discuss the continued interaction of key regional security dynamics and functional issues in Central Asia over 2013-2014.

A series of panels identify major emergent themes and trends, and reflect on their strategic impact and security policy implications in the three dimensions – human, political-military and economic-environmental. The focus includes presentations on the domestic politics, the role of the OSCE and other international organizations in the region.

Working language of the conference is **English**.

Programme

Friday, 12 September 2014: Ethno complex “Supara”

ARRIVAL OF THE PARTICIPANTS

1900-2100 WELCOME RECEPTION

Jointly with the participants of the *The Helsinki Final Act at 40: Reflections & Prescriptions vis-à-vis the OSCE in Eurasia* Conference

Saturday, 13 September 2014: OSCE Academy

0930-1000 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION TO THE CONFERENCE

Mr. John MacGregor, Deputy Head of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) Centre in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan

Ms. Kristin Fjæstad, Norwegian Institute of International Affairs, Norway

Dr. Pal Dunay, Director, OSCE Academy, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan

1000–1130 “Regions in world politics: lucky to study (in) Central Asia,” by Dr. Rick Fawn, Professor of International Relations, University of St. Andrews

1145 Group Photo (OSCE Academy entrance)

1200–1300 Lunch

1330–1445 POLITICAL-MILITARY DIMENSION

Chair: Dr. Pal Dunay, Director, OSCE Academy in Bishkek

“Stabilization efforts of donor agencies in Afghanistan and its implication on stability in this country: the case of U.S. - led PRT”- Mr. Reza Pedram '10, Public Outreach Director, USAID, Afghanistan

“Tajik perception about the ISAF withdrawal in 2014.” – Mr. Behruz Yodgorov '13, Assistant, OSCE Office in Tajikistan

Opponent – Mr. Zahid Jalali '09, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Kabul, Afghanistan

Discussion

1445-1500 Coffee Break

1500-1615 “The role of the OSCE in regional stability of Central Asia and Afghanistan?”- Mr. Rustam Berdiev '09, Procurement/Asset Management Assistant, OSCE Centre in Ashgabat, Turkmenistan

“Helsinki’s counterintuitive effect? OSCE/ODIHR’s election observation missions & solidification of virtual democracy in Post-Communist Central Asia: the case of Tajikistan, 2000-2013” – Ms. Uguloy Mukhotorova ‘13, Project Assistant at the Counter Terrorism and Police Unit of the OSCE Office in Tajikistan

Opponent – Ms. Zamira Isakova ‘13, Assistant to Senior Field Representative of the OSCE CiB in Osh, Kyrgyzstan

Discussion

1615–1730

HUMAN DIMENSION

Chair: Mr. Shairbek Juraev, Deputy Director, OSCE Academy in Bishkek

“Human security approaches in the region of Aral Sea disaster”- Ms. Jiemuratova Bagila ‘12, Community Volunteer Coordinator in Nukus UNDP/UNV Project “Social Innovation and Volunteerism in Uzbekistan,” Uzbekistan

“Labour migration from Central Asia to Russia: Economic and social impact on the traditional societies of Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan”- Ms. Irina Malyuchenko ‘13, Assistant at the Department of Trade and Investment, Embassy of Brazil, Kazakhstan

Opponent – Ms. Assel Mussagalieva ‘05, International Consultant; Monitoring and Evaluation Coordinator, SPOON Foundation, Kazakhstan

Discussion

Sunday 14 September 2014: OSCE Academy and Ala-Archa

0900–1015

ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL DIMENSION

Chair: Mr. Talant Sultanov, Director at the National Institute for Strategic Studies of the Kyrgyz Republic

“Economic impact of Eurasian Economic Union in the context of Central Asia”- Ms. Gulaikhan Kubaeva ‘14, Analyst, System Analysis Department, Analytic Center at Economic Research Institute (ERI), Ministry of National Economy of the Republic of Kazakhstan

“TAPI and CASA-1000: A win-win trade between Central Asia and South Asia” – Mr. Sayed Masood Sadat ‘14, Data Analyst, Survey and Research Department of the Asia Foundation, Afghanistan

Opponent – Ms. Ekaterina Lim ‘14, Secretary to the Political Section, EU Delegation, Kyrgyzstan

Discussion

1015-1030

Coffee break

1015-1200

“Resource curse and oil wealth management in Kazakhstan” – Mr. Nurlan Tussupov ‘09, Teaching Assistant, Nazarbaev University, Kazakhstan

“TAPI Pipeline: Diversifying Export Routes for Turkmen Natural Gas”- Ms. Tatyana Djiganshina ‘14, U.S. College and University Academic Skills Trainer, American Councils for International Education, Turkmenistan

Opponent – Ms. Shemshat Kasimova ‘10, Communications and Country Researcher, Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative, Norway

Discussion

Voting for the best three papers

Concluding Remarks