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THE OSCE ACADEMY IN BISHKEK

is a public foundation, created in 2002 as a product of the partnership between the OSCE and the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic. The OSCE Academy promotes principles and values of the OSCE through post-graduate education, professional training and intellectual exchange. The Academy provides a regional and international public forum for professionals and students in the fields of **international relations, comprehensive security, democratization, the rule of law, human rights, good governance and economic development.**

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GRADUATE EDUCATION



MA Programme in Politics and Security is an 18-month programme that offers an interdisciplinary curriculum in politics and security based on international standards of teaching.



MA Programme in Economic Governance and Development is an 18-month programme that offers an interdisciplinary curriculum in economics, development and governance based on international standards of teaching.

The MA Programmes in Politics & Security and Economic Governance & Development accept up to 60 graduate students each year. Students are carefully selected through a competitive recruitment process from Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan. A limited number of students from other OSCE participating States can be accepted to the programmes.

Quality Education

Academic Freedom
and Integrity

Excellent Career Track

Financial Support/
Scholarship

Financial Support/Scholarship:

- Full tuition fee waiver
- Stipend of 360 euros per month
- Round trip travel to Bishkek
- Medical insurance (except for the citizens of Kyrgyzstan)
- Funded exclusive internship opportunities in Europe

Internship Opportunities for Students

The OSCE Academy offers fully paid internships to students on a competitive basis. Internship takes place during the fall semester in one of the following partner organizations:

- The OSCE Secretariat, Vienna
- Norwegian Institute of International Affairs, Oslo
- Norwegian Helsinki Committee, Oslo
- OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities, The Hague
- Aleksanteri Institute in Helsinki
- European Centre for Minority Issues, Flensburg
- Geneva Centre for Security Policy, Geneva
- CRISP - Crisis Simulation for Peace e.V., Berlin

In addition to the listed institutes, students have an opportunity to undertake paid internship at ministries, state agencies, NGOs and international organizations in the region, as well as partner institutes abroad. The full list of institutes and organizations can be found on the website.



Faculty

The OSCE Academy recruits and invites highly qualified scholars and experts from regional and international partner institutions, western universities and international organizations to serve as faculty members.



Summer School Programme

While meant as a preparatory course for the MA programmes offered at the OSCE Academy – in Politics & Security and in Economic Governance & Development – the School is open for applications from ALL interested young graduates in related disciplines. All participants will undergo training in academic writing (in English), Mathematics for Economists, Probability and Statistics and Research Methods in Social Sciences, thus developing a necessary skill-set to enter into one of the Academy's programmes or any other international graduate course.

ALUMNI NETWORK

The OSCE Academy is proud of its increasing alumni network that includes over 600 young professionals in Central Asia, Afghanistan, Mongolia and beyond.



More than **70%** of Alumni from Central Asia, Afghanistan and Mongolia live and work in Central Asia, Afghanistan and Mongolia.

More than employed **85%**

Non-Profit Sector
Private Sector
Public Sector
International Organizations
Education & Research Institutions

More than hold **35%** senior positions

More than **5%** continue their education



Professional and Education Opportunities:

Junior Public Officers' Programme provides an opportunity to the OSCE AiB graduates from Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Afghanistan to intern at the Ministries of Foreign Affairs and State Agencies of the country of their respective citizenship.

International Junior Professional Officers' Programme allows graduates to undergo three-month internship at the OSCE or find their own placement at the international organization/institution worldwide.

One-Year Stay at NUPI fellowship is exclusively targeted at the alumni of the AiB to spend a year at the Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (NUPI).



Research Fellowship at the OSCE PA engages eight or nine graduate students from universities in OSCE countries. Starting from 2017, one research fellow position is granted to a graduate of the OSCE Academy every year.

Every year one of the graduates of the OSCE AiB receives a European Scholarship to study **MAS at the Geneva Centre for Security Policy** (GCSP) and the Global Studies Institute (GSI) of the University of Geneva.



The OSCE AiB Alumni Network, with the support of the NUPI, offers **Alumni Travel Grants** to qualified OSCE AiB alumni to attend conferences and trainings worldwide or events for professional certification.

Junior Teaching Fellowship allows OSCE AiB graduates to teach selected disciplines at regional universities. The programme is intended to further grow and foster the Academy's intellectual input into the region.

The Central Asia-Azerbaijan Fellowship Program (CAAFP) is intended for young professionals – scholars, government officials, public policy experts, and social activists – who seek to enhance their research and analytical skills and become public policy leaders.

RESEARCH & PUBLICATIONS

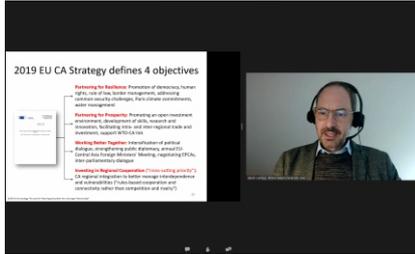


Associate Research Fellowship at the OSCE Academy



The Associate Research Fellowship (ARF), launched in 2017, supports PhD Candidates and/or Post-Doctoral researchers in conducting their research projects and provides them with institutional affiliation. The ARF is open for researchers of any nationalities,

whose proposed research topics are in line with the OSCE Academy's mission. The Academy provides the ARF access to the library and all available online resources as well as an opportunity to make a public presentation and research paper published in one of the OSCE Academy's publication outlets. The Fellowship is unpaid and usually lasts 6 – 12 months.



OSCE Academy Policy Briefs



The Academy welcomes proposals for its Policy Brief Series (in English) or Yearbook (in Russian) on topics related to various facets of comprehensive security and development, including, but not limited to, socio-economic determinants of security,

identity-based conflicts, politics and religion, ethnopolitics, security organizations, economic development, international relations, the situation in Afghanistan and other neighboring states. OSCE Academy Policy Briefs are intended to foster interaction among policy, expert, and scholarly communities. The Academy offers an honorarium of 200 euro per Policy Brief and provides with a peer review process, proofreading support, and further guidance. Proposals are accepted on a rolling basis.



Special Collection

A Special Collection is a select group of contributions focused on a central theme, topic, or research direction. Special collections are initiated and supervised by Research and Training Unit at the OSCE Academy in Bishkek.



Postdoctoral Research Fellowship

In January 2020, in partnership with the Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (NUPI), the Academy launched its joint Postdoctoral Research Fellowship. Based at the Academy and under close supervision of NUPI, two Research Fellows will be involved in increasing the Academy's research capacity and research output, focusing on such topics as energy, natural resource management, climate change, geopolitics, and the Chinese Belt and Road Initiative (BRI).



Research Fellowship

Research Fellowship is a short term fellowship that aims to offer young researchers the possibility to carry out research for up to seven months in a variety of disciplines related to the OSCE Academy's scope of work.



HORIZON 2020: AGRUMIG



Since February 2019 the OSCE Academy is part of the project AGRUMIG (*"Leaving something behind"* – *Migration governance and agricultural and rural change in "home" communities: Comparative experience from Europe, Asia and Africa*), funded by the

European Union's Horizon 2020. Within the Kyrgyzstan project country team, that includes the University of Central Asia and Polis Asia Center, OSCE Academy is a key Policy Dialogue Partner. The project duration is from February 2019 to December 2023. The project is coordinated by School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London.



Horizon 2020
European Union Funding
for Research & Innovation

DIALOGUE



Organize joint conferences, seminars and workshops.

The OSCE Academy organizes a wide range of academic and policy-oriented conferences, seminars and workshops.



Some of the events that the OSCE Academy organized in 2021, in cooperation with partner institutions included 2nd International Conference on Central Asia (ICCA) 2020 and interdisciplinary conference on “Value Transformation in Central Asia”, and joint alumni and researchers conference on “The COVID-19 Crisis and its Impact on Post-Soviet Central Asia”. The OSCE Academy welcomes the possibility of organizing joint academic events with various universities and organizations abroad and in the region.

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING



The Academy organizes training for young and mid-career professionals from public administration, civil service, academic circles, NGOs and international organizations. Trainings are for citizens of Central Asian countries, Afghanistan and Mongolia, and conducted in a variety of fields including human rights, media, conflict prevention, and policy paper writing. All expenses of trainings are covered by the Academy. The trainings allows participants to establish regional networks in their professional spheres.



The OSCE Academy welcomes cooperation with interested institutions and individuals from Central Asia and beyond in developing practical and sustainable training projects in the fields of democratization, media, conflict prevention and human rights.



INTERNATIONAL

The OSCE Academy continuously expands its partnership network and currently established cooperation with the universities, think tanks and state institutions in more than 20 countries. Bilateral Agreements aim at the promotion of students, faculty and expert exchange; organization of joint conferences, round-tables, seminars and training; research collaboration and information and exchange of academic information and publications.



Erasmus+

In 2018 the OSCE Academy started exploring the opportunities provided to Higher Education Institutions by the European Commission, particularly via Erasmus+. In 2019 the first incoming Erasmus+ exchange student was welcomed at the OSCE Academy and the first outgoing MA student benefitted from the International Credit Mobility programme. In 2020 more than 10 universities in Programme countries included the Academy into KA 107 applications and one Erasmus+ CBHE application.

Interested in establishing partnership?

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LIBRARY



The Library serves as the information centre of the OSCE Academy and plays a crucial role in supporting the educational process as well as ongoing research activities at the Academy. The Library contains a specialized collection of books in political science and economics and development, with focus on International Relations, Conflict and Security Studies, Economic Governance, Human Rights, Development Studies, Comparative Politics, and Political Theory. Additionally, the library regularly receives publications from the OSCE and other related partner institutions. Additions to the Library's stock are made in line with the needs provided in the curricula of the Academy's programmes, and requests made by faculty, students, and permanent and visiting researchers.

