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 postgraduate 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.

DONORS

The OSCE Academy’s activities and developments are made possible due to continuous support of the donors. All donors of the Academy have demonstrated high level of dedication to the mission of the Academy and engagement with the actual activities undertaken by it.
**MA Programme in Politics and Security** is a 16-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 a 16-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**  
**Excellent Career Track**  
**Academic Freedom and Integrity**  
**Financial Support/Scholarship**

**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.

The core faculty members list of the Politics and Security Programme is available at:  
[http://www.osce-academy.net/en/masters/ps/faculty/]

The core faculty members list of the Economic Governance and Development Programme is available at:  
[http://www.osce-academy.net/en/masters/edg/faculty/]

**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.

**The OSCE Academy is proud of its increasing alumni network that includes over 500 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 **80%** employed  
More than **10%** continue their education  
Public Sector - **13%**  
International Organizations - **38%**  
Private Sector - **24%**  
Education&Research Institutions - **18%**  
Non-Profit Sector - **7%**  
More than **35%** hold senior positions

**Professional and Education Opportunities:**

**Junior Public Officers’ Programme** provides an opportunity to the OSCE Academy’s graduates from Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Afghanistan to intern at the Ministries of Foreign Affairs and other State Agencies of the country of their respective citizenship. The internship period lasts for three months.

**One-Year Stay at NUPI** fellowship is exclusively targeted at the alumni of the OSCE Academy. Every year two alumni are selected to spend a year at the Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (NUPI).

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

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

**Alumni Travel Grants**  
The OSCE Academy Alumni Network, with support of the Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (NUPI) offers travel grants to qualified OSCE Academy alumni to support their professional and academic development. The grants help the Academy alumni attend conferences and trainings worldwide or events for professional certification.
**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. More information available at: [http://www.osce-academy.net/en/research/arf/](http://www.osce-academy.net/en/research/arf/)

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**Post-Doctoral Research Fellowship**

In January 2020, in partnership with the Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (NUPI), the Academy launched its joint Post-Doctoral 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).

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**Central Asia Policy Briefs**

The Academy welcomes proposals for its Central Asia 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, socioeconomic determinants of security, identity-based conflicts, politics and religion, ethnopolitics, security organizations, economic development, international relations, the situation in Afghanistan and other neighboring states. The Academy offers an honorarium of 150 euro per Policy Brief and provides with a peer review process, proofreading support, and further guidance. Proposals are accepted on a rolling basis. For more information please visit our website: [http://www.osce-academy.net/en/research/publication/policy-briefs/](http://www.osce-academy.net/en/research/publication/policy-briefs/)

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**CADGAT**

The Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (NUPI) and the OSCE Academy established the Central Asia Data-Gathering and Analysis Team (CADGAT) in 2009. The purpose of CADGAT is to produce new cross-regional data on Central Asia that can be freely used by researchers, journalists, NGOs and government employees inside and outside the region. The project is managed and the reports are edited by Dr. Indra Overland. More information available at: [http://www.osce-academy.net/en/research/cadgat/](http://www.osce-academy.net/en/research/cadgat/)

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**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 January 2022. The project is coordinated by School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London.

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**Organize joint conferences, seminars and workshops.**
The OSCE Academy organizes a wide range of academic and policy-oriented conferences, seminars and workshops. The Academy’s annual “Central Asia Security Conference” brings together large numbers of high-level international and regional policy makers with researchers and academics in the field of comprehensive security. For more information on the conference, please visit:

http://www.osce-academy.net/en/academicevents/conf/annual-seminar/

Some of the events that the OSCE Academy organized in 2019, in cooperation with partner institutions included conferences on “Regime Transformation in Central Asia” and “Memory, Transformation & Transitional Justice” and a workshop on the “Chinese Belt and Road Initiative”. The OSCE Academy welcomes the possibility of organizing joint academic events with various universities and organizations abroad and in the region.

**PROFESSIONAL TRAINING**

The OSCE Academy organizes training for young and mid-career professionals from public administration, civil service, academic circles, NGOs and international organizations. Training are for citizens of Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan and they are conducted in a variety of fields including human rights, media, conflict prevention, and policy paper writing. All expenses of training are covered by the OSCE Academy. The training allows participants to establish regional networks in their professional spheres. For more information please visit:

http://www.osce-academy.net/en/academicevents/training/

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 benefited 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?**

Please contact Ms. Victoria Orazova, Head of the International Office at vorazova@osce-academy.net.

For more information, please visit:

http://www.osce-academy.net/en/international/erasmus/

**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.

Library Catalogue:

http://www.osce-academy.net/en/librarycatalog/