



Online discussion

Central Asia's international relations:

decision-making actors and processes

Date: Apr 28, 2023

Time: 17:00-19:00 - Bishkek, Astana (this time zone is used in the program below)

16:00-18:00 - Tashkent, Dushanbe

13:00-15:00 - Brussels

07:00-09:00 - Washington, DC

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Organizer: OSCE Academy, Kyrgyzstan

Description

On 28 April 2023 the OSCE Academy hosts an online discussion key decision-making actors and processes in Central Asia's international relations. The workshop aims to look beyond the interests, priorities, and agendas of Central Asian states to delve into the "who, how and why" of foreign policy-making in and on Central Asia. The workshop will cover individual Central Asian states and their external partners, with speakers shedding light on the actors and factors that shape policy processes and decisions.

Agenda

17:00-17:10 Introduction

- Dr Indira Satarkulova, Acting Director, OSCE Academy in Bishkek
- Dr Shairbek Dzhuraev, Postdoctoral Research Fellow at OSCE Academy, workshop Moderator

17:10-17:50 Central Asia's foreign policies: key actors and factors

The panel discusses defining characteristics of foreign policy decision-making in four Central

Asian states, with a particular focus on their historical and political roots and policy Implications.

- Dr Nurseit Niyazbekov, KIMEP University (Almaty) on Kazakhstan's foreign policy
- Dr Farkhod Tolipov, Bilim Karvoni (Tashkent) on Uzbekistan's foreign policy
- Dr Karolina Kluczevska, University of Ghent (Belgium) on Tajikistan's foreign policy
- Dr Emil Dzhuraev, OSCE Academy in Bishkek on Kyrgyzstan's foreign policy

17:50-18:10 Q&A

18:10-18:50 Central Asia's partners: who and how shape the "Central Asia policy"

This panel looks at how most essential decisions related to Central Asia are taken by key external partners of the region: Russia, China, the US and the European Union. The papers look at relevant actors and driving factors that shape the "Central Asia policies" in respective capitals.

- Dr Paul Stronski, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, on US's Central Asia policy
- Dr Aijan Sharshenova, OSCE Academy in Bishkek, on Russia's Central Asia policy
- Mr Vito Acosta, Crossroads Central Asia, on China's Central Asia policy
- Mr Jos Boonstra, EUCAM at Centre for European Security Studies, on EU's Central Asia policy

18:50-19:10 Q&A, Closing remarks