

Workshop: Eurasia in Geopolitical Globalised World

Date: 25-27 July 2024

Venue: OSCE Academy in Bishkek,
Botanicheskiy pereulok 1A

About the Workshop

The end of the Cold War was heralded by many scholars and policy-makers as the beginning of a new international order, in which the logic of power politics and spheres of influence would give way to the shared interests generated by the increasingly intensive and extensive flows of ideas, capital, goods and services in a globalised world. The need to control and extend influence over territory was a remnant of the nineteenth century and not consonant with a world where markets could deliver the same rewards with fewer costs and positive sum results for all. There is an increasing tension between wanting to be part of an open global economy and the desire to control territory that characterizes today's international system, and no more so than Eurasia. International relations and policy-makers are trying to make sense of how to understand a world that has both extensive supply chains and increasing economic nationalism; one with transnational flows of capital, goods, ideas and even people, but also calls to close borders.

Eurasia has always been at the centre of discussions about what kind of international system we have. The aim of this workshop is to help participants understand international order in the face of this tension between globalization and geopolitics. It wants to explore different issues and challenges where this tension might be more evident. These range from climate change, energy security, food, water and the managing of borders. The workshop will focus on the policy questions that are raised and some possible scenarios for what they may mean for.

The workshop will explore the different ways that we can understand the rapidly changing international system. It will do this by looking at a range of cases in Eurasia, and more specifically Central Asia, as well as a range of topics. These can include:

1. Geopolitics of Energy and the Environment in a globalised geopolitical world
2. Geopolitics of Democracy and Human Rights in a globalised geopolitical world
3. The Geopolitics of Water
4. Geopolitics and Security Governance in a globalised geopolitical world
5. Regional integration and geopolitics
6. The Geopolitics of borders in a globalised geopolitical world

Participants

The workshop is aimed at current or future policy practitioners as well as political analysts and commentators, including journalists.

Organizers and Trainers

The OSCE Academy in Bishkek is a public foundation that promotes regional cooperation, conflict prevention, and good governance in wider Central Asia through postgraduate education, professional training, and intellectual exchange. The Academy offers MA degree programs in Economic Governance and Development, Politics and Security, Human Rights and Sustainability as well as BA degree program in Economics. The Academy provides expert training and conducts demand-driven research. More information: www.osce-academy.net.

The University of Trento and the Jean Monnet Centre lie at the crossroads between Northern and Southern Europe as well as between east and west. In addition to offering the full range of academic degree programmes, from undergraduate to doctorate levels, it has a long tradition of contributing to ongoing policy debates that explore contemporary governing challenges.

Vincent Della Sala is Professor of political science at the University of Trento, where he is also Director of the Jean Monnet Centre. He has held Jean Monnet chairs as part of the Erasmus + programme of the European Union. The workshop is part of the Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence on Geopolitics in Eurasia.

Dress code: Smart Casual

Preliminary Training Schedule
Seminar Leader: Vincent Della Sala

25 July (Thursday)

9:00	Arrival at the OSCE Academy and Registration
9:15 – 9:30	OPENING REMARKS Dr. Pal Dunay , <i>Interim Director, OSCE Academy in Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic</i> Dr. Vincent Della Sala , <i>Professor, University of Trento, Director, Jean Monnet Centre, Italy</i>
9:30 – 11:00	Session I: Getting to Know Each Other and Expectations
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee Break
11:30 – 13:00	Session II: What is Geopolitics and Why Does It Matter?
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 15:30	Session III: Actors in a Geopolitical World
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee Break
16:00 – 17:30	Session IV: Great Powers and the Great Game?
17:45	Departure to Hotel Futuro

26 July (Friday)

9:30 – 11:00	Session I: Geopolitics and Global Challenges: Energy Transition
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee Break
11:30 – 13:00	Session II: Geopolitics and Global Challenges: Food Security
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 15:30	Session III: Geopolitics and Borders in a Global World

15:30 – 16:00	Coffee Break
16:00 – 17:30	Session IV: Geopolitics and Political Regimes
17:45	Departure to Hotel Futuro

27 July (Saturday)

9:00 – 10:00	Transport to Supara
10:00– 12:00	Session I: Geopolitics and a New Cold War?
12:00 – 12:30	CLOSING REMARKS AND CERTIFICATE PRESENTATIONS Dr. Indira Satarkulova , <i>Deputy Director, OSCE Academy in Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic</i> Dr. Vincent Della Sala , <i>Professor, University of Trento, Director, Jean Monnet Centre, Italy</i>
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00	Departure to Hotel Futuro