



CENTRAL ASIA IN 2013

The 6th Annual Seminar on Regional Security in Central Asia

Bishkek, September 6-7, 2013

The annual two-day meeting of international experts on Central Asia is one of hallmark events at the Academy. The seminar has been running since 2008 and is a unique forum for representatives of Central Asian, European, Russian, and other policy and scholarly communities who work on matters related to comprehensive security in Central Asia.

The seminar is hosted and organized by the OSCE Academy in Bishkek jointly with the Geneva Centre for Security Policy, the Norwegian Institute of International Affairs and the Near East-South Asia Strategic Studies Center (Washington D.C.). The Seminar follows the Chatham House Rule and the summary of discussion is published as in the *Geneva Paper* series by the GSCP.

The speakers of the Seminar include distinguished regional and international policy analysts and scholars working in various parts of the world but united in their professional focus on Central Asia and its neighbourhood.

The 6th Annual Seminar in September 2013 aims to cover a range of topics on international and intraregional security dynamics, with the purpose of mapping the current and expected security trends in Central Asia in 2013 and beyond and discussing the contours of the key policy recommendations for relevant national and international actors.

SEMINAR PROGRAMME

Thursday, September 05, 2013

19:00 – 21:00	Arrival of international participants, hotel check-in Welcome Reception, Golden Dragon Hotel
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Friday, September 06, 2013

9:00 – 9:30	OPENING REMARKS Amb Erlan Abdyldaev, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Kyrgyz Republic <i>tbv</i> Amb Sergey Kapinos, Head of Centre, OSCE Centre in Bishkek Dr. Pal Dunay, Geneva Centre for Security Policy Dr. Maxim Ryabkov, Director, OSCE Academy in Bishkek
9:30 – 11:00	PANEL 1: POST-2014 AFGHANISTAN AND CENTRAL ASIA <i>The panel aims to highlight the most salient issues related to political and security transition in Afghanistan in the context of the 2014 NATO withdrawal and the current dynamics of political processes in Afghanistan. Of special concern remain the issues of possible implications of developments in Afghanistan for its northern neighbors.</i> Chair: Ivan Safranchuk, Diplomatic Academy, Russia Discussants: Shahrbanou Tadjbakhsh, Sciences Po, Paris; Elham Gharji, Gawharshad University, Kabul; Oleg Kulakov, Military University of the Russian Defense Ministry, Moscow
11:00 – 11:30	<i>Break</i>
11:30 – 13:00	PANEL 2: US-CENTRAL ASIA RELATIONS <i>The panel will focus on assessment of current relations between the U.S.A. and Central Asia, especially in the context political (democracy, civil society support etc) and military (military bases, 2014 withdrawal etc) issues.</i> Chair: Pal Dunay, GCSP Discussants: Muratbek Imanaliev, Institute for Public Policy, Bishkek; Roger Kangas, NESAs
13:00 – 14:30	<i>Lunch at Dolce Vita</i>
14:30 – 16:00	PANEL 3: RUSSIA-CENTRAL ASIA RELATIONS <i>The panel will cover issues related to the current state of Russian foreign policy towards Central Asian states, and the Central Asian perspectives on engagement with Russia, with particular focus on regional initiative such as the RBK Customs Union.</i> Chair: Payam Foroughi, OSCE Academy Discussants: Ivan Safranchuk, Diplomatic Academy, Moscow; Parviz Mullojanov, International Alert, Dushanbe; Maxim Ryabkov, OSCE Academy

16:00 – 16:30	<i>Break</i>
16:30 – 18:00	<p>PANEL 4: CHINA-CENTRAL ASIA RELATIONS</p> <p><i>The panel is expected to provide an update on the state of Chinese-Central Asian relations in the context of the changing political leadership in Beijing and its engagement with Moscow and Washington.</i></p> <p>Chair: Brianne Todd, NESAs</p> <p>Discussants: Qiang Xiaoyun, Shanghai Institutes for International Studies; Konstantin Syroezhkin, Kazakhstan Institute for Strategic Studies</p>
18:00 – 20:00	Reception/Bufferet at Hyatt Regency Bishkek (191 Sovetskaya Street, Bishkek). A bus will depart in front of the OSCE Academy at 18:00.

Saturday, September 07, 2013

9:00 – 10:30	<p>PANEL 5: REGIONAL DYNAMICS IN CENTRAL ASIA</p> <p><i>This panel will review the key issues of concern in relations among Central Asian states with the focus on particular developments in 2012-13. Some key issues to be covered in the discussion may include border issues, water/hydroenergy, trade, as well as special updates on political developments in particular countries of the region.</i></p> <p>Chair: Emil Dzhuraev, OSCE Academy</p> <p>Discussants: Roman Mogilevsky, University of Central Asia; Katarzyna Kaczmarek, Aberystwyth University; Eduard Poletaev, Mir Evrazii, Almaty; Parviz Mullozhanov, International Alert, Dushanbe</p>
10:30 – 11:00	<i>Break</i>
11:00 – 12:30	CONCLUDING SESSION: WRAP-UP OF PANEL DISCUSSIONS
12:30 – 14:00	<i>Lunch at Dolce Vita</i>
14:30 – 16:30	<p>MANAGING VALUES AND INTERESTS: SECURITY CHALLENGES IN CENTRAL ASIA 2013</p> <p><i>This panel will take place at Ak Keme Hotel and will be attended by the OSCE Academy alumni and students. Seminar participants are welcome to join.</i></p> <p>Chair: Maxim Ryabkov, Director, OSCE Academy</p> <p>Discussants: Pal Dunay, GCSP, Shahrbanou Tadjbakhsh, Sciences Po, Muratbek Imanaliev, Institute for Public Policy</p>
18:30 – 20:00	Informal Reception at Steinbrau, Bishkek.