International Conference
Prospects of EU-Central Asian Relations
28-29 August 2014

Agenda

Conference site:

Kazzhol Hotel

Gogolya St. 127, 050004, Almaty

Kazakhstan
28 August 2014

14:30
Welcome: International Conference: Prospects of EU-Central Asian Relations
Prof. Dr. Johann W. Gerlach, President, German-Kazakh University
Prof. Dr. Mathias Jopp, Director, IEP

14:45
Key Note Speech I: Prospects of EU-Central Asian Relations
Dr. Gerhard Sabathil, Director, European External Action Service (EEAS), Brussels
Questions and Answers

15:45
Regional Cooperation: An Approach to Strengthening Central Asia’s Role in International Politics?
Chair: Prof. Dr. Hartmut Marhold, Director of Research and Development, CIFE
Panelists:
Prof. Dr. Mara S. Gubaidullina, Al-Farabi Kazakh National University
Prof. Dr. Mushtaq A. Kaw, University of Kashmir
Dr. Sebastian Krapohl, University of Bamberg
Prof. Dr. Mirzokhid Rakhimov, Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Uzbekistan
Discussion

17:30
Coffee break

18:00
Natural Resources in Central Asia: A Challenge to Regional Law and Politics?
Chair: Prof. Dr. Mathias Jopp, Director, IEP
Panelists:
Dr. Sultan Akimbekov, Director, Institute of World Economy and Politics
Dr. Laurent Baechler, Director of the MAEIS, CIFE
Dr. Barbara Janusz-Pawletta, Kazakh-German University
Prof. Dr. Nargis Kassenova, Director, Central Asian Studies Center; KIMEP University
Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. mult. Peter-Christian Müller-Graff, Executive Director, Institut für deutsches und europäisches Gesellschafts- und Wirtschaftsrecht; University of Heidelberg
Discussion

20:00
Networking Dinner Buffet
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9.00

Four Parallel Working Groups: Session I
Details on the working groups can be found on pages 4&5.

10.30
Coffee break

11.00

Four Parallel Working Groups Session II
Details on the working groups can be found on pages 4&5.

12.30
Lunch break

13.30

Key Note Speech II: Prospects of EU-Central Asian Relations
Dr. Pal Dunay, Director, OSCE-Academy
Questions and Answers

14.15

Conflict Resolution and Security Challenges in Central Asia
Chair: Prof. Dr. Hartmut Marhold, Director of Research and Development, CIFE
Panellists:
H.E. Igors Apokins, Ambassador, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Latvia
Prof. Shairbek Juraev, Deputy Director, OSCE-Academy
Prof. Dr. Panos Tsakaloyannis, Athens University of Economics
Discussion

15.45
Coffee break

16.15

Plenary Session: Reports of the Working Groups and Discussion Session
Chair: Dr. Susann Heinecke, CIFE
Rapporteurs:
Working Group I: Dinara Aitkazy, EUCAIS Alumna
Working Group II: Aijan Sharshenova, EUCAIS Alumna
Working Group III: Bahtiyar Igamberdiyev, EUCAIS Alumnus
Working group IV: Dr. Helgard Fröhlich, EUCAIS Alumna
Questions, Answers and Comments

17.15

Concluding Remarks
Prof. Dr. Mara S. Gubaidullina, Al-Farabi Kazakh National University
Prof. Dr. Mathias Jopp, Director, IEP
Working groups Friday:

**Working Group I:**

**Regionalization in Comparative Perspective**  
Chair: Dr. Sebastian Krapohl, University of Bamberg  
Rapporteur: Dinara Aitkazy

Problems of the economic integration of the countries of the Central Asia in the context of globalization  
Malik Borbugulov

OSCE / ODIHR EOMs: modus operandi and prospects for the region  
Dr. Matteo Garavoglia

Geopolitical Culture of Kazakhstan: Examining the Art of Multi-Vectored Regional Cooperation  
Rosa Vercoe

Central Asia and the Clash of Organisations  
Anastasii Vishnevskaiia

Security challenges in Central Asia: The role of regional institutions in regional security  
Polina Yakovleva

**Working Group II:**

Assessing the EU-CA Relations and Security in Central Asia  
Chair: Prof. Dr. Mathias Jopp, Director, IEP  
Rapporteur: Nazira Momosheva

Securitization of Terrorism in Weak States: The Case of Central Asia  
Prof. Dr. Rustam Burnashev

Partnership between the Republic of Kazakhstan and the European Union: Problems and Perspectives  
Prof. Dr. Zhenis Kembayev

EU-Central Asia Relations in the Energy Sector  
Dr. Renata Mantel

Relations between Kyrgyzstan and the EU in the context of the European Strategy (2007-2013)  
Nazira Momosheva

EU-Central Asia Relations in the Context of Geostrategic Competition  
Olga Alinda Spaiser

EU-Central Asia Development Cooperation – critical analysis  
Małgorzata Woch
Working Group III:

EU-Central Asian Relations: Analyzing Democracy Promotion
Chair: Prof. Dr. Mara S. Gubaidullina, Al-Farabi Kazakh National University
Rapporteur: Aijan Sharshenova

Mapping the Substance of the EU’s Civil Society Support in Central Asia: from Neo-liberal to State-led Civil Society
Dr. Vera Axyonova and Dr. Fabienne Bossuyt

The Impact of the Central and East European EU Member States on the EU’s Democracy Promotion Policy Towards Central Asia
Dr. Fabienne Bossuyt

Democracy promotion in Central Asia: Civil society development in post Soviet Central Asian countries-case studies of NGO development in the region
Dr. Baktybek Kainazarov

Civil Society conceptions in the Kyrgyz Republic
Ann-Kathrin Rothermel
Presented by Jon Prettyman

European Union’s Democracy Promotion in Central Asia: Implementation in Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan
Aijan Sharshenova

Transition or business as usual? A focus on the Kyrgyz Republic’s parliament
Esther Somfalvy

To become a democratic state – what does it mean for Kazakhstan?
Elmira Taukebayeva

Working Group IV:

Research and Teaching in Central Asia
Chair: Michael Jaumann, Director, DAAD Information Centre, Almaty, and Prof. Dr. Sunatilo Jonboboev, University of Central Asia

Rapporteur: Dr. Helgard Fröhlich

Teaching English for Specific Purposes to the Specialists of International Relations at Higher Education in Kazakhstan: Experience and Challenges
Tatyana Brekalova and Bakhytkul Tokbergenova

Between Utilizing and Defending: Central Asia in Times of Global Student Mobility
Stefan Kurzmann

International students in Japan: a new form of international labor migration?
Guzal Sultankhodjayeva