

DAAD - Research Symposium Bishkek

“Test the West”

(Frozen) Conflicts and Contested Sovereignties in the Post-Soviet Space

Friday, 20 November 2020 | Park Hotel, 87 Orozbekov St

Saturday, 21 November 2020 | OSCE Academy, 1 A Botanichesky pereulok

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09:30 Registration of Participants

OPENING & WELCOME

10:00 Katja Thevs | Director of DAAD Information Centre / Bishkek
Monika Iwersen | Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany in Kyrgyzstan **tbc**

Session 1: Germany as a Research Destination

10:15 *Leibniz Institute for East and Southeast European Studies, Regensburg, Germany*
Dr. Cindy Wittke | Leader of the research group Frozen and Unfrozen Conflicts,
Leibniz Institute for East and Southeast European Studies, Regensburg / Germany

10.30 *How to Establish an International Research Network*
Prof. Anja Mihr | DAAD-Visiting Professor,
OSCE Academy, Bishkek

10:45 *How to Fund your Research Stay in Germany*
Katja Thevs | DAAD Information Centre, Bishkek

11:00 Questions and Answers

11.15 COFFEE BREAK

Session 2: Between Conflict and Cooperation: Sovereignty in the Post-Soviet Region**Moderation and Discussion**

Prof. Anja Mihr

- 11.45 *Politics and Law and Area Studies in Germany*
Dr. Cindy Wittke
- 12.15 *International Research Collaboration. Peace and Conflict Studies: Case of German-Kyrgyz Collaboration*
Dr. Emil Dzhuraev | Associate Professor International Relations, **tbc**
American University of Central Asia (AUCA), and OSCE Academy / Bishkek
- 12.45 *Research Collaboration between Germany and Central Asia: Perspectives from German-Kazakh University*
Prof. Sebastian Mayer | DAAD Associate Professor,
German-Kazakh University Almaty / Kazakhstan
- 13.30 LUNCH BREAK

Session 3: Research in International Law in Post-Authoritarian Societies**Moderation and Discussion**

Dr. Cindy Wittke

- 14.30 *Central Asia's Approach to International Norms and Standard*
Medet Tiulegenov, M.A. | Assistant Professor, Political Scientist, **tbc**
American University for Central Asia (AUCA) / Bishkek
- 15:00 *Media Communication Research in Central Asia*
Lucy Palmer | Senior Lecturer & Global Collaborator, **tbc**
University of Central Asia (UCA), Naryn Campus
- 15.30 *Measuring the Impact of International Law and Fair Trial Compliance in Kyrgyzstan*
Prof. Elida K. Nogoibaeva | Associate Professor, Dean of Law Faculty **tbc**
Prof. Kamila Mateeva | Associate Professor, Law Faculty **tbc**
Kanykei, Kasybekova, M.A. | Lecturer, Law Faculty, **tbc**
American University for Central Asia (AUCA), Bishkek
- 16:00 COFFEE BREAK and EXCHANGE

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10:00 Alexander Wolters | Director OSCE-Academy / Bishkek
Dr. Nurlan Omurov | Deputy Minister of Education and Science of the Kyrgyz Republic **tbc**
Katja Thevs | Head of DAAD Information Centre / Bishkek

Session 4: Research on Geopolitics: Players in the Post-Soviet Space

Moderation and Discussion

Dr. Anja Mihr

10:15 *The Role of Russia and China*

Dr. Asel Doolotkeldieva | Associate Research Fellow OSCE Academy / Bishkek **tbc**

10.45 *The Role of India and Turkey*

Prof. Dr. Kashif Hasan Khan | Director, Silk Road Research Centre, **tbc**
Ala-Too University / Bishkek

11.15 *"Lawfares"? – Clashing Legal Discourses and Struggles for Hegemony in the post-Soviet Region*

Dr. Cindy Wittke

12.15 LUNCH BREAK

Session 5: Challenges of Future Research in the Post-Soviet Space

Moderation and Discussion

Prof. Sebastian Mayer

12.45 *Challenges of Research of System Transformation in post-totalitarian countries*

Prof. Anja Mihr

13.15 *Impact research on domestic legal transformation, case of Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan /Central Asian Approaches to International Law*

Prof. Sergey Sayapin | Associate Professor, International Law Program Director, **tbc**
Kimep University, Almaty / Kazakhstan

13.45 *International democracy and rule of law promotion in Central Asia and South
Caucasus - Places and Spaces of Struggle*
Nargiza Kilichova, M.A. | Leibniz Institute for East and Southeast European Studies
tbc
(IOS) in Regensburg / Germany

14.15 COFFEE BREAK

Session 6: Applied Research and Development in Central Asia

14.30 **Moderation and Discussion**
Dr. Alexander Wolters

Impact of Research in Development Studies in Central Asia
Joachim Fritz | Country Director Kyrgyzstan, **tbc**
German Corporation for International Cooperation (GIZ) / Bishkek

15:15 **Time for Networking & Research Exchange & a cup (or two) of coffee**