

# Post-Soviet Central Asia 25 Years of Independence

Friday, 21 October 2016

## PROGRAMME

- 8:00–8:30 Registration
- 8:30–8:40 Opening remarks
- 8:40–9:15 Keynote speech Dr. Shirin Akiner | **Central Asia (Re-)Connects with the World**
- 9:15–10:45 **Panel 1: Conflicts and Security in Central Asia**
- Václav Lídí | **Natural Gas in Turkmenistan's Foreign Policy**
- Slavomir Horak | **The Regime Transition in Central Asia: Cases of Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan**
- Šárka Cabadová–Waisová | **Environmental Cooperation as a Tool for Transformation of Conflicts in Central Asia?**
- Chris Weed | **Solid Frenemies: Kyrgyzstan–Kazakhstan Relations since 2010**
- 10:45–11:00 Coffee break
- 11:00–12:30 **Panel 2: National and Societal Development of Central Asia Since Independence**
- Kanykei Kalieva | **Representing Women's Issues in the Post-Soviet Kyrgyz Poetry**
- Elžbieta Olzacka | **The Role of the Press in Nation-Building in the Post-Soviet Tajikistan**
- Ewa Polak | **Role of the Cinema in Building of the Independent Uzbekistan's National Identity Project**
- 12:30–13:30 Lunch
- 13:30–15:00 **Panel 3: Ethnic, Religious and National Relations in Central Asia**
- Nikolay Terletskiy | **Transformation of Central Asian Muslim Holy Places (by the examples of shrines in contemporary Uzbekistan and Tajikistan)**
- Pavel Basharin | **Sayyids of Zong: Old Ismaili Family of Modern Wakhan**
- Anton K. Alexeev | **Majority and Minorities Interaction in Modern Central Asia (Tajikistan and Uzbekistan as a case study)**
- 15:00–15:30 Coffee break
- 15:30–17:00 **Panel 4: Economic and Infrastructure Landscape of the Central Asian Region**
- Ksenia G. Muratshina | **Asian Infrastructural Investment Bank Formation And China's Investment Strategy in Central Asia**
- Artem Dankov | **Central Asian Megalopolises: New Challenges to Regional Security**
- Elena Erokhina | **The Impact of Globalization on the Religious Landscape of the Kosh-Agach District (Altai Republic)**

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