

Academic Conference

SYSTEM TRANSFORMATION: in Central Asia and in Comparative Perspectives

20 -21 September 2019

Venue: OSCE Academy Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan

Friday 20 September 2019

Welcome Speech **Dr. Alexander Wolters, Director, OSCE Academy Bishkek**

14:00 **Mr. Alexander Rosenplaenter, Director, Friedrich Ebert Foundation, Kyrgyzstan**

Introduction & Moderation **Prof. Dr. Anja Mihr, DAAD Visiting Professor OSCE Academy, Bishkek**

Session 1 System- and Regime Transformation

14:30 Keynote: The end of the third wave of democratization: Are autocracies on the return?

Prof. Wolfgang Merkel, Social Science Research Center (WZB), Berlin, Germany

Discussion

16:00 **Coffee Break**

Session 2 System Transformation in Central Asia

16:30 The Role of Regionalism in Transformation: The Case of Central Asia

Dr. Selbi Hanova, CADAP 6 National Coordinator in Turkmenistan, Ashgabat, Turkmenistan

The challenges for Transition and Democracy in Kazakhstan

Dr. Nygmet Ibadildin, Professor of Political Science, KIMEP University, Almaty, Kazakhstan

The Ruhani Zhangyu Case: Narzayev's Model – Modernization of Kazakhstan's Identity

Dr. Diana Digol, Deputy Head of Office, OSCE Programme Office, Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan

Mixing the Old, the New and the Strange: Political Bricolage in Central Asia

Dr. Emil Dzuraev, OSCE Academy/ American University of Central Asia, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan

19:30 **Reception**

Saturday 21 September 2019

Session 3 System Transformations in comparative perspective

10:00 Democracy and Populism in the Middle East: The case of Israel

Prof. Mario Sznajder, Professor Emeritus, Political Science, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel

Identity Transformation in Central Asia

Mr. Keneshbek Sainazarov, Central Asia Programs Director, Search for Common Grounds, Kyrgyzstan

The Role of external powers in Central Asia: India's new game

Dr. Kashif Hasan Khan, Director, Silk Road Research Center, Ala-Too International University, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan

12:15-14:00 **Lunch Break**

Session 4 Human Rights and Democratization

14:00 The Impact of Neoliberalism on Human Rights and Democracy

Prof. Manfred Nowak, Secretary General, Global Campus of Human Rights, Venice, Italy

System Transformation in Central Asia: The case of Kyrgyzstan

Dr. Asel Doolotkeldieva, American University of Central Asia, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan

15:30 **Coffee Break**

Session 5 Values Transformation in Central Asia

16:00 The World Values Survey: Global Study on Values and Cultural Change. History, Methodology and Experience in Kyrgyzstan. Mixing the Old, the New and the Strange: Political Bricolage in Central Asia

Prof. Dr Christian Haerpfer, President of the World Values Survey Association; Director of Eurasia Barometer, Vienna

Eurasia Barometer: Exploring Political Transformations in Eastern Europe and Post-Soviet Eurasia. Case of Kyrgyzstan.

Dr. Kseniya Kizilova, Head of Secretariat at the World Values Survey Association; Vice-Director of Eurasia Barometer, Vienna, Austria

17:30 Concluding keynote: Political System Transformation in Kyrgyzstan

Mr. Medetkan Sherimkulov, Former Speaker of the Parliament of Kyrgyz Republic, Kyrgyzstan

18:30 **End of Conference**