

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

**International Certificate Training Seminar in Human Rights in an
International Context (online)**

Dates: 7-11 December 2020, 14:00 – 18:00

Application Deadline: 15 November 2020 midnight (Bishkek Time)

Venue: Canvas Platform + Zoom

Trainer: Dr Anja Mihr, DAAD Associate Professor at OSCE Academy in Bishkek



Prof. Dr Anja Mihr (PhD) is DAAD Associate Professor at the OSCE Academy in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan. She is a professor of Human Rights, Governance, Public Policy, and Transitional Justice. Anja is also the Founder and Program Director of the HUMBOLDT-VIADRINA Center on Governance through Human Rights in Berlin in Germany. She has held professorships at the Willy-Brandt School of Public Policy, Erfurt University, Germany and at the Netherlands Institute of Human Rights (SIM), University of Utrecht, Netherlands.

Mihr has been Head of the Rule of Law department at The Hague Institute for Global Justice and carried out a number of Visiting Professorships for Human Rights and Public Policy such as at Peking University Law School in China together with the Raoul Wallenberg Research Institute on Human Rights, Lund University in 2008 as well as at SIPA, Columbia University in New York. From 2006-2008 she was the European Program Director for the European MA Degree in Human Rights and Democratization (E.MA) at the European Inter-University Center for Human Rights in Venice (EIUC), Italy. She received her PhD in Political Sciences from the Free University in Berlin, Germany, in 2001.

Description:

International human rights can be social and economic, political or civil, to stop violence and discrimination against children, women or minorities. Human rights are universal norms, standards, and laws. We find them in declarations and treaties, by the UN or other International Organizations. This course will introduce the participants to the current international/universal legal and political framework of human rights law and regimes on global (UNO) and regional levels (i.e. OSCE, EU, AU, OAS and ASEAN or SCO). We will be discussing how universal human rights standards apply or stand in reference to Central Asian countries. The human rights to development and self-determination as well as fundamental freedom rights to assemble, to

express one's own opinion or choose one's religion; to participate in elections or to set up an enterprise...these are all human rights that are tested in our day to day lives.

This training seminar is addressed to scholars and practitioners who aim to broaden their understanding of international human rights norms and laws written in declarations and treaties and monitored and implemented by committees and courts and policymakers as well as civil society. From the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (1948) to the International Covenants on Social, Economic and Cultural as well as Political and Civil Rights (1966) and the UN Treaty Body System, the seminar will cover the normative and legal framework on United Nation and OSCE level as well as (briefly) other regional human rights organizations in Europe, the Americas, the Middle East, Africa and Asia, to get a better comparative understanding where Central Asian countries are standing internationally.

The seminar will also address the possibilities and challenges that governments, public administrations, business, and civil society face when implementing human rights. Human rights issues that are relevant for the Central Asian region such as Anti-Discrimination, protection of Minorities, Children rights, Women rights, Human Trafficking, Racism, Religious rights, and Labor rights will be specifically addressed, discussed in this training and capacity building course.

In addition to the lecture style (webinar) sessions, and peer-to-peer group works guest speakers will be invited to this seminar.

Medium of the seminar: English

Costs: Free of charge

Who can apply?

Scholars and practitioners from civil society, NGOs, and governmental organizations from Central Asia, Afghanistan and Mongolia.

How to apply?

- CV (in English)
- Letter of Interest (in English) Referring to the following points
 1. Which international human rights treaties or declarations do you know or have you worked with?
 2. In what professional context do you anticipate to use international human rights law?
 3. What particular interest do you have in international human rights norms and standards? Is there any particular topic?

If interested in applying for the seminar, please send your CV and Letter of Interest in **one single PDF document** not more than **4 pages** in total to Ms Kanykei Temirbekova, Research and Training Assistant: training@osce-academy.net with **the subject line** "Training in Human

Rights”. Please indicate your citizenship in your email for the record. Please note that we do **NOT** accept applications after the deadline.

Selection and schedule

Successful candidates will be selected and informed by **1st December 2020**. Invited training participants will be required to fully attend the programme, complete all training activities and make tangible progress during the training.

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