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THE 7TH GCSP-OSCE ACADEMY-NUPI CONFERENCE

“THE HELSINKI FINAL ACT AT 40: REFLECTIONS & PRESCRIPTIONS VIS-À-VIS THE OSCE IN EURASIA”

ISSYK-KUL, KYRGYZSTAN, 9-12 SEPTEMBER 2014

The Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) Academy in Bishkek, the Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (NUPI) and the Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP) hold its seventh annual event in Kyrgyzstan for security policy experts from Eurasia, Europe and the United States.

Hosted by the OSCE Academy in Bishkek, the conference titled: “The Helsinki Final Act at 40: Reflections & Prescriptions vis-à-vis the OSCE in Eurasia” is part of the annual Central Asia-related international roundtable discussion following the Chatham House rules. The conference aims to generate informed scholarly discussion on the role of the OSCE, past, current and future, in shaping overall political and security developments in the broad region of Eurasia. Panels will focus on the historic impacts of the Helsinki Final Act, on the OSCE as an institution and a process, as well as particular focus on security and human challenges and developments in Central Asia/Eurasia that have relevance to, or beg for the attention of, the OSCE.

The best contributions will be edited and published.

Conference Programme

Tuesday, 9 September 2014: Transfer Bishkek – Issyk-Kul
8:00 from the OSCE Academy

19:00 **Welcome Reception at the Hotel Talisman Village**

Wednesday, 10 September 2014: The OSCE and Its Role in Eurasia

08:30 – 09:15 Welcome to the Conference and Participants

Amb. Sergey Kapinos, Head of OSCE Centre in Bishkek

Dr Pal Dunay, Director, OSCE Academy

Keynote speech

Dr Fredrick Fawn, Professor of International Relations, University of St Andrews

09:15-10:30 The OSCE: Concepts and Role in Central Asia

Moderator: **Amb. Sergey Kapinos**

Invited speakers:

- **Ms Nazgul Bazarbaeva** “The Adaptation of the Comprehensive Security Concept of the OSCE to post-Cold War Reality”
- **Mr Enrico Labriola** “40 Years since the Helsinki Final Act: The OSCE Is Struggling to Re-focus its Mandate and Make the Difference”
- **Dr Fabio Indeo** “Central Asian Security After 2014: Which Role for the OSCE?”

10:30-11:00 Coffee break/Group photo

11:00-12:30 The OSCE: Values, Norms and Human Rights

Moderator: **Mr Shairbek Juraev**

Invited speakers:

- **Dr Aaron Anthony Rhodes** “Eurasia” and Universal Human Rights: An Opportunity for Dialogue in the OSCE
- **Mr Medet Tiulegenov** “Diffusing Norms in Times of Transition: A Comparative Perspective on the OSCE’s Promotion of Human Rights in post-Soviet Central Asia”
- **Mr Payam Foroughi** “Whither Human Rights and Comprehensive Security in Eurasia? Ten Pragmatic Recommendations for Transformation of the OSCE”

12:30–14 :00 **Lunch**

- 14:00-15:30** **The OSCE: Actors and Organizations in Eurasia**
Moderator: **Ms Selbi Hanova**
Invited speakers:
- **Ms Maryia Danilovich** “The OSCE and Belarus: Historical Assessments, Impediments and Perspectives”
 - **Ms Alessandra Russo** “Explaining Overlapping Regionalism Between The OSCE and Other Regional Organizations in the post-Soviet Space”
 - **Mr Przemyslaw Oziarski** “The „Helsinki Decalogue” in Question? Comparison of International Responses to Kyrgyzstan’s (2010) and Ukraine’s (2013-2014) Political Crises”
- 15:30-16:00** Coffee break
- 16:00-17:30** **Kazakhstan as a regional and global player**
Moderator: **Dr Maxim Ryabkov**
Invited speakers:
- **Dr Maxim Ryabkov** “Kazakhstan’s Changing Conception of Central Asia as a Buffer Zone”
 - **Ms Kristin Fjaestad** “The Big Friendly Giant: Kazakhstani Aid to Afghanistan after 2001”
- 17:30-18:30** Wrap-up of the day – open discussion
- 19:00** **Dinner**

Thursday, 11 September 2014: The Central Asian Dimension

- 09:30 – 12:00** **The OSCE in Central Asia: Focal Points Tajikistan and Uzbekistan**
Moderator: **Dr Fredrick Fawn**
Invited speakers:
Mr Jafar N. Usmanov “The OSCE in Central Asia: A donor or a Political Organization?”
Dr Farkhod Tolipov “ OSCE in Central Asia: Victim of Geopolitics or Promoter of Democracy? A View from Uzbekistan”
- 10:30-11:00** Coffee break
- Ms Karolina Kluczewska** “The Enemy, the Benefactor or the Industry? Perceptions of International Organisations in Tajikistan”
Ms Uguloy Mukhtorova “Helsinki's Counterintuitive Effect? OSCE/ODIHR's Election Observation Missions & Solidification of Virtual Democracy in post-Communist Central Asia: The Case of Tajikistan 2000-2013”
- 12:30-14:00** Lunch

14:00 – 15:30 **The Afghan Factor – Predicting the Unpredictable**

Moderator: **Dr Pal Dunay**

Invited speakers:

Mr Elham Gharji “Post-NATO Afghanistan: Security in Regional Perspective”

Mr Mohammad Reza Pedram “The Future Interaction of the OSCE and the US in Afghanistan”

15:30-16:00 Coffee break

16:00-16:30 Concluding discussion

17:00 **Transfer to Bishkek**

Friday, 12 September 2014, 19:00 Concluding Reception at Supara Ethno Complex (1a Karagul Akmata Str., Kok-Jar village)