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**International Conference**

**The EU, Central Asia and the South Caucasus: new approaches on  
regional and international cooperation**

23 – 24 May 2019

**Draft Programme**

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Venue:

**Park Hotel Bishkek**  
87 Orozbekov Street  
Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan

## **23 May 2019**

**10:00 Bus Transfer from the Hotel to the Academy**

**11:00 Meeting of the Council of Supervisors (incl. light lunch)**

**12:00 Registration and Light Lunch**

**13:00 Opening of the Conference: Central Asia and the South Caucasus: new Approaches on Regional and International cooperation**

Dr Alexander **Wolters**, Director, OSCE Academy, Bishkek

Prof. Dr Mathias **Jopp**, Head of International Programmes, Institut für Europäische Politik, Berlin

PD Dr Matthias **Waechter**, Director General, Centre international de formation européenne, Nice

**13:30 Keynote Speeches**

Eduard **Auer**, Head, EU Delegation to Kyrgyzstan, Bishkek

Monika **Iwersen**, German Ambassador to Kyrgyzstan, Bishkek

*Questions and Answers*

**14:30 Coffee break**

**15:00 Panel I: Border management, border conflicts and migration in Central Asia**

*Chair:*

Prof. Dr Lynne **Parmenter**, University of Waikato

*Input Statements:*

Dr Markus **Kaiser**, President, German-Kazakh University, Almaty

Maris **Domins**, Border Management Programme in Central Asia, Bishkek

Bruce **Pannier**, Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, Prague

Gulzana **Kurmanalieva**, Naryn State University

**17:30 Panel II: Regional and international cooperation in the areas of trade and energy**

*Chair:*

Prof. Dr Mirzokhid **Rakhimov**, Academy of Sciences, Tashkent

*Input Statements:*

Prof. Dr Andrei **Belyi**, University of Eastern Finland, Kuopio

Ilgar **Qurbanov**, Deputy Editor-in-Chief for 'Caucasus International' Journal, Baku

Jamshid **Normatov**, University of World Economy and Diplomacy, Tashkent

Albina **Muratbekova**, Al Farabi National Kazakh University, Almaty

**19:00 Walk to the Conference Dinner**

**19:30 Dinner Reception**

**21:00 Bus Transfer to the Hotel**

**24 May 2019**

**8:00 Bus Transfer from the Hotel to the Academy**

**9:00 Panel III: Regional and international cooperation in the area of security**

*Chair:*

Prof. Dr Laura **Yerekesheva**, Institute of Oriental Studies, Almaty

*Input Statements:*

Dr Alexander **Wolters**, Director, OSZE Academy, Bishkek

Mirlan **Mamyrov**, United Nations Regional Centre for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia, Bishkek

Suhail **Ahmad**, University of Kashmir, Srinagar

Azad **Garibov**, Khazar University, Baku

**10:30 Coffee break**

**11:00 International Expert Hearing: Democracy and Social Change in post-Soviet space**

*Chairs:*

Prof. Dr Mathias **Jopp**, Head of International Programmes, Institut für Europäische Politik, Berlin

PD Dr Matthias **Waechter**, Director General, Centre international de formation européenne, Nice

Prof. Dr Ghia **Nodia**, Ilia State University, Tbilisi

*Expert Statements:*

Magda **Arsenyan**, Public Administration Academy of the Republic of Armenia, Yerevan

Tamar **Gamkrelidze**, Ilia State University, Tbilisi

Violetta **Manukyan**, Yerevan Brusov State University, Yerevan

Jasur **Salomov**, National University of Uzbekistan, Tashkent

Sholpan **Tazabek**, Nazarbayev University Graduate School of Education, Astana

Kialbek **Temishev**, Kyrgyz National University, Bishkek

Bahodur **Sheraliev**, Russian-Tajik Slavonic University, Dushanbe

**12:30 Light Lunch**

**13:00 Panel IV: The involvement of Big Powers in Central Asia**

*Chair:*

Prof. Dr Mathias **Jopp**, Head of International Programmes, Institut für Europäische Politik, Berlin

*Input Statements:*

Dr Arkady **Moshe**s, Finnish Institute of International Affairs, Helsinki

Dr Raffaele **Pantucci**, Royal United Services Institute, London

Dr Emil **Juraev**, OSCE Academy, Bishkek

**14:30 Concluding Remarks**

Prof. Dr Mathias **Jopp**, Head of International Programmes, Institut für Europäische Politik, Berlin

PD Dr Matthias **Waechter**, Director General, Centre international de formation européenne, Nice

**End of Conference**

- 15:00    Meeting of the Advisory Board**  
**16:00    Individual consultation hours for Supervisors and EUCACIS Team**

**18:00 End of Programme**

- 19:00    Farewell Dinner (for EUCACIS fellows and supervisors)**