

International Symposium
Between Europe and the Orient
- A Focus on Research and Higher Education in/on Central Asia –
Bishkek, June 7 – 9, 2010

1st Day of Conference (Monday, June 7, 2010)

- 12:00 Reception
- 14:00 – 14:50 **Opening Ceremony**
Conference Hall
- Welcome Address by Axel Horstmann
Member of the Executive Management of Volkswagen Foundation
- Welcome Address by H. E. Holger Green
Ambassador of Federal Republic of Germany in the Kyrgyz Republic
- Welcome Address by Boris Hamitovich Kubayev
Deputy Minister of Education and Science of Kyrgyz Republic
- Welcome Address by Academic Sharipa Jorobekovna Jorobekova
President of Academy of Sciences of the Kyrgyz Republic
- Objectives and Structure of the Conference by Hermann Kreutzmann (Berlin)
- 14:50 – 15:50 **Keynote Addresses**
- Richard Pomfret (Adelaide)
Transboundary Cooperation in Central Asia: Opportunities and Obstacles
- Kanatbek Abdrakhmatov (Bishkek)
Research in the field of spontaneous natural phenomena: Prospects for collaboration
- 15:50 – 16:00 **Group Photograph**
- 16:00 – 16:30 **Teabreak**
- 16:30 – 19:00 **Poster Presentations**
introduced by Klaus Vajen (Kassel)
- 16:30 - 17:45 Presentation I and Poster Session
- 17:45 - 19:00 Presentation II and Poster Session
- 19:30 **Dinner at the Hotel “Ak Keme”**

2nd Day of Conference (Tuesday, June 8, 2010)

9:00 – 10:30 **Session 1**

Transforming Human-Environmental Relations

Conference Hall

Chairs: Juergen Herget (Bonn), Vladimir M. Ploskikh (Bishkek)

Tobias Kraudzun (Berlin), Cyrus Samimi (Vienna)

Transitions of Land Use Practices, Possible Ecological Degradation and Sustainable Development in the Eastern Pamirs of Tajikistan

Aufar M. Gareev (Ufa), Ruslan R. Sulejmanov (Ufa)

Natural and Man-Made Soil Degradation in Bashkortostan

Malika Ikramova (Tashkent)

Impact of Transition Processes on Environmental Risk Assessment and Risk Management Strategies in the Transboundary Basin of Zarafshan

Session 2

Legal Systems in Transition

Breakfast Hall

Chairs: Roland Hardenberg (Tuebingen), Tamara A. Ibragimova (Pavlodar)

Hans-Joachim Schramm (Bremen)

Private Law in Caucasian and Central Asian Countries

Azar Aliyev (Kiel), Daulet Baydel'dinov (Almaty)

Foreign Investment Law in Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan and Russia: balance of interests

10:30 – 11:00 **Teabreak**

11:00 – 12:30 **Session 3**

Challenges for Resource Utilization

Conference Hall

Chairs: Otto Kaufmann (Berlin), Bijmyrza Toktoraliev (Osh)

Heiko Pleines (Bremen)

The Energy Sector and the Political Stability of Regimes in the Caspian Area: A Comparison of Kazakhstan and Azerbaijan

Michael Keusgen (Marburg)

Pharmaceutical Values of Onions and Related Species (*Allium L.*) of Middle Asia and the Caucasus

Tolkunbek Asykulov (Bishkek), Brigitta Schuett (Berlin)

Integrated watershed management in Central Asia - Implementing an Educational and Research Concept for Capacity Building in Kyrgyzstan

Session 4

History and Memory

Breakfast Hall

Chairs: Bakhtyor Babadjanov (Tashkent), Raoul Motika (Hamburg)

Barbara Christophe (Braunschweig)

The Institutionalization of Cultural Patterns of Interpretation: Teachers of History as the Interface between Collective and Individual Recollection in Georgia, Kyrgyzstan and Lithuania

Louise Andersen (Tübingen), Roland Hardenberg (Tübingen)

Death and Regeneration: Genealogies, Oral Histories and Ritual Economies in Rural Kyrgyzstan

Otto Luchterhandt (Hamburg)

The Germans in the Multiethnic and Multireligious Society of Kyrgyzstan

12:30 – 13:30 **Lunch at the Hotel “Ak Keme”**

14:00 – 15:30 **Session 5**

Mobility and Cross-Border Cooperation

Breakfast Hall

Chairs: Mirzokhid Rakhimov (Tashkent), Matthias Schmidt (Berlin)

Damir Esenaliev (Bishkek/Berlin), Susan Steiner (Berlin)

Economic Transition, Household Behavior and Well-Being in Kyrgyzstan

Reimund Seidelmann (Giessen), Andreas Vasilache (Bielefeld)

Germany, the European Union, and Central Asia. A research, professionalisation, and cooperation project for the academic successor generation of Central Asia

Session 6

Transforming Institutions and Statehood

Conference Hall

Chairs: Michael Kemper (Amsterdam), Tursumbaj S. Kubatbekov (Bishkek)

Christian Noack (Maynooth)

From Kolkhoz to Jamaat. Transition of Rural Islamic-Background Communities in the Former USSR

Hafiz Boboyorov (Dushanbe)

Local Governance and Fragile Statehood. Institutional Arrangements and Development Paths in the Amu Darya Border Region

Joachim Ahrens (Goettingen)

Emerging Market Economies in Central Asia: The Role of Institutional Complementarities in Reform Processes

15:30 – 16:00 **Teabreak**

16:00 – 18:00 **Agora**

Human Capacity Building: Challenges and Chances

Meeting in the Poster Session Hall

Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG)

Deutscher Akademischer Austausch Dienst (DAAD)

Erasmus Mundus, Cooperation and Mobility Programme in the Field of Higher Education

Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit (GTZ)

Hanns Seidel Foundation

Kyrgyz-Russian Slavic University

Kyrgyzstan-Turkey Manas University

OSCE-Academy Bishkek

Soros Foundation – Kyrgyzstan

Sprachlernzentrum, contractual partner of Goethe-Institute Almaty

Tempus-Programme for Development of Institutional Cooperation and Modernization of Higher Education Systems

University of Central Asia

Volkswagen foundation

19:00 **Dinner and Cultural Programme at the Restaurant “Dasmiya”**

3rd Day of Conference (Wednesday, June 9, 2010)

9:00 – 10:30 **International Academic Exchange for Human Capacity Building**

Conference Hall

Panel Discussion chaired by Sh. D. Dostaj (Almaty)

Interventions by Bohdan Krawchenko (Bishkek), Joerg Stadelbauer (Freiburg)

Panelists

Janybek Orozaliev (Bishkek/ Kassel)

Botakoz Kassymbekova (Dushanbe/ Berlin)

Maxim Ryabkov (Bishkek)

Heinz-Dieter Wenzel (Bamberg)

10:30 – 11:00 **Teabreak**

11:00 – 13:00 **Experiences in Research Cooperation and Future Challenges**

Conference Hall

Plenary Discussion chaired by Hermann Kreutzmann (Berlin)

Panelists

Ingeborg Baldauf (Berlin)

Daulet Baydeldinov (Almaty)

Evamarie Hey-Hawkins (Leipzig)

Rustam Ibadov (Samarkand)

Nurbek A. Omuraliev (Bishkek)

Tolganai Umbetalieva (Almaty)

Klaus Vajen (Kassel)

Closing remarks

Hermann Kreutzmann (Berlin)

Axel Horstmann

Member of the Executive Management of Volkswagen Foundation

13:00 – 14:00 **Lunch at the Hotel "Ak Keme"**

14:15 – 16:00 **Programme assessments**

14:15 - 15:00 by programme evaluators and project counterparts from CIS countries

15:15 - 16:00 by programme evaluators and project counterparts from European countries

Afternoon **Landmarks of Urban Development in Bishkek** (optional excursion)

20:00 **Farewell Dinner at the Restaurant "Arzu"**