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Welcome Note



Dear Friends and Colleagues,

After a longue dur e of busy summer months in preparation for blended teaching and restricted research, under the circumstances of COVID-19, and for many of us, without a break to enjoy, we are back in the final year of the project – 2020/21.

The year is already proving difficult for many of our partners - with continuing civil protests in Belarus (day 78), and a 3rd broken ceasefire between Armenia and Azerbaijan over Nagorno-Karabakh, at the time of writing this newsletter. While our thoughts and heart-felt condolences are with the peoples of these countries, we as researchers must stay strong and focused, to ensure that peace is rebuilt, and our resilient and long-suffering communities prosper once more! Our goal is to support capacity-building across the region, and we will do it, no matter what!

This final year of the project will see our signature conferences and Early

Career Training Schools to continue, even if in the online form only! Our community engagement events, driven by the Cambridge team, are already bearing fruit! Our ongoing webinars, and work on joint publications grow further – having seen two Special Issues published in Spring and Summer, and a joint monograph in November 2020, with more planned in the pipeline! We also continue our effort at bringing new joint funding opportunities, and the testimony to this are the two new projects – AGRE (with Durham and Oxford) and GOOD-NEIGHBOURS (with TNU and American Uni of Central Asia, Kyrgyz Republic).

Given the circumstances, we also hope the project could enjoy its extension beyond 2021. So, once again, onwards and upwards – without looking back and towards a more peaceful, resilient and sustainable future in the region, and globally!

Wishing you every success this difficult year,

Professor Elena A. Korosteleva,
Principal Investigator, University of Kent

Current COMPASS Events

Cambridge Central Asia Forum and GCRF COMPASS, Centre of Development Studies Seminar Series, Oct-Dec 2020



GCRF COMPASS Cambridge has organised its annual seminar series for Michaelmas term with talks covering a wide range of topics related to capacity building and knowledge production. This term's schedule includes 16 October His Excellency Said T. Jawad, Ambassador of the Republic of Afghanistan to the UK, 'Peace Building and Reconciliation in Afghanistan'; 23 October Panel on 'Education Beyond Frontiers – Triple Helix (education / business / government links)' co-organised with the British Kazakh Society; 30 October E. Dick, Senior Lecturer, Middlesex Uni, 'The Politics and Aesthetics of Textiles on the Silk Road'; 13 November Dr Ibanez Tirado, Uni of Sussex, 'Gendered worlds and cosmopolitan lives: Muslim female traders in Yiwu and Dushanbe'; 20 November Dr Koo, Research Associate, Desautels Faculty of Management, McGill Uni, 'Linguistic Inclusiveness in Organizations: A Russophone Bank in Post-Soviet Kazakhstan'; 27 November Prof Dadabaev, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Tsukuba Uni, 'Decolonizing Central Asian International Relations: Central Asia in Post-Colonial Age'; and 4 December His Excellency Said Rustamov, Ambassador of the Republic of Uzbekistan to the UK.



GCRF COMPASS Work in Progress Seminars at Kent 2020-2021

Uni of Kent will host its Work in Progress Seminars from 8 October to 3 December 2020. The schedule includes: 8 October– 'The agency of small states: The foreign policy of Belarus'– P. Hansbury, Uni of Oxford; 5 November Mr Babaev, ADA Uni; and 'The impacts of territorial autonomy status on separatist movements and ignition of ethno-nationalist conflicts', Ms Madidi, Azerbaijan.

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Research and Education Webinar Series with University of Cambridge Graduates, 30 September-9 December 2020

GCRF COMPASS Cambridge has organised the Research and Education Series with Uni of Cambridge graduates in a bid to share the journey of five Central Asians in the sciences and humanities with the youth in our partner countries. The talks are as follows- 30 September Dr Sartbaeva, Uni of Bath, 'Overcoming Cold-Chain with Cool Nanotechnology for Protecting Vaccines'; 14 October Dr Yunusov, Uni of Cambridge, 'Global Challenges: Climate Change'; 4 November Dr Laumulin, Satbayev Uni, 'Science: Connecting Cambridge and Eurasia'; 25 November M. Zekhni, Uni of Cambridge, 'Historical Mosaic of Central Asia: rethinking the ways to study regional history'; and 9 December V. Malikgulyyev, USAID's Future Growth Initiative, 'Private Sector. Development. Science'. All the talks are in the Russian language, broadcasted by Tengri news, on Youtube and on Facebook simultaneously in all five Central Asian countries and in Azerbaijan. Dr Kudaibergenova, PDRA, is the moderator.



Past COMPASS Events

XIX International Scientific Conference 'Belarus in the Modern World', BSU, 29 October 2020

GCRF COMPASS and the Faculty of International Relations of the Belarusian State Uni held the XIX International

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Scientific Conference, 'Belarus in the Modern World' on 29 October. The event attracted teachers, graduate students, researchers and specialists in international relations, world economy, international and European law, international tourism, customs, diplomatic and consular services. This conference has been supported by COMPASS since 2018. <https://fir.bsu.by/news/news-2020-09-10>

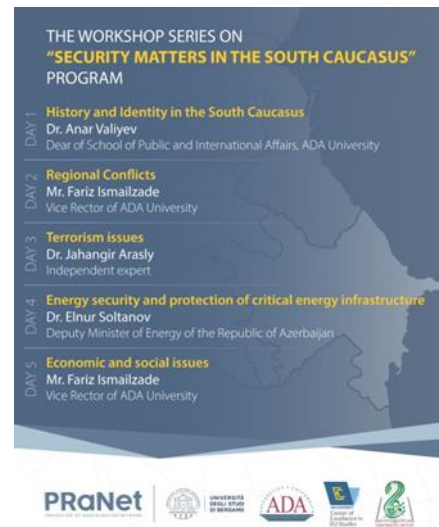
Eurasian Network of regional initiatives and organisations: the elements of connectivity', BSU Minsk 29 October 2020



Prof Turarbekova in cooperation with COMPASS and Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (Kyiv) organised a symposium, as part of the annual regional conference 'Belarus in the contemporary world', to discuss issues of regional integration in the wider Eurasia; traditional and new global players in the region and transformation of their influence; and the new initiatives to reflect more flexible and complex nature of regional development. The workshop was opened by Prof Korosteleva (Kent), Prof Shadurski (BSU) and C. Forst (FE Stiftung), and consisted of two sessions, moderated by Prof Turarbekova, and Prof Korosteleva. From Kent the speakers included Dr Petrova and H. Zheng.

Workshop on regional security, ADA University, 26-30 October 2020

The workshop series on 'Security Matters in the South Caucasus' included a number of talks on Regional Security in the region. The speakers included F. Ismailzade and Dr Valiev.



VII Republican Seminar on 'Linguodidactics. New technologies in teaching Russian as a foreign language', BSU, 23 October 2020

The Faculty of International Relations organised the VII Republican scientific and practical seminar 'Linguodidactics. New technologies in teaching Russian as a foreign language'.



Republican Seminar on 'Research of international relations in the Republic of Belarus: state and prospects', BSU, 9 October 2020



On October 9, 2020, the faculty of International Relations organised a Republican seminar 'Research of international relations in the Republic of Belarus: state and prospects'. The workshop was initiated by the Department of International Relations and the Center for Eurasian and European Studies of BSU. The Republican Seminar is a continuation of

the scientific discussion on the modern format and the effectiveness of scientific research in the field of international relations, which began in 2018. The Dean of the Faculty Prof Shadurskiy addressed the participants with a welcoming speech.

Conference on 'Impact of the Pandemic on Central Asia: Initial Lessons, Coronacrisis and Prospects for Transformation', UWED, Uzbekistan, 16-17 September 2020

The conference on the 'Impact of the Pandemic on Central Asia' was organised by the Oily Majlis of Uzbekistan and UWED on 16-17 September. Prof Korosteleva, Dr Saxena, Prof Shaidi (TNU), Prof Nurulla-Khojaeva (Moscow), F. Ismailzade (ADA) and A. Nazaranka (BSU) were invited as speakers. Welcome notes were given by Her Excellency Ms Narbaeva (Chairwoman of the Senate of Parliament Oliy Majlis of the Republic of Uzbekistan) and Prof Abduvakhitov (State Adviser to the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Rector of UWED). The meeting was introduced by Senator Safoev (First Deputy Chairman of the Senate of the Oliy Majlis of the Republic of Uzbekistan). Other notable speakers were Prof Starr (Founder and Chairman of the Central Asia-Caucasus Institute & Silk Road Studies Program) and Her Excellency Ms Dimovska (UNDP Resident Representative in Uzbekistan).

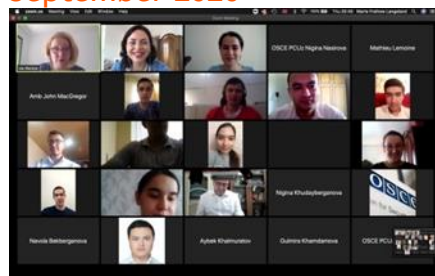


Roundtable on Uzbek-Turkmen ties, UWED, 10 September 2020



The round table, organized with the assistance of the Embassy of Turkmenistan in Tashkent and the Embassy of Uzbekistan in Ashgabat, emphasized that the fundamentally new foreign policy of the President of Uzbekistan, S. Mirziyoyev creates broad prerequisites for an active dialogue aimed at further strengthening the Uzbek-Turkmen ties of centuries-old friendship and brotherhood, good-neighborliness and strategic partnership, including in the fields of science and education. The main leitmotif of the meeting of experts was a thorough consideration of the main directions and features of the foreign policy of the two countries, including the role and significance of the policy of permanent neutrality of Turkmenistan, approved by the UN General Assembly in 1995, as well as the implementation of the 'Memorandum of Cooperation between the Institute of International Relations of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan and UWED', signed during the official visit of the President of Turkmenistan G. Berdimuhamedov to Uzbekistan. The meeting was attended by His Excellency Y. Mammedov, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Turkmenistan to Uzbekistan, A. Kuchkarov, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Uzbekistan to Turkmenistan, J. Gurbangeldiev (Rector of IMO), K. Karimov (Rector of UWED), Said Kasimov (Vice-Rector of UWED for International Relations), and IMO teachers: A. Dzhumagulyev and A. Omarova, heads of UWED departments: A. Mukhitdinov and O. Nayimov, and U. Khasanov (UWED).

First online model OSCE in Uzbekistan, UWED, 2-4 September 2020



UWED together with the office of the OSCE project coordinator in Uzbekistan hosted the first online model 'OSCE in Uzbekistan'. Twenty-five participants from Uzbekistan, represented by graduates or students of UWED in

Tashkent, took part in the 'Model OSCE' online conference which was held from 2 to 4 September 2020. During the online conference, participants had the opportunity to learn more about the OSCE structures, improve their skills in negotiating and drafting international documents, and understand the OSCE's activities in Uzbekistan in its three programmatic dimensions. They got acquainted with the Helsinki Final act of 1975, a historic OSCE document that laid the Foundation for European peace, anchored by a joint system of multilateralism based on shared values and commitments. The event coincided with the 45th anniversary of the signing of the Helsinki Final act.

COVID-19 and the Resilience of Central Asia - Launch of Regional Webinars, 19 August 2020

TNU, COMPASS partner in Tajikistan, has initiated a series of regional webinars to renew the long-standing academic and cultural ties with their close neighbours in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan and to rethink their common heritage in the era of independence. The launch meeting is available on [YouTube](#).

Conference on 'Central Asia and Resilience of Poetics of Civil Society', TNU, 15 August, 2020

Z. Shahidi International Cultural Foundation in collaboration with TNU and ISAA MSU organised a conference on 'Central Asia and resilience of poetics of civil society. Comparative studies of period of modernity and principles of integration: CA and EU'. Prof Shahidi gave a talk on 'How 'borrowings' from Tajik-Persian Poetics are interpreted in European poetry'.

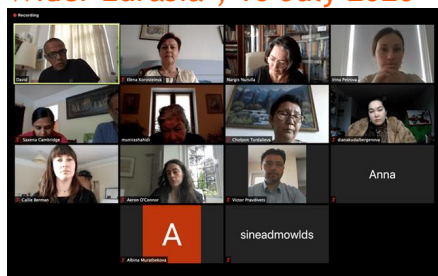
Panel Discussion on 'Development Damlyama', 30 July 2020

GCRF COMPASS, Centre of Development Studies, Uni of Cambridge and Cambridge Central Asia Forum, Jesus College, Uni of Cambridge organised a Panel Discussion on 'Development Damlyama: Reflecting on Development Aid Cooperation Paradigms in Central Asia' with Dr Kluczevska, Dr Lombardozzi, Dr Majidi, and S.

Mowlds. The moderator was Dr Saxena, GCRF COMPASS Co-I and the discussants were Dr Kudaibergenova, PDRA, GCRF COMPASS, Centre of Development Studies, Uni of Cambridge & P. Kalra, Affiliated Lecturer, Centre of Development Studies, Uni of Cambridge. The panel answered a number of questions on civil society in Central Asia and the role of international aid organisations, European Union and UN related agencies. The focus was on locating and discussing the mismatch between the needs of the local population and the agenda and demands of international organisations. The event was attended by over 50 people. The discussion continues on a Slack channel.



COMPASS Work-in-progress seminar 'Hamsoya - united in shadows: the making of resilient communities in Wider Eurasia', 16 July 2020

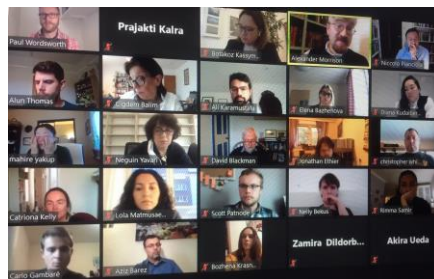


On 16 July 2020 COMPASS held a Work-in-progress seminar 'Hamsoya – united in shadows: the making of resilient communities in Wider Eurasia'. The session focused on two draft papers. Prof Chandler (Univ of Westminster) presented his paper 'Becoming Resilient: The 'Right to Opacity' as the Foundation of 'Relations of Community' and Prof Nurulla-Khodzhaeva (Moscow State Uni) discussed the ideas of resilience stemming from Sufism in her paper 'Bouncing Back: the Value of Glocal Resilience and Sufi-Hamsoya'. The discussion highlighted the importance

of conceptual thinking beyond modernity and Western-centric perspectives of resilience.

Invited Talks and Other Events

TOSCAA: 'Was Soviet Rule in Central Asia colonial?', 27 October 2020



TOSCAA, The Oxford Seminar for the Caucasus and Central Asia, organised a panel on 'Was Soviet Rule in Central Asia "Colonial"?' in a conversation style format. Dr Kudaibergenova (GCRF COMPASS PDRA), Dr Morrison (New College, Oxford), Dr Kassymbekova (Liverpool John Moores Uni), Dr Pianciola (Nazarbayev Uni) and Dr Thomas (Staffordshire Uni) discussed Soviet rule in Central Asia.

Talks on Tajik Opera, Tajikistan, 23 October 2020

The Z. Shahidi Republican Museum has organised a number of talks on Tajik Opera in the globalising world on October 23, 2020.



The Doughty Street Chamber 3rd Webinar: 'Power, People and Politics: looking into the future', 22 October 2020

Prof Korosteleva together with Doughty Street Chambers, SSEES UCL, Free Theatre Belarus, Global Belarus platform, and the Coordination Council of Belarus, organised a 3rd webinar to discuss the anti-crisis measures, and institutional reforms needed to stabilise the country in its transition.

Talk by P. Kalra on 'Purveyors of Knowledge in Mongol Eurasia', 21 October 2020

P. Kalra was invited by Jeonbuk National University, South Korea to give a talk on scientific exchanges in the 13th century. She focused on the exchanges in wider Eurasia that was an outcome of Mongol and Central Asian agency and interest in science, knowledge and intellectual exchanges. The talk focused on how research and exchanges were carried out in the Mongol period between Chinese, Islamic, Central Asian, Indic and Western (Nestorians, Manicheans) medicine, astronomy, agriculture and other scientific disciplines. She addressed a group of students in the History of Science module run by Dr Shin.

Talk by Bakhtiyor Ibragimov, Permanent Representative of Uzbekistan to the UN, 20 October 2020

On October 20, 2020, within the framework of the second day of the UN Week at UWED, the Permanent Representative of Uzbekistan to the UN, Mr Bakhtiyor Ibragimov delivered an online lecture 'Uzbekistan and the UN: New Opportunities for Cooperation'. The senior representative of Uzbekistan to the UN began his speech with a brief history of cooperation between Uzbekistan and the UN. He noted that the country has been effectively cooperating with the UN since its accession.

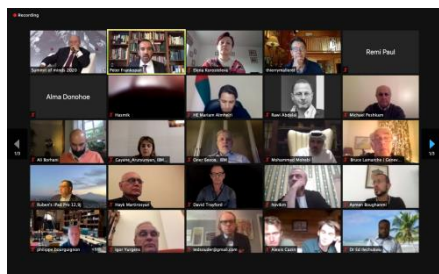


Central Eurasian Studies Society Online Week 2020, 13-16 October 2020

COMPASS Cambridge team PDRA Dr Kudaibergenova participated in Central Eurasian Studies Society Online Week 2020. She took part as a discussant on the panel 'Art and Activism in Central Eurasia' on 13 October and lead (together with Dr Botoeva) a networking conversation on 'Writing Central Asia: how to address challenges and opportunities in academic writing about our region' that was held on 16 October 2020.

Virtual Summit of Minds 2020, 10 October 2020

Prof Korosteleva participated in the virtual Summit of Minds 2020. She spoke about the return of geopolitics in a new form, and the need to move to a new vision and understanding of the world as more complex, non-linear, unpredictable and local, where every person matters, and small states should seize the opportunity to define and defend their vision for a more cooperative and sustainable future. Other panel speakers included Mr Kasperski, CEO of Kaspersky Lab; Mr Malige, EBRD Managing Director for Eastern Europe and Caucasus; Prof Karaganov, Dean HSE Moscow, Dr Shvydkoy, Special Representative of the Russian President for International Cultural Cooperation; and H.E. Fried, Distinguished Fellow of the Future Europe Initiative, Atlantic Council. The summit also included the launch of a new initiative 'Smart Small States' Club with comments from Thierry Malleret, Managing Partner of the Monthly Barometer; and Prof Frankopan, Uni of Oxford.



GLOBSEC Bratislava Forum 2020 'Let's Heal the World Together' 7-8 October 2020

Prof Korosteleva was invited to join the GLOBSEC Bratislava Forum 2020 'Let's Heal the World Together'. The

coronavirus pandemic accentuated the need for the international community to come together to resolve an unprecedented global health and economic crisis. It also revealed how fragmented and uncertain the world has become. Under the overarching theme 'Let's Heal the World Together', the discussion has focused on the most pressing issues that need to be resolved in order to quickly recover from the Great Lockdown, and to build safer, more prosperous and resilient societies. The speakers included H.E. Caputova, Slovak President; H.E. Albright; H.E. Kurz, Chancellor of Austria; COMPASS Advisory Board member, N. Tocci, IAI Director; S. Tikhanovskaya, Presidential Candidate 2020 Belarus Election and many more. Prof Korosteleva was invited to contribute to the discussion in the panel, 'Eastern Partnership: The Impact of Regional Political Crisis on the Civil Society and Increased Resilience for Unfolding Trends', with I. Krastev, Chairman of the Centre for Liberal Strategies and Permanent Fellow at the Institute for Human Sciences (IWM); K. Mathernová, Deputy Director-General, European Neighborhood and Enlargement Negotiations, European Commission; C. Rebegea, Director for Democratic Resilience, Center for European Policy Analysis (CEPA); and T. de Waal, Senior Fellow, Carnegie Europe. The focus was on political and security crises in the Eastern Partnership countries, and the role of civil society in helping people to cope with crises and build their resilience.

UK-Uzbekistan Cooperation on Afghanistan, Uzbek Embassy in the UK, 6 October 2020



On October 6, a virtual conference of the Institute for Strategic and Regional Studies under the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan with the British Foreign and Commonwealth Office Research Group on South Asia and

Afghanistan was organized with the support of the Embassy of Uzbekistan in London. The dialogue was dedicated to the issues of promoting intra-Afghan peace talks, strengthening trans-regional interconnection between the Central and South Asian countries, as well as strengthening Uzbekistan – British cooperation in the Afghan direction. Foreign policy specialists and leading experts from research centres of Uzbekistan and the United Kingdom took part in the event. The British side was represented by scientists and researchers from such influential think tanks as Chatham House, the Royal United Services Institute, and the Russian and Eurasian Studies Centre of the Uni of Oxford. His Excellency Rustamov (Uzbek Ambassador to the UK), A. Nemetov (ISRS First Deputy Director), Prof Alison (Oxford) and Dr Akram (UWED) among others spoke at the event.

Policy Briefing, 1 October 2020

Prof Korosteleva together with Belarus International Committee, met with members of DG NEAR, European Commission, 1 October 2020, to discuss measures for supporting transition and reforms in Belarus.

Book Launch, 1 October 2020

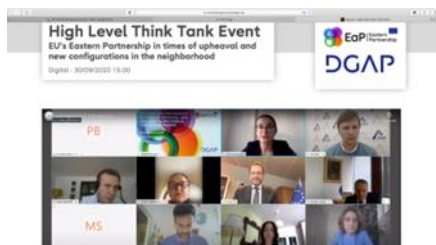
Dr Kudaibergenova (COMPASS PDRA) was invited by MECACS Seminar Series, St Andrews Uni to launch her book, 'Toward Nationalising Regimes: Conceptualizing Power and Identity in the Post-Soviet Realm' (UP Pittsburgh, 2020). It was an online webinar where she discussed her book and answered questions about her work, research and interests.

<https://events.st-andrews.ac.uk/events/mecacs-seminar-series-book-launch-of-the-toward-nationalising-regimes-conceptualizing-power-and-identity-in-the-post-soviet-realm-up-pittsburgh-2020>

Meeting on 'The EU's Eastern Partnership and its strategic vision for 2020+ in the times of upheaval', 30 September 2020

On 30 September 2020, Prof Korosteleva was invited to participate in the 2nd (digital) High-Level Think Tank event dedicated to The EU's Eastern Partnership and its strategic vision for

2020+ in the times of upheaval, to deliberate on the new format of engagement and configurations in the neighbourhood. The speakers included: D. Schwarzer, Director, DGAP; K. Mathernová, Deputy Director General, European Commission, DG NEAR; L. Devigne, Acting Managing Director, Russia, Eastern Partnership, Central Asia, Regional Cooperation and OSCE, European External Action Service; M. Siebert, Ambassador, Director for Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia, German Federal Foreign Office; M. Lexmann, Member of European Parliament, European People's Party; S. Saari, Senior Associate Analyst, European Union Institute for Security Studies (EUISS) and H. Maksak, Executive Director, Foreign Policy Council 'Ukrainian Prism'. The key points discussed during the event were i) support for Belarus and especially the people and civil society; ii) support to the region in general to prop up the crumbling health systems under CV19, provide socio-economic recovery, and offer help to the vulnerable and civic society; and iii) security issues in the Caucasus, which require urgent attention and resolution.



'Central Asia and the EU: Multilateral cooperation to achieve sustainable development of the Eurasian region', 30 September 2020



On September 30, an international virtual conference took place on 'Central Asia and the EU: Multilateral cooperation to achieve sustainable development of the Eurasian region'. The event was organized by the Institute for Strategic and Regional Studies under the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan together with the German Konrad Adenauer Foundation branch in Central Asia, was attended by representatives of foreign policy departments, heads and leading experts of analytical and research centers of the EU, Germany, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Afghanistan and Uzbekistan. Dr Akram participated in the meeting.

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4th Global Conference on Business & Technology 2020, 26-27 September 2020

Dr Saxena was keynote speaker at the GCBT 2020 conference on Business & Technology. His talk was on 'Higher Education and world business cooperation approach'. Dr Saxena spoke about the need for businesses to understand cooperation with academia is not about one dimensional product oriented R&D, but about multilevel engagement with scientific research and human capital development to achieve a sustainable future for all. Other speakers included UK Labour Party MPs and academics from UK universities.

The Doughty Street Chambers 2nd webinar: Belarus on the Edge: Europe on the Brink?

Prof Korosteleva, with Doughty Street Chambers, Bar Human Rights Committee, and Human Rights Institute, organised the second webinar on the crisis in Belarus titled 'Belarus on the Edge: Europe on the Brink?' that took place on 24 September 2020 via zoom (recording is available [here](#)). The speakers included N. Satsunkevich (NGO Viasna Belarus), P. Kuryan (Belarus/International lawyer), Prof J. Korosteleva (Business Economics UCL SSEES), Prof Bowring (Law and Human Rights, Birkbeck College), B. Cilevics (COE and PACE OSCE), and N. Husakouskaya (Amnesty International). Baroness Kennedy was chairing the discussion, and Prof Korosteleva offered concluding remarks, also mentioning about the launch of the Belarus International Committee. The speakers addressed the issue of human rights violations, economic issues, smart sanctions, legal and political instruments to put pressure on the regime, and the gender

dimension of the protests. The webinar attracted over 150 participants, and will continue monitoring the situation in Belarus.



Round table dedicated to the 75th anniversary of the UN, on the topic: 'UN 75 Years: A Common Future Together', UWED, 19 September 2020



The UN week was held at UWED and TSUL, dedicated to the 75th anniversary of the UN. In his welcoming speech, UWED Rector K. Karimov noted the growing role of the UN in the world, explained the tasks set 75 years ago, which remain relevant to this day, gave an explanation of the three pillars of the UN: preserving peace, restoring the world economy and ensuring human rights and freedoms. It was especially noted that in October 2020, Uzbekistan was elected to the UN Human Rights Council, which testifies to the recognition by the international community of Uzbekistan's achievements in the field of human rights, a high assessment of the reforms and transformations carried out in the country in general.

Lecture by Professor Munira Shahidi at Moscow State University, 18 September 2020



Prof Shahidi from Tajik National University and the GCRF COMPASS National Lead, gave a lecture titled 'The Crisis of modernity and the poetics of

civil society: Central Asia in a Global World' at the Moscow State University. Professor Shahidi connected the challenges of modernity with the history and culture of the region, and drew comparisons of wholeness of the poetics of civil society in Tajikistan and western world. This talk has inaugurated the beginning of the forthcoming lecture series 'The Atlas of Eurasia' organised by Moscow State University. For full lecture recording please visit [here](#).

Meeting to commemorate the '25th Anniversary of the Neutrality of Turkmenistan', 16 September 2020



Dr Saxena was invited to speak at a media forum held in Turkmenistan to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the neutrality of Turkmenistan and the 75th session of the UN General Assembly on 16 September 2020. Representatives of the diplomatic corps of Turkmenistan along with media agencies participated on the occasion of the 25th Anniversary of the Neutrality of Turkmenistan and the 75th Anniversary of the UN General Assembly sessions, where Turkmenistan was elected to the Vice-Chairmanship of the 75th session of the UN General Assembly. Politicians, specialists in the field of international relations and journalists from various countries were invited to this event.

The Ukrainian Institute London webinar: People power in the face of state violence in Belarus, 9 September 2020

The event was organised by the Ukrainian Institute London. It attracted nearly 200 participants and is available on [youtube: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wLVGSbt-W_I&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wLVGSbt-W_I&feature=youtu.be). The webinar speakers included N. Husakouskaya, A. Minchenia and N. Gumenyuk, and the discussion was moderated by Prof Korosteleva.

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Meeting with the Ambassador of Tajikistan in Russia, 8 September 2020



On 8 September there was a celebration to commemorate the Day of Independence of Tajikistan in the Embassy of Tajikistan in Russia. The event was attended by the Ambassador of Tajikistan to Russia, His Excellency Mr Sattorzoda and Prof Shahidi (TNU). It was attended by representatives of thirty Tajik communities in Russia and was followed by a discussion of the situation on pandemic COVID-19 on the migrant community in Moscow.

UACES Virtual Conference, 7-11 September 2020



On 8 September 2020, Dr Petrova participated in the annual UACES (University Association for Contemporary European Studies) Conference, this year taking place virtually. She contributed to the panel 'EU Foreign Policy and External Relations' with a report titled 'The Principle of Mutual Ownership in The EU's Foreign Policy: Towards a More Equal Partnership?'. The panel was chaired by C. Ustun (Nisantasi Uni),

other presentations were delivered by A. AlBahri (Institute of Political Studies, Polish Academy of Sciences, Poland) and T. Almeida Cravo (FEUC-CES, Uni of Coimbra, Portugal). Further information about the conference can be found [here](#).

The Doughty Street Chambers 1st Webinar: People, Power & Protest: Protecting & Promoting Human Rights in Belarus, 3 September 2020



On 3rd September 2020, Prof Korosteleva, together with Doughty Street Chambers, Bar Human Rights Committee of England & Wales, the Uni of Liverpool, and the Human Rights Institute, organised a public webinar on People, Power & Protest: Protecting & Promoting Human Rights in Belarus. The aim of the webinar was to explore and discuss what options there were in the short and long term, to resolve the crisis in Belarus, mapping recent events from human rights and political perspectives. Speakers included Baroness Helena Kennedy QC (Chair); N. Satsunkevich (Human Rights NGO Viasna, Belarus); E. Korosteleva (PI COMPASS project, Uni of Kent); K. Dzehtsiarou (Uni of Liverpool), M. Lexmann MEP (and COMPASS Advisory Board member); S. Dikman (Council of Europe) and L. Jonavicius (Uni of Vilnius), with B. Bowring (Birkbeck College) and B. Cilevics (Parliament of Latvia) acting as discussants. Full information about the event can be found [here: https://research.kent.ac.uk/gcrf-compass/wp-content/uploads/sites/1767/2020/09/People-Power-Protest-Event-Flyer.pdf](https://research.kent.ac.uk/gcrf-compass/wp-content/uploads/sites/1767/2020/09/People-Power-Protest-Event-Flyer.pdf), and a [videolink here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tc-70OzUGZI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tc-70OzUGZI).

Conference on the 'History and Culture of the Great Steppe', Almaty, Kazakhstan 26-27 August 2020

Dr Saxena was an invited speaker at the conference on the 'History and Culture of the Great Steppe' on 26-27 August.

The conference was organised by the Republican Information Center for the Study of Historical Sources, R.B. Suleimenov Institute of Oriental Studies, Committee of Science, Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Kazakhstan and The interdisciplinary scientific project 'History and Culture of the Great Steppe' ran from 2018-2020. Based on three years of research, new theoretical and methodological approaches and conclusions on topical issues of history and culture, the aim was to form a holistic vision of national history, preserve historical memory, continuity and the formation of identity. Dr Saxena gave a talk on 'Unrigid Geographies: A case of Central Asia, Eurasia and the Silk Road' and Dr Chokan Laumulin presented on 'Fundamental Science and Modernization of Kazakhstan'. Conference was chaired by Prof Abusseitova and moderated by a number of notable scholars from the Eurasia region. The conference began with a welcome speech by the Minister of Education and Science of the Republic of Kazakhstan, A. Aimagambetov.



Meeting to discuss 'Issues of strengthening cooperation between Russia and Central Asian countries in the field of ensuring regional security', 26 August 2020



On 26 August 2020, an online conference was held on the topic 'Opportunities of Russia and the Central Asian States in Afghanistan', organized by the Institute for Strategic and Interregional Studies under the

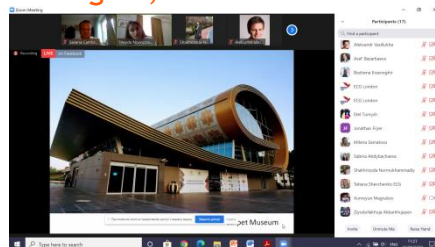
President of the Republic of Uzbekistan and the Valdai International Discussion Club. Leading experts from Russia and Central Asian countries took part in the online discussion. Dr Akram participated in the meeting.

Femagora Festival on Gender in Central Asia, 25 August-30 September 2020

Dr Kudaibergenova participated in the Femagora Festival on Gender in Central Asia which was organised online from 25 August to 30 September. Dr Kudaibergenova led a discussion on the 2nd of September on uyat (shame) with D. Mamadsho, A. Kapalova, U. Akhmedova, and M. Yergebekov. The conversation was in Russian. Traditionally, the goals of the festival are to highlight the activities of women and the gender situation, to solidarize feminist initiatives, which become especially important during the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on the lives of especially vulnerable groups and communities. Speakers of meetings and authors of publications - artists, journalists, representatives of national women's mechanisms, researchers, directors and other experts from Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan and Turkmenistan.

https://femagora.org/2020?fbclid=IwAR0aACUUhZWCPj5BE_ftN2d_aGsdL0LysQGHLdf4ktRVZj1UN8AX3c1u64

Meeting on 'The world of architecture. Creating the future with the best modern and historical architectural objects of Central Eurasia,' 15 August, 2020

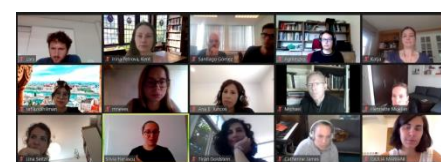


Dr Saxena chaired an online Zoom meeting titled 'The world of architecture. Creating the future with the best modern and historical architectural objects of Central Eurasia' on 15 August, 2020. This meeting debated issues around balancing modernising aspirations of state led projects and sense of history and community of populations. Practical

solutions for creating a modern city with both the historical places and the modern architectural objects were elaborated. Also during the online meeting the OCA magazine presented a brand-new project '200 landmarks of Eurasia'. It is a special edition of OCA magazine including annual ratings that lists 200 of the most fascinating landmarks in Central Eurasia. The panelists were S. Novruzzade (International relations adviser of the Union of Azerbaijan Architects. President of the Young Architects and Students Club, Azerbaijan), V. Aleksandr (Lead Architect. Atlas, Russia), A. Ziyodulloxoja (Architect of Aria Project, Uzbekistan), M. Khumoyun (Marketing Communications Manager in Houz of Architects, Uzbekistan).

ECPR online course on Social Network Analysis 3 - 7 August 2020

On 3-7 August 2020 Dr Petrova attended the online course on Social Network Analysis, organised in the framework of the European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) 1st Virtual Methods School. The intensive course was taught by Dr Fierăscu (Universitatea de Vest din Timisoara, Romania) and attended by forty international researchers. The course provided in-depth training in the network theory, research design and analysis with R, as well as showcased various examples of the network theory application to political research. Dr Petrova will use the Social Network Analysis method in her research on resilience and local ownership in international cooperation in Eurasia.

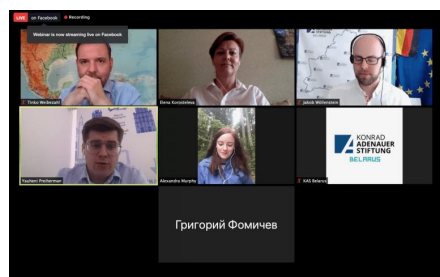


CV19 workshop, 30 July 2020



On 30 July 2020 Prof Korosteleva participated in the CV19 workshop

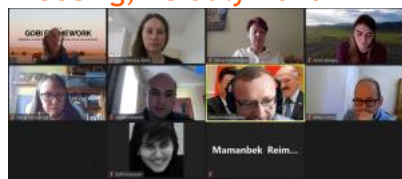
organised co-jointly by the Minsk Dialogue Council on International Relations (Belarus), Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS Belarus, Germany) and GCRF COMPASS (UK). This online discussion has focused on the United Kingdom, and the three particular questions: What specific security and geopolitical circumstances does the UK find itself in after Brexit and at the time of the pandemic disruption?; What major security policy dilemmas is the UK facing now and is likely to face as the Covid-19 crisis is over?; How will Brexit and the pandemic and its longer-term effects impact the UK's status and role in the international system?; What strategic implications will the (non)changing UK's role in the world have for Euro-Atlantic and Eurasian security? Other participants were: Mr Weibezahl (Department of European and International Cooperation, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, Germany); Ms Murphy (Visiting Fellow, Minsk Dialogue Council on International Relations, UK-Belarus); Mr Wöllenstein (Director Country Office Belarus, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, Germany); and Mr Preiherman (Director, Minsk Dialogue Council on International Relations, Belarus). More information could be found live-streamed on the Minsk Dialogue's [Facebook page](#); and policy briefs on the [COMPASS Crisis Reflections](#) page.



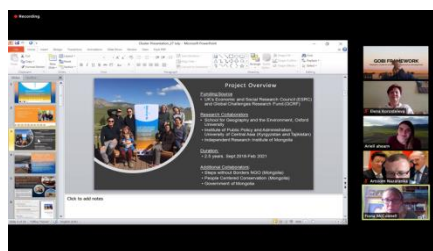
Annual meeting of the Public Council, Tajikistan, 29 July 2020

On 29 July an annual meeting of the Public Council under the President of Tajikistan was held. A number of proposals for the annual message of the President of Tajikistan to the Parliament of Tajikistan. The message called for Tajikistan's academic-educational community to be more involved with global research integration. The event was attended by Prof Shahidi.

GCRF Cluster project AGRE meeting, 28 July 2020



On 28 July 2020 COMPASS team members Prof Korosteleva (Uni of Kent), Dr Petrova (Uni of Kent), Dr Nazaranka (BSU) and Dr Umarov (UWED) joined the meeting of the GCRF Cluster project AGRE 'Fostering Adaptive Governance and Resilience in Local Communities of Central Eurasia: from fragmented pasts to connected futures?'. AGRE is a cluster of three GCRF-funded projects including COMPASS, along with Laajverd Project (Prof Crang and Dr Hussain, Durham Uni) and Gobi Framework: Mediation model for sustainable infrastructure development (Prof McConnell, Prof Ahearn and Prof Stenberg, Uni of Oxford). The meeting was devoted to an in-depth discussion of the three participating projects, knowledge and experience exchange and preparation of the detailed action plan for the project implementation. The teams shared best practices, risks and potential risk mitigation strategies. The meeting also addressed methodological adaptations of the project in view of the COVID-19 pandemic. Further information about the AGRE project can be found [here](#).



Meeting on 'Prospects of Cooperation between Afghanistan, Uzbekistan & the United States', 23 July 2020



On Thursday, July 23, 2020, the Afghan Institute for Strategic Studies (AISS) held an online roundtable discussion on

'Prospects of Cooperation between Afghanistan, Uzbekistan & the United States'. The event was accompanied by Prof Shahrani, Indiana Uni, USA; Dr Umarov, Senior Research Fellow, UWED, Tashkent, Uzbekistan; Prof Dr Murtazashvili, Uni of Pittsburgh, USA; and J. Mosazai, Afghanistan's former ambassador to China. The event was moderated by Dr Kirchner, Country Director Afghanistan of the German Friedrich Ebert Stiftung Foundation.

European Union to strengthen educational assistance to Uzbekistan, UWED, 20 July 2020



On 16 July 2020, an expert videoconference 'The Human Dimension in the Relations between the European Union and Uzbekistan: Youth, Exchanges and a Better Life' took place. The meeting of experts from the Institute for Strategic and Interregional Studies under the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, UWED with European colleagues continued the series of brainstorming sessions organized with the support of the Embassy of the Republic of Uzbekistan in the Kingdom of Belgium. From the European Union, the conference was attended by members of the European Parliament, representatives of the European External Action Service, and experts from the European Council on the affairs of neighboring countries, as well as analysts from leading European countries, including Germany, which is now performing the functions of the EU presidency.

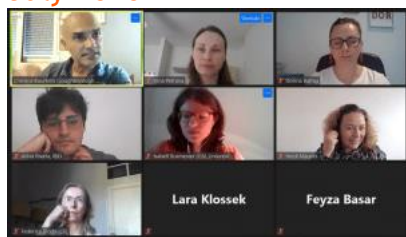
Webinar on 'Educational challenges and opportunities of the Coronavirus in Central Asia', July 14, 2020

Dr Saxena was invited to be a panelist by the Open Central Asia Magazine at a meeting titled 'Educational challenges and opportunities of the Coronavirus in Central Asia' on July 14, 2020. With

panelists joining in, not only Central Asia, but also Caucasus, key ideas of how to conduct education and research under the threat of pandemic. An important outcome was the understanding of challenges faced by technical and medical education where laboratory bench work was essential. Other panelists were Prof Sattarova (Vice Rector of Strategy Development, Azerbaijan Uni of Architecture and Construction), Prof Van Rooijen (Chief Executive, Group Rector, Global Uni Systems), Prof Pesakovic (Webster Uni in Tashkent), and Prof Rheardon (Webster Uni in Tashkent).

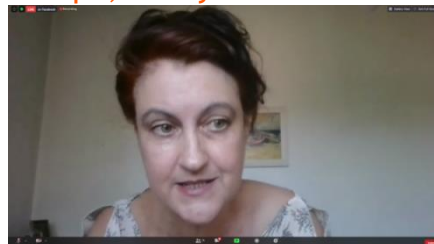


Jean Monnet NORTIA Network Paper Feedback Session, 7 July 2020



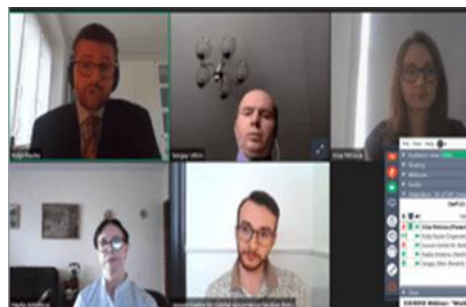
On 7 July 2020 COMPASS PDRA Dr Irina Petrova participated in one of the final events of the Jean Monnet NORTIA Network, dedicated to feedback on the work-in-progress. Dr Petrova presented her research on the conceptualisation of the principle of local ownership in international affairs. The paper focused on the analysis of the theoretical approaches to 'the local' and local ownership in the scholarship on international development, state- and peace-building and Global International Relations. The session included professors and early-career researchers from the Uni of Kent, European Uni Institute, ARENA Centre for European Studies, Uni of Oslo, KU Leuven, Leiden Uni, Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals (IBEI), Maastricht Uni, Uni College Dublin, Adam Mickiewicz Uni in Poznan and Uni Association for Contemporary European Studies (UACES).

Conference on the Future of Europe, 1 July 2020



Dr Azmanova, a COMPASS affiliate (Brussels) spoke at a citizens-centred Conference on the Future of Europe, to mark the beginning of the German EU Presidency. Dr Azmanova cautioned against turning democracy into a neoliberal fantasy, arguing that political elites must not be allowed to dump their responsibility onto the people, allegedly in the name of democracy. The conference gathered over 70 participants. Other speakers included Prof Nicolaidis (Oxford and COMPASS AB member); Prof Radaelli (UCL European Institute); M. De Groot (ECI Initiative); G. Klossa (CIVICO Europe) and many more. For information visit the conference [programme](#).

EUCROSS Webinar 'World Politics after the COVID-19 Outbreak: Reflections on EU-Russia Relations', 30 June 2020



On 30 June 2020 COMPASS PDRA Dr Petrova contributed to the webinar 'World Politics after the COVID-19 Outbreak: Reflections on EU-Russia Relations', organised by KU Leuven (Belgium) in the framework of the Jean Monnet EUCROSS Network. The panel also included Dr Arbatova, Head of the Department on European Political Studies, Institute for World Economy and International Relations, Moscow (IMEMO), Dr Utkin, Head of the Strategic Assessment Section, Institute for World Economy and International Relations, Moscow (IMEMO) and Prof Raube (KU Leuven). The panel focused on the impacts of the pandemic on the

international world order and, in particular, four actors – the US, the EU, Russia and China. The discussion touched upon the multiple challenges for the EU-Russia cooperation and potential solutions, such as technical, scientific and medical cooperation, people-to-people contacts, parliamentary diplomacy, institutional cooperation in the framework of the OSCE, greater diplomatic engagement etc. More information about the EUCROSS Network can be found [here](#).

Save the Date: Forthcoming Events

Talk by His Excellency Said Rustamov, Ambassador of the Republic of Uzbekistan to the UK, 4 December 2020

GCRF COMPASS Cambridge will host His Excellency Mr Said Rustamov, Ambassador of the Republic of Uzbekistan to the UK on 4 December to talk about Uzbekistan's engagement with Central Asia.

Community Engagement 'Conversations with Civil Society leaders in Central Asia and the Caucasus', January-March 2021

GCRF COMPASS Cambridge WP4 lead Dr Kudaibergenova organised a series of Conversations with Civil Society leaders in Central Asia and the Caucasus that will be conducted in Russian and broadcast live on Tengri news online and on Facebook. These conversations are designed to engage with local strategies of survival, progress and resilience in the region that is often seen as at the edge of a precipice of disaster but that has remained relatively stable. The speakers will include Ms Salikhova, Head, Peshraft, Tajikistan; Ms Raisa, Shalom Inn, Uzbekistan; Ms Chuchunbaeva, CACSA, Kyrgyz Republic.

Eurasian Insights conference, Ghent, 10-12 March 2021

COMPASS has a panel in the conference in Ghent, Belgium, organised by SENECA (Strengthening and Energising CA-Europe Relations). The conference brings together scholars, students, interested members of the public and policymakers working on or interested in the Central Asian region to interact and, as such, strengthen a network of Central Asia-related research and -education in Europe.

<https://www.seneca-eu.net/news/eurasian-insights-conference-in-ghent/>

In other news

Funding Bids

Prof Korosteleva and Dr Petrova, were successful in securing funding, under the GCRF Conflict Intersections Call, titled 'Good Neighbourliness through resilience-building in conflict-affected societies of Central Asia: Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan compared' [GOOD-NEIGHBOUR]. The project is due to start in February or April 2021, for two years, and will involve partners from Tajik National Uni, American Uni in Central Asia and Moscow State Uni.

Policy Briefings in Tajikistan

Prof Shahidi submitted Policy briefings proposals for the annual message of the President of RT to the Parliament of Tajikistan.

Jean Monnet Chair in Azerbaijan

GCRF COMPASS and Center of Excellence in EU Studies are pleased to announce that Dr Valiyev, Dean and Associate Professor of ADA Uni School of Public and International Affairs has been appointed Jean Monnet Chair in EU Studies by European Union Jean Monnet Action from September 2020. As part of the Jean Monnet program, a Jean Monnet Chair is a teaching post granted to university lecturers who specialize in European Union studies and research. Dr Valiyev is the second person in Azerbaijan and the first academic from ADA Uni to be awarded with this position. Dr Valiyev will help

cultivate researchers and strengthen EU studies during his 3-year tenure.



Award of Tashkent Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence for European Studies to UWED

Prof Khaydarali Yunusov from UWED has been awarded the Jean Monnet Center of Excellence project in September 2020. The UWED's Tashkent Jean Monnet Center of Excellence intends to be a focal point for competences and knowledge about the European studies in Uzbekistan. The Project combines the three type of activities in the field of EU studies: teaching, research and awareness raising dissemination through open public debates and publications. It offers a new, more institutionalized, centralized, and specialized form of European studies for the Uzbek academic world. This project also capitalises on the achievements and results of the previous JM projects in 2009-2019 (Module, Chair, and dedicated Projects).



Second Special Issue

GCRF COMPASS Cambridge proposal on 'Fragile Communities' has been accepted by the Journal of Eurasian Studies. The contributors are from the consortium and from all over the world

including Central Asia, North America and South Korea.

Visit by Korean University, UWED, 11 October 2020

On October 11, 2020, Mr. Kim Han Kyeom, Mr. Jae Wook Choi and Mr. Park Sang Woo from one of the most prestigious universities in the Republic of Korea, consistently ranked first in the country in the ranking of private universities, visited UWED. During negotiations with the Vice-Rector for International Relations, Prof S. Saikasimov, the issues of expanding scientific and educational cooperation with this world-famous university were discussed in detail, in particular, the organizational issues of opening a specialized department of Korean studies and an analytical center for Korean studies in UWED, as well as continuing active joint volunteer actions of Korean and Uzbek students in the Aral Sea zone.



UWED expands cooperation with the Japanese University of Saitama, 15 September 2020



On September 15, 2020, regular on-line meetings of the heads and scientists of UWED and Saitama Uni took place. Prof Hiroyuki Taguchi (Faculty of Economics of the Saitama Uni), the main coordinator of cooperation with the Japanese university, detailed his project of upcoming events, including various forms and directions of interaction in the near future. The

meeting was attended by M.T. Bakoev (First Vice-Rector for Academic Affairs of UWED), S.S Saidkasimov (Vice-Rector for International Relations), M.M Khamdamov (Dean of the Faculty of International Economics and Management), A. I. Mukhitdinov (Head Department of International Cooperation), K.S Gafurova (Head of the Oriental languages department), A. A. Rasulov (Head, Mathematical modeling and information technologies Department), and L.M. Tashpulatova (Head, Economic theory department). A decision was made to officially sign a Cooperation Agreement between UWED and Saitama Uni in the near future.

UWED alumnus becomes Ambassador to Austria



By the decision of the Kengash of the Senate of the Oliy Majlis, Abat Fayzullayev was appointed Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Uzbekistan to the Austrian Republic, who worked as Assistant to the Minister - Head of the Organizational and Control Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

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Social Media

TV, Radio and Other News

Prof Korosteleva was a regular speaker on the following international broadcasting channels commenting on the developments in Belarus throughout September. A selection of her appearances can be found below: BBC Radio 4 The Briefing Room: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yXdPf02ANtQ>

Channel 4 News: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NgmXCLDSzcQ>

BBC News: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=87oyMiwVohg>

LBC News: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CbwCPxXJbWU>

BBC Radio Kent: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yf21ddWpx7w>

Podcast

Interview with Dr Kudaibergenova on her book: 'Toward Nationalizing Regimes Conceptualizing Power and Identity in the Post-Soviet Realm'. She was interviewed by S. Seegel, Professor of History at the Uni of Northern Colorado.

<https://newbooksnetwork.com/diana-t-kudaibergenova-toward-nationalizing-regimes-conceptualizing-power-and-identity-in-the-post-soviet-realm-u-pittsburgh-press-2020/>

Talks

Prof Shahidi's (NTL, TNU) talk on Modernity and the Poetics of Civil Society: Central Asia in the global world.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pVTt9I2XOEw&feature=youtu.be>

Webinar on 'Education Beyond' Frontiers, 23 October 2020

British Kazakh Society in collaboration with CCAF and GCRF COMPASS organised a panel discussion on research and education links between the UK and Kazakhstan and wider Central Asia and Eurasia. The conversation was led by Dr Saxena and D. Hardy. The talk was recorded and is now available on Youtube:

<https://www.bksoc.org.uk/education-webinar-triplehelix>

HE Jawad's talk in Cambridge, 16 October 2020

His Excellency Mr Said Jawad (Ambassador of Afghanistan to the UK) gave a talk on 'Peace and Reconciliation in Afghanistan' in Cambridge. It is now available on Youtube: https://youtu.be/iKe_e45Ka_c

SLACK Channel

We are proud to announce that there is now a GCRF COMPASS Slack Channel. Please feel free to sign up and engage on a number of COMPASS related topics ranging from capacity building, development and anything else Eurasia related. <https://slack.com/intl/en-gb/features/channels>

Thank you for your attention!

Please send any questions and comments to Prajakti Kalra (pk315@cam.ac.uk).

