

Roundtable on Uzbekistan and the Eurasian Economic Union

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Upper Hall, Jesus College, University of Cambridge

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Programme

10am Arrival

10:30am Welcome Remarks by Dr Saxena and Prof Nolan

10:45am His Excellency Said Rustamov, Ambassador of the Republic of Uzbekistan in the United Kingdom

11:00am Odilbek Isakov, Deputy Finance Minister, Republic of Uzbekistan

11:15am Sanjar Valiev is Deputy Director of the Institute of Strategic and Regional Studies under the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan

11:30am Panel Discussion

Prof Korosteleva , PI GCRF COMPASS, University of Kent

Neelam Raina, UKRI-GCRF Challenge Lead for Conflict/Displacement

Nick Ray, Emeritus Fellow, Jesus College, University of Cambridge & Honorary Visiting Professor in Architectural Theory at the University of Liverpool

12:15pm Concluding Remarks

12:45pm Lunch, Prioress' Room, Jesus College

2pm Departure

Biographies

Delegation from Uzbekistan

Ambassador Said Rustamov has been designated as the Ambassador of Uzbekistan to the United Kingdom in October 2019. Prior this assignment, he served as the Ambassador of Uzbekistan to the State of Israel. Starting his diplomatic career in 1997 in the USA, Americas Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Uzbekistan almost half of his more than 20 years of professional experience he spent dealing with American Affairs. He served twice as Head of the Department for Americas (2013-2014 and 2017-2018) as well as worked at the Embassy of Uzbekistan in the United States as a Deputy Chief of Mission (2014-2017). Mr. Rustamov also served as Executive Assistant to the Minister (2012-2013), headed the Forecasting and Strategy Planning Department at the Directorate-General for Foreign Policy Strategy and Analysis in the MFA of Uzbekistan (2011-2012), worked at the Embassy of Uzbekistan to Spain (2010-2011). He graduated from the University of World Economy and Diplomacy (Tashkent), getting there his B.A. and M.A. in International Relations.

Odilbek Isakov is the Deputy Finance Minister of the Republic of Uzbekistan since 2019. He oversees the activities of State Treasury (incl Public Procurement), Debt Management Office, Ratings and Indices. He has been Minister's Advisor, Head of Debt Management Office, Ministry of Finance, Tashkent, Uzbekistan from 2018-2019. Before that he was Director, Debt Capital Markets, Global Banking and Markets, HSBC Bank plc, London, UK from 2006-2018. He did his BA Degree in International Relations from University of World Economy and Diplomacy, Uzbekistan and he has a BA (Hons) degree from (Hons) in Business Economics at Manchester Metropolitan University, UK. He completed his MSc in Finance at Strathclyde Business School, UK and is qualified as a Chartered Financial Analyst since 2012.

Sanjar Valiev is Deputy Director of the Institute of Strategic and Regional Studies under the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan. He worked at the Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Center of Military Strategy Studies under Joint Staff of Armed Forces and Command and Staff positions in the Army units. His research interests are foreign affairs, International and regional security, Defense Policy, Military technical cooperation. Sanjar Valiev graduated from Tashkent Military High School.

Akram Umarov, PDRA GCRF COMPASS, Uzbekistan. He is Senior Research Fellow at the University of World Economy and Diplomacy. Previously he worked as a Senior Research Fellow at the Institute for Strategic and Regional Studies under the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan and Academy of Public Administration under the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan. He received Master's Degree in International Relations at the University of World Economy and Diplomacy. Akram Umarov is the author of monograph, "Afghanistan and regional security of Central Asia: the beginning of XXI century" (in Russian) (UWED, 2017).

Aliyor Tilavov is counsellor at the Embassy of Uzbekistan in the UK. He received his BA Degree on Politics and International Relations from the University of Hull, UK, MA in International Relations from the Academy of State and Society, Uzbekistan. Aliyor worked as a research fellow at the Institute of Strategic and Inter-regional Studies under the President of Uzbekistan and was the head of the analytical department at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Participants from the UK

Peter Nolan CBE holds the Chong Hua Chair in Chinese Development and is the former Director of the Centre of Development Studies, University of Cambridge. He is Director of the China Centre in Jesus College. He has researched, written and taught on a wide range of issues in economic development, globalisation and the transition of former planned economies. He has researched on comparative development in China and India; on Chinese agriculture; system change in China and the former USSR; poverty, famine, inequality and migration; restructuring large global firms in the era of the Global Business Revolution; the transformation of large Chinese firms since the 1980s; the evolution of China's political economy; the inter-action between Chinese and the global firms in the era of the Global Business Revolution; and the contradictory character of capitalist globalisation. He is the Director of the Chinese Executive Leadership Programme (CELP), which brings CEOs from China's largest firms to the University of Cambridge for a three-week training programme, taught by a combination of academics and the leaders of international firms annually.

Siddharth Shanker Saxena is Director of the Cambridge Central Asia Programme and Co-I of GCRF COMPASS Programme. He trained as an anthropologist, historian and a physicist and holds PhD degrees both in Experimental Physics and Social Anthropology. His research interests are in the areas of religion and identity, knowledge systems, social and political development and institutional history in Central Asia and the Middle East. He also works on technology entrepreneurship and technology education in Central Asia and Russia. Siddharth Saxena has been involved in field based research in Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan with particular focus on Bukhara, Ferghana Valley, Almaty, Kashgar as well as Afghanistan and Azerbaijan. He has also spent extended periods in Iran and Egypt. He was awarded a medal for service to education in Kazakhstan and Presidential Medals by Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan and also received the Magnetism Medal of International Union of Pure and Applied Physics. He is Honorary Professor of Kazakh-Turkish University and Director of Tashkent Centre for High Technology.

Nick Ray Emeritus Fellow, ARIBA, Architecture, Jesus College, University of Cambridge After qualification at Cambridge and University College, London, He worked in London for the Shankland Cox Partnership on housing and for Colin St John Wilson and Partners on the British Library. On returning to Cambridge in 1973 he practised within Hughes and Bicknell Architects, where he became an Associate and later Partner, before founding Nicholas Ray Associates in 1989, which morphed into NRAP in 2007. His most prominent buildings in Cambridge are the Quayside Development, on the banks of the river Cam opposite Magdalene College, and major additions to the Department of Chemistry. He has been responsible for new and refurbishment projects for numerous Colleges, as well as buildings and projects for the University and for private clients. His

publications to date have concentrated on studies of 20th century architects (Alvar Aalto, 2005 and Rafael Moneo, 2015, both with Yale University Press), and more theoretical work (Architecture and its Ethical Dilemmas, 2005 and Philosophy of Architecture, 2014). He is currently an Honorary Visiting Professor in Architectural Theory at the University of Liverpool apart from his emeritus readership at Cambridge.

Elena Korosteleva is Professor of International Politics and Jean Monnet Chair in European Politics, which she received twice in recognition of her research and teaching excellence. Before joining the School in 2012, Elena was Senior Lecturer in International Politics and Director of the Centre for European Studies at Aberystwyth University. Drawing on this experience, in 2013 Elena successfully launched the Global Europe Centre (GEC) at Kent, in partnership with Professor Richard Whitman. Professor Korosteleva is currently Deputy Head of School, and Principal Investigator for the GCRF COMPASS project (ES/P010849/1, 2017-21, £4m), an ambitious GROW initiative, supported by the British government, to address the challenges of capacity-building in developing countries. Elena's research interests include the concepts of governance, resilience as self-governance, regional order-building, peoplehood and democracy promotion; EU Global Security Strategy and Foreign Policies (ENP/EaP) including relations with Russia, Eastern Europe, Central Asia and China. In 2011 Elena completed a large ESRC-funded project (RES-061-25-0001) titled 'Europeanising or securitising the outsiders: Assessing the EU's partnership-building with Eastern Europe' (2008-2011), which findings contributed towards revising EU policies in the eastern neighbourhood, with a particular focus on 'partnership'. Recently, she also acted as CoI to the H2020 UPTAKE (EU 691818) project 'Building Research Excellence in Russian and East European Studies', led by the University of Tartu in partnership with Uppsala, which scored the highest evaluation mark from the European Commission for exceeding our research development targets by over 500%.

Neelam Raina is an Associate Professor of Design and Development at Middlesex University, London. Her research interests include conflict, material cultures, gender, and livelihood generation. Neelam has been working in the region of Kashmir (both Indian and Pakistani) since the early 2000s, and has conducted participatory action research including design and enterprise training for women in the region focussing on material cultures, identity and representation of the people of Kashmir. She has worked with NGOs, educational charities, and academic departments in India and Pakistan. Her recent work focusses on Iraqi heritage and material culture.

Temur Yunusov obtained his PhD from the University of Cambridge & his BSc from the National University of Uzbekistan in Tashkent, focusing on a specific biochemical adaptation mechanism of *Artemisia diffusa* to drought and high salinity stress environments. After graduation he went to work under Dr Kristina Toderich at the Institute of Regional Problems. Temur is currently working in Sainsbury laboratory with Dr Sebastian Schornack where he performs both administrative and research duties.

Prajakti Kalra is a Research Associate with the Cambridge Central Asia Forum and Events and Communications Officer for the GCRF COMPASS Programme. She has trained as a historian, political scientist and a psychologist. Her interests are in the areas of the history of the Mongol Empire and

Central Asia. She has worked extensively on regional and international organisations (OSCE, OIC, SCO, Eurasian Economic Union and the OBOR). Her focus is building avenues of communication and exchanges based on historical precedents and bringing local narratives into global speak in order to best facilitate interaction and knowledge production. She is the research, administrative and social coordinator for the Cambridge Central Asia Forum. As the Events and Communications Officer for GCRF COMPASS her role is to develop and implement Project Communication Strategy (including maintenance of key communication portals); provide administrative support to Co-I and Project Manager; have regular oversight over social media and dissemination; collate information about news and events (including a quarterly newsletter); provide assistance with key meetings and events. Her monograph on the 'The Silk Road and the Political Economy of the Mongol Empire' was published in 2018 (Routledge, 2018).

Diana Kudaibergenova is a Research Associate on the GCRF COMPASS grant funded by Research Council UK in University of Cambridge. She is a cultural and political sociologist specializing on power, elites and nation-building in Eurasia. She is an author of articles on Eurasian integration in Central Asia, ideology and development in Kazakhstan, and problems of contemporary national processes in post-Soviet states.

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