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Background

The [GCRF UKRI COMPASS project](#) is an ambitious UK government capacity-building initiative, aiming to extend UK research globally, to address the challenges of growth and sustainability in the developing countries. Notably, the COMPASS project at the University of Kent, together with Cambridge University as its research partner, seeks to establish ‘**the hubs of excellence**’ at the top-level HEIs in Belarus, Azerbaijan, Uzbekistan and Tajikistan, to enable them to act as nodes for knowledge sharing and transfer along the following three dimensions, namely **research integration, impact governance, and sustainable communities**.

The overarching theme of the London forum is *resilience-building* and developing UK’s global partnerships with the wider region of the eastern neighbourhood and Central Asia. Higher-ranking academics, including Vice-Chancellors and practitioners from Azerbaijan, Belarus, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan are taking part in this Forum, to engage with UK core policy institutions, and explore options for cooperation on institutional, educational, community-building, economic and security resilience-building measures to make governance more effective and sustainable. The participants also include major policy stakeholders, research councils and practitioners (Westminster, DFID, FCO, WFD, GPG, BOND, EBRD, British Council, GCRF UKRI).

Key Information

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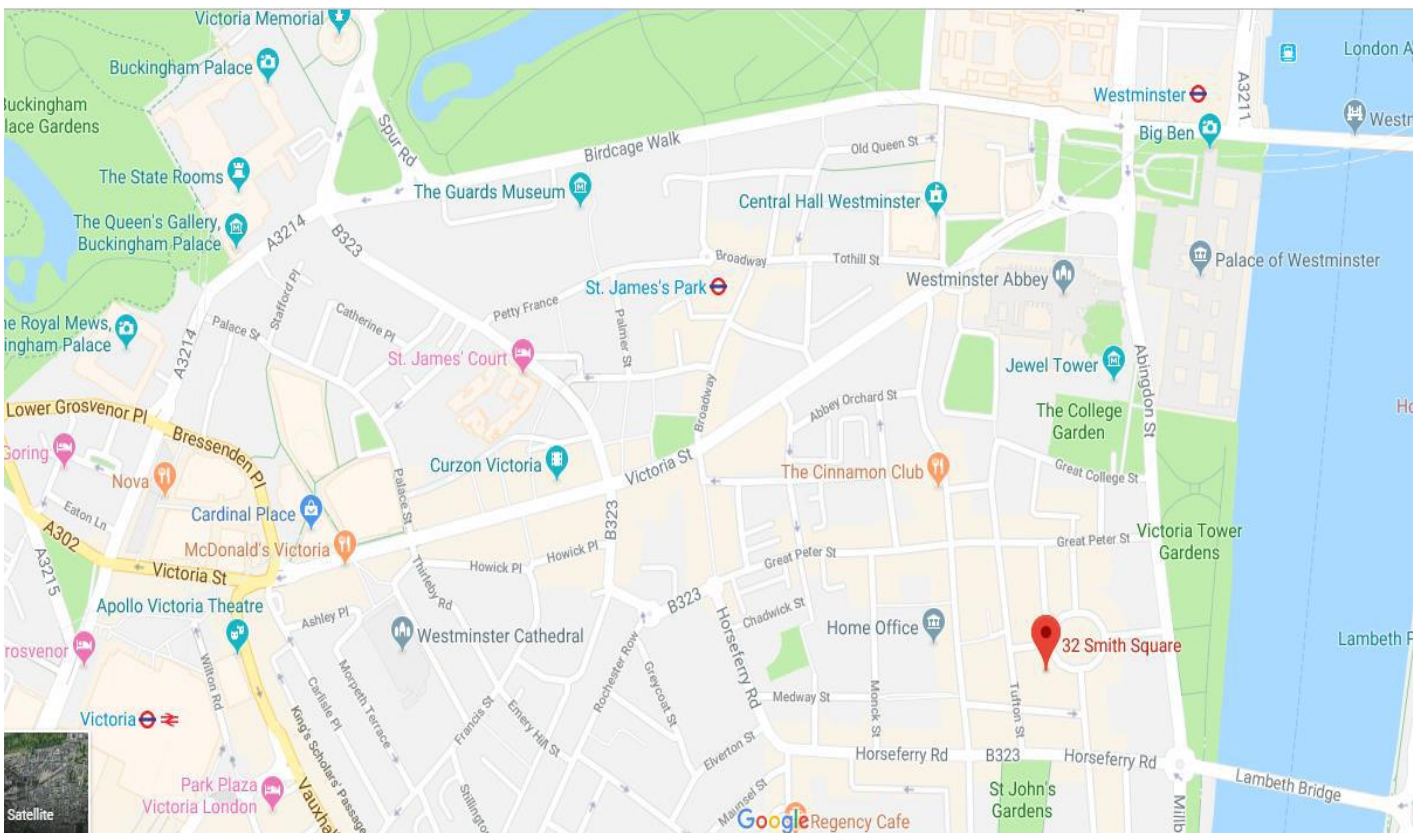
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- **Social media**

Participants are encouraged to take photos and videos in the conference and share their comments and thoughts on social media. The COMPASS hashtag is [@GCRF_COMPASS](#); @GCRF

Venue Map

Venue: 32 Smith Square, London SW1P 3EU



Agenda

Building Resilience in a wider Eurasia: challenges and opportunities

COMPASS LONDON policy forum

28-29 January 2019

28 January: Europe House, 32 Smith Square, London SW1P 3EU

09.00 – 09.30	Registration and Coffee
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09.30-10.45	International capacity-building: ambitions and challenges for the UK globally, and in the Eastern Neighbourhood/Central Asia in particular
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Panel participants are invited to speak for 10 minutes maximum to be followed by Q&A

Moderator: Professor Elena Korosteleva (Kent)

- University of Kent: **Professor Karen Cox**, Vice-Chancellor
- Westminster, House of Lords: **Baroness Suttie** (COMPASS Advisory Board member)
- GCRF UKRI Challenge Leader: **Professor Neelam Raina**, Middlesex University
- British Academy: **Alun Evans**, CEO
- HMG: **Christopher Allan**, British Ambassador to Uzbekistan also speaking on behalf of DFID's regional section

10.45-11.00	Coffee break
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11.00-13.00	Wider Eurasia – changes and challenges: the view from the region
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Panel participants are invited to speak for 5 minutes maximum to be followed by Q&A

Moderator: Dr Kornelia Jumel (Kent)

- GCRF COMPASS: **Professor Elena Korosteleva**, PI (Kent) and **Dr Siddharth Saxena**, CoI (Cambridge)
- ADA University (Azerbaijan): **Fariz Ismailzade**, Vice-Rector ADA University, and **Ms Gunay Rahimova**, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Belarusian State University (BSU, Belarus): **Professor Andrey Karol**, BSU Rector, and **Sergei Rakhmanov**, Chairman of the Standing Committee on International Affairs and National Security, Council of the Republic, National Assembly
- Tajik National University (TNU, Tajikistan): **Professor Mukhmmadyusuf Saidali Imomzoda**, TNU Rector and **Professor Munira Shahidi** (TNU COMPASS Leader and member, Public Council of the President Office)
- University of World Economy and Diplomacy (UWED, Uzbekistan): **Professor Mir-Akbar Rakhmankulov** (Vice-Rector UWED, and Senator) and **Alisher Kurmanov** (Senator, Parliament)

13.00-14.00	Lunch break
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14.00 – 15.30	Growing resilience together (I): opportunities for cooperation
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Panel participants are invited to speak for 12 minutes maximum to be followed by Q&A

Moderator: Dr Siddharth Saxena (Cambridge)

- Institutional & Policy impact – developing parliamentary cooperation: **Baroness Suttie**, House of Lords, UK Parliament and **Ms Gyde Jensen**, MdB, FDP Parliamentary Group, German Bundestag, Berlin

- The Silk Road connectivity and Renewable Energy cooperation: **Lord Teverson**, House of Lords, UK Parliament
- Growing economic & trade resilience: **Dr Artur Radziwill**, Director of Country Economics and Policy Pillar, EBRD

15.30 – 16.00	Coffee break
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16.00 – 17.30	Growing resilience together (II): opportunities for cooperation
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Panel participants are invited to speak for 12 minutes maximum to be followed by Q&A

Moderator: Dr Oybek Madiyev (Kent)

- Higher Education Cooperation, under NEWTON initiatives: **Rachael Sara-Kennedy**, [UUK](#)
- Humanitarian Aid/Development: **Baroness Cox**, House of Lords and **Chris Levick**, Westminster Foundation for Democracy (WFD)
- Society, Youth and Education: **Richard Everitt**, Regional Director of Education and Society, Wider Europe, British Council
- Community, and resilience: **Dr Leila Brosnan**, Resident Advisor, Tashkent, Government Partnerships International

17.30-17.45	Concluding remarks
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18.30-20.30	GCRF COMPASS reception, House of Lords (by invitation only)
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29 January (Tuesday): Training for Policy Impact, FCO

Please note this event is for GCRF COMPASS participants only

10.00-12.00	FCO: Training for Policy Impact - a workshop (with Laurence Broyd)
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10.30-11.15	AB meeting: PI to report about the project's progress
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12.00-13.30	Buffet lunch Departure
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Speaker Biographies (in an order of appearance)

Professor Karen Cox, Vice-Chancellor and President, University of Kent



Karen completed her PhD at the University of Nottingham, funded by a Cancer Research Campaign, Nursing Research Fellowship. Towards the end of her PhD studies she undertook a study visit at the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing and associated Cancer Centres (supported by the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust and the Florence Nightingale Foundation). She became a Lecturer at Nottingham in 1999, then Senior Lecturer and was promoted to Professor in 2002. She served as acting head of the School of Nursing and Midwifery at the University of Nottingham from Autumn 2002 and then as full Head from Summer 2003 until the end of July 2007, serving as well on the Faculty of Medicine and Health Executive Board. During her time as Head of School she undertook roles with the British Psycho-Social Oncology Society and Council of Deans of Health, was a member of funding panels for Cancer Research UK, National Cancer Research Institute and the National Institute for Health Research, and served as an RAE 2008 panel member.

Karen was subsequently appointed as Pro Vice-Chancellor in 2008 and Deputy Vice-Chancellor in January 2013, at the University of Nottingham. She serves on the Board of the Nursing and Midwifery Council, the UK regulator for over 675,000 Nurses and Midwives across England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

Karen joined the University of Kent in August 2017 as Vice-Chancellor and President.

Baroness Suttie, House of Lords, Westminster (COMPASS Advisory Board member)



A Member of the British House of Lords since October 2013, Alison worked for over ten years in the House of Commons and worked for ten years in the European Parliament from 1996-2006. She served as Press Secretary to Pat Cox during his time as President of the European Parliament from 2002-2004. She has extensive experience of parliamentary processes, campaigning and advocacy in both London and Brussels. Having been Deputy Chief of Staff to the Deputy Prime Minister, Nick Clegg, from June 2010 to October 2011 during the Coalition Government, she also has first-hand experience of working in both Whitehall and Downing Street.

Since 2012 Alison has worked on capacity building projects in several parliaments – including in Jordan, Kyrgyzstan, Ukraine, and Tunisia. She is also an active campaigner on raising awareness of tuberculosis, particularly in Eastern Europe and Central Asia, and is Vice-Chair of the Eurasian Parliamentary Group on TB, which brings together parliamentarians from the wider European region to campaign against TB. Alison speaks fluent Russian and French.

Professor Neelam Raina, GCRF UKRI Challenge Leader, Middlesex University



Neelam Raina is an Associate Professor of Design and Development at Middlesex University, London. She 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 focusing 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.

Dr Raina was the Principal Investigator (PI) on the GCRF Partnership against Conflict Crime and Security Research (PaCCS) Value of Crafts in Conflict project which examined material and social practices through which women in Northern Pakistan reproduce themselves on a daily and generational basis and through which the social relations and material bases of capitalism are renewed to understand both the costs of conflict and the connections between vastly different sites of production. Raina is also a PI on the Post Textile Crafts of Iraq, which investigates the impact of the long-standing conflict in Iraq from the perspective of the Iraqi and Kurdish craftspeople. Her research explores the potential that material practices have, as a means of sustainable income generation, that in turn could contribute towards socio-economic reconstruction and post-conflict development.

Alun Evans, Chief Executive, British Academy



Alun Evans has been Chief Executive of the British Academy since July 2015. Prior to this, Alun was Director of the Scotland Office, which represents Scottish interests in the UK government and the UK government in Scotland. Before taking up his role as head of the Scotland Office, Alun was Secretary of the Detainee Inquiry from 2010 to 2012, and prior to that, Head of Strategy at the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills, Director-General in the Department for Innovation, Universities and Skills and Director-General (Transformation) in the Department for Communities and Local Government. He has also been Principal Private Secretary to three Secretaries of State and worked as Head of Strategic Communications at 10 Downing Street and as Director of Communications to the former Deputy Prime Minister.

Alun took an MPhil in Politics and Russian Studies at the University of Birmingham and is currently working towards a PhD in Modern Political History at Queen Mary, University of London. He is also an Associate at the Institute for Government where he has contributed to a range of Institute projects, including on government transitions, policy making and communication.

Christopher Allan, British Ambassador to Uzbekistan, HM



Mr Allan joined the FCO in 2000 and he has worked across a range of foreign policy issues in the FCO, including security policy, the environment and Afghanistan and Pakistan. He worked in the British Embassy in Tokyo from 2003 to 2006, and was Head of South Asia Group in the FCO from 2009 to 2010. His most recent appointment was in Addis Ababa, where he was Deputy Head of Mission from 2011 to 2014.

Since 2015, he has been serving as Her Majesty's Ambassador to the Republic of Uzbekistan.

Professor Elena Korosteleva, Principal Investigator (Kent), GCRF COMPASS



Elena Korosteleva is Professor of International Politics and Jean Monnet Chair of European Politics, at the School of Politics and International Relations, University of Kent. Elena is also LSE IDEAS Visiting Professor; executive member of the GLOBSEC IAB and co-founder/ co-director of the Global Europe Centre at Kent. She is the Principal Investigator of the GCRF RCUK COMPASS project (2017-21), a Co-I for the H2020 UPTAKE project grant (2016-19) and a PI for the ERASMUS+ mobility project with BSU (2018-19).

Elena's research presently focuses on the concepts of governance/governmentality; capacity-building; resilience; democracy promotion and sustainability. Most recent monographs include *The Politics and The Political of the Eastern Partnership Initiative: re-shaping the agenda* (Routledge 2018); *The European Union and its Eastern Neighbours: towards a more ambitious partnership?* (Routledge 2014); and *EU Policies in the Eastern Neighbourhood: the practices perspective* (Routledge 2014).

Dr Siddharth Saxena, Col (Cambridge), GCRF COMPASS



Siddharth Shanker Saxena is Director of the Cambridge Central Asia Programme. He holds PhD degrees 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.

Dr Saxena has been involved in field-based research in Central Asia, the Caucasus, Russia and China. His work focuses on the creation of scientific and industrial technology platforms, and studying social and economic developments in Central Asia and neighbouring regions. He was awarded a medal for service to education in Kazakhstan; Presidential Medals by Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan; the Magnetism Medal of International Union of Pure and Applied Physics; and was made Honorary Professor by several institutions in Eurasia. He serves on science review committees of European, American and Asian bodies and has created a number of technology start-ups. Dr Saxena is editor in chief of Cambridge Journal of Eurasian Studies and editor of Cambridge Central Asia Reviews.

Fariz Ismailzade, Vice-Rector, ADA University, Azerbaijan



Fariz Ismailzade is Vice Rector for External, Government and Student affairs at the ADA University (since 2011). He has joined ADA in 2006 and worked in the positions of Director of Executive Education (2006-2010) and Executive Dean (2010-2011). Mr. Ismailzade is currently pursuing a Doctoral Degree at the Maastricht School of Management. He holds an Executive MBA from IE Business School (Spain), and a Master's Degree in Social and Economic Development from Washington University in St. Louis, and a BA in Political Science from Western University in Baku with one-year interim studies at Wesleyan University in Connecticut.

Mr. Ismailzade has done research at the Centre for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) in Washington, D.C and the Embassy of Azerbaijan in the US. His research interests include political affairs in the Caucasus and Central Asia, energy security, and development.

Ms Gunay Rahimova, Head of Division, Human Resources Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan



Gunay Rahimova is a career diplomat with 16 years of professional experience at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan. Recently she was appointed as a Head of Division in the Human Resources Department of MFA, where she covers training for young diplomats, manages connections with educational institutions, and is closely involved in the recruitment process of young diplomats.

Gunay Rahimova started her diplomatic career as a desk officer at MFA, was a curator for Russia and USA, also worked at a department for multilateral humanitarian and social affairs, dealing with international organizations such as EU, BSEC, and OSCE. Also, she served in foreign missions of the Republic of Azerbaijan in Athens, Greece, as an attaché for cultural and educational issues, and in Washington DC, U.S.A., as Congressional liaison. Gunay Rahimova holds B.A and M.A degrees from Azerbaijan University of Languages, with the specialization in linguistics and English studies. She holds certificates from Diplomatic Academies of Russia, Poland, Norway, Egypt, and Azerbaijan (ADA).

Professor Andrei Karol, Rector, Belarusian State University (BSU, Belarus)



In 2002 Professor Karol defended his PhD thesis and in 2009 his Doctoral thesis in the Russian Academy of Education for the degree of Doctor of Pedagogical Sciences. In 2010 the academic degree of Higher Attestation Commission of Russia was conferred and the diploma of the Doctor of Pedagogical Sciences of the Higher Certification Commission of Belarus was nostrified. Since 2000 he began working at Grodno State Medical University. From 2010 to 2013 he lectured at Minsk Theological Academy (Zhirovichi town). From September 2012 to February 2013 Andrei Karol headed the Department of Pedagogy of Yanka Kupala State University of Grodno. From March 1, 2013 to September 28, 2017 – Rector of Yanka Kupala State University of Grodno. On September 28, 2017 by

the order of the President of the Republic of Belarus Andrei Karol was appointed Rector of the Belarusian State University.

Andrei Karol is also a Deputy of the Grodno Regional Council of Deputies of the twenty-seventh convocation, Chairman of the permanent commission on mandates, legality, local government and self-government.

Sergei Rakhmanov, Chairman of the Standing Committee on International Affairs and National Security, Council of the Republic of Belarus, National Assembly



Professor Rakhmanov started his professional career as a junior research associate of the Chair of Inorganic Chemistry of the Belarusian State University. He worked as a junior research associate of the Laboratory of the Chemistry of Photoprocess of the Research Institute of Physical Chemical Problems, senior scientist of the Chair of Inorganic Chemistry of the Department of Chemistry, head of the Laboratory of the Chemistry of Photoprocess, deputy director, director of the Research Institute of Physical Chemical Problems, vice-rector for science, first vice-rector of the Belarusian State University named after V.Lenin, deputy academician-secretary of the Department of Chemistry and Earth Sciences of the National Academy of Sciences of Belarus, of the State Republican Scientific and Industrial Unitary Enterprise the “Institute of Oil and Chemistry” of the Belarusian State Concern for Oil and Chemistry, and vice chairman of the Presidium of the National Academy of Sciences of Belarus. Professor Rakhmanov served as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Belarus to Japan.

Professor Mukhmmadyusuf Saidali Imomzoda, Tajik National University (TNU, Tajikistan), Rector



In 2012, Professor Imomzoda was appointed as Rector of the country's largest university, the Tajik National University. He is the author of more than 200 scholarly papers on topical issues of Tajik literature, journalism and linguistics. He is one of the founders of the scientific journal Art Search, where scientific articles and research results of literary scholars are published, which are made available to a wide circle of readers, scholars, and researchers of literature and culture. Professor Imomzoda is an honorary professor of the Moscow State Linguistic University and the Qingjiang Pedagogical University of the People's Republic of China. In 2012, he became Honored Worker of Higher Professional Education of the Russian Federation.

At the 2015 parliamentary elections, Professor Imomzoda was elected as a member of the Majlisi Milli Majlisi Oli of the Republic of Tajikistan, in which he holds the post of Chairman of the Committee of the Upper Chamber.

Professor Munira Shahidi (TNU COMPASS Leader and member, Public Council of the President Office)



Munira Shahidi was trained in comparative literary studies of East and West. Her PH.D. has been made at the Institute of Oriental Studies of the Academy of Science of USSR. As a member of the Public Council near the President of RT she is involved into the most important discussions and discourses on the developing and changing policies of the country, of the region and inter-regional communications. She is a fellow of the Swedish Institute, Maison des Sciences de l'Homme (Paris) and she is an associate member of Cambridge University. Prof Shahidi has published widely in national and international outlets and initiated the publication of the journal 'Fonus', dedicated to international, intercultural study for peace and development, financed by different organisations (including the Swiss office for cooperation in Tajikistan, UNDP, UNESCO and OSCE).

Prof Shahidi's project, actualised in 2016 is 'Music of the Silk Road: from peace-building perspectives of Central Asia, dedicated to centenary of the composer Z. Shahidi'. The project is funded by UNESCO and involves a number of the countries of the New Silk Road.

Professor Mir-Akbar Rakhmankulov, Senator, Vice-Chairman of the Committee on defence and security of the Senate of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Vice-Rector in science and innovations of the University of World Economy and Diplomacy, Doctor of Juridical Science, Professor



Author of more than 100 scientific and methodological research, including 5 monographs on the issues of civil law, constitutional law, private international law and international relations. He was awarded the Order "Shon-Sharaf" Second Degree. He is an Honoured Lawyer of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

During his career, Mir-Akbar Rakhmankulov served as Director of the Institute for Strategic and Interregional Studies under the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Secretary of the National Security Council under the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, State Counselor and Deputy State Advisor to the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan and Deputy Director of the Institute for Monitoring Current Legislation under the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

Alisher Kurmanov (Senator, Parliament), Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, International Economic Relations, Investments and Tourism of the Senate of the Oliy Majlis of the Republic of Uzbekistan



Alisher Kurmanov graduated from Tashkent State University in 1990, four years later he graduated from Tashkent State Economic University. From 2000 to 2003, he served as advisor to the Embassy of the Republic of Uzbekistan in the United Kingdom on trade and economic issues. Later he headed diplomatic missions in Singapore and Australia. Since 2014, Kurmanov served as Deputy Foreign Minister of Uzbekistan. From 2015 to 2017, he was appointed to the position of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Uzbekistan to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. Since May 2017, he has been appointed as a Head of the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

Ms Gyde Jensen, MdB, FDP Parliamentary Group, German Bundestag, Berlin
 Chairwoman of the Committee on Human Rights and Humanitarian Aid, FDP Parliamentary Group, German Bundestag, Berlin



Born and raised at the coast of Schleswig-Holstein, Gyde Jensen worked in Geneva and Washington D.C, as well as communications manager for a political foundation. She is the co-founder of the start-up network platform 'Kiel Starting City'. In October 2017 she was elected as member of the German Bundestag and is the speaker on human rights for the FDP parliamentary group. Since January 2018 she chairs the Committee on Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs.

She has been the youngest female member of the 19th German Bundestag for the FDP. To be an MP for her means to communicate and strengthen a sense of common identity in democracy - not only in Germany but in the whole world: "because we all have responsibility for human rights on this planet."

Lord Teverson, House of Lords, UK Parliament



Robin Teverson was Member of the European Parliament for Cornwall and West Plymouth between 1994 and 1999, becoming one of the first two Liberal Democrats to be elected to the European Parliament. Before entering the European Parliament Robin spent 16 years in the freight industry, and continues to take an interest in transport policy in Europe and the UK. In 1994 he was elected as Member of the European Parliament for Cornwall and West Plymouth. Robin was appointed Chief Whip of the European Liberal Democrat Group in the European Parliament from 1997 to 1999.

Following his period as MEP, he was chief executive of a regional business finance fund in the south west, and is a fellow of the Chartered Institute of Securities and Investment. He joined the Liberal Democrat group in the House of Lords in 2006, and his main focus in the Chamber is climate change and energy issues.

Robin has previously sat on the Liberal Democrat Federal Executive and has also chaired the Party's national finance committee. From 2009 to 2013 he was a member of Cornwall Council. He is currently a board member of the Marine Management Organisation, and chairs a regional commercial development company.

Dr Artur Radziwill, Director of Country Economics and Policy Pillar, EBRD



Prior to joining the EBRD, he was Deputy Minister of Finance in Poland. He started his career at the Centre for Social and Economics Research (CASE), where he progressed to become Vice-President. He then joined McKinsey, where he served both public and private sector clients globally. Before his appointment to the Polish Government, he spent 5 years at the OECD studying and promoting growth-enhancing reforms. Artur holds a PhD in economics from University of London and has also studied at Columbia, Warsaw and Sussex universities.

Rachael Sara-Kennedy, Head of Strategic Partnerships, Universities UK (UUK) International



Rachael manages the International Partnerships programme of work at UUK, leading on the development and implementation of strategic partnership agreements that increase UK sector access to international funding opportunities for research collaboration, mobility or knowledge exchange. The current portfolio of partnerships encompass management and/or delivery support roles in schemes such as the Rutherford Fund, the Newton Fund, the UK India Education Research Initiative (UKIERI), the Argentinian BEC.AR scholarship scheme and the Strategic Partnerships for Higher Education Innovation and Reform (SPHEIR) programme. Rachael is also the strategic lead for UUKi's International Research Development Network (IRDN), a network which brings together research development practitioners and academics from 100+ member institutions.

She has an undergraduate degree from the University of Nottingham in French and Hispanic studies, and a Master's degree in International Relations and Diplomacy from the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London.

Baroness Caroline Cox, House of Lords, Founder and President of Humanitarian Aid Relief Trust (HART)



Baroness (Caroline) Cox became a Life Peer in 1982 for her contributions to education and has served as a Deputy Speaker of the House of Lords from 1985 to 2005. Lady Cox now sits in the Lords as a crossbencher and is a frequent contributor to Lords debates on Sudan, South Sudan, Syria, Nigeria, and Burma.

Baroness Cox's humanitarian aid work has taken her on many missions to conflict zones, allowing her to obtain first-hand evidence of the human rights violations and humanitarian needs. Areas travelled include Nagorno Karabakh; Sudan; Nigeria; Uganda; the Karen; Karenni; Shan and Chin peoples in the jungles of Burma; and communities suffering from conflict in Indonesia. She has also visited North Korea helping to promote Parliamentary initiatives and medical programmes. Additionally, Caroline has been instrumental in helping to change the former Soviet Union policies for orphaned and abandoned children from institutional to foster family care.

In recognition of her work in the international humanitarian and human rights arenas over the past twenty years, she had been awarded the Commander Cross of the Order of Merit of the Republic of Poland; the prestigious Wilberforce Award; the International Mother Teresa Award from the All India Christian Council; the Mkhitar Gosh Medal conferred by the President of the Republic of Armenia; and the anniversary medal presented by Lech Walesa, the former President of Poland, at the 25th anniversary of the Polish Solidarity Movement.

Chris Levick, Regional Director, Europe and Central Asia, Westminster Foundation for Democracy (WFD)



Chris is our Regional Director for Europe & Central Asia and joined WFD in September 2015. He has overall responsibility for the region and is part of WFD's senior leadership team.

Chris has overall responsibility for delivery of our regional portfolio, strategic approach and ensuring effective leadership of the regional teams. Prior to his current role, Chris served as our Senior Programme Manager for Europe & Central Asia (2015-18) and headed our Multi-Party Office. He brings experience of working with various parliaments and parliamentary groups in the UK, having spent 7 years working in various roles in the Westminster Parliament and devolved institutions. He has contributed to and led governance programming across Europe, Central Asia, Africa and MENA.

Richard Everitt, Regional Director of Education and Society, Wider Europe, British Council



Richard is the British Council's Regional Director (Education and Society) for 15 country operations in Wider Europe. Richard has a MA in Global Diplomacy from SOAS, where he is also an Assistant Tutor, and studied at John Hopkins University (School of Advanced International Studies), University of Leeds and University of South Florida. Previous British Council postings include: China, USA and India, as well as Poland and Colombia. He is a fellow of the Royal Asiatic Society, a member of the Chartered Institute of Marketing, and given an Outstanding Achievement Award from the Institute of International Education. Richard previously was a teacher in Uganda. He is currently a local authority school governor, and a volunteer manager for the Youth Hostel Association.

Dr Leila Brosnan, Resident Advisor, Tashkent, Government Partnerships International



Leila Brosnan is GPI's Resident Adviser in Tashkent. GPI is an agile cross-government unit providing peer-to-peer support to help partner governments overseas deliver better public services for their citizens. Sponsored by the UK Government represented by the British Embassy Tashkent, GPI is currently working with the Ministry of Justice in Uzbekistan to support them in implementing the President's reform plan.

Leila is an experienced civil servant with expertise in policy development, ethical standards, research, analysis and drafting, and working with Ministers and senior leaders. Since joining GPI, Leila has worked in Malawi as a Resident Adviser where she led on public service reform with a focus on appointments policy and practice. She has also worked for GPI in Ghana, Uganda and Zambia, as well as Bahrain and Kyrgyzstan, advising on public service reform, justice and human rights, and tax reform programmes. She has recently returned from Afghanistan where she was part of the GPI team conducting capability reviews of two government institutions. Leila has a Master's degree in Democracy and Comparative Politics with a focus on civil service appointments processes, and a PhD in English Literature. Prior to joining the Civil Service, Leila worked in academia, specialising in the 20th Century English Literature.

Laurence Broyd, Senior Principal Research Analyst, Eastern Research Group, Foreign and Commonwealth Office



Laurence Broyd joined the Foreign & Commonwealth Office as a Research Analyst in 1990. He is currently Eastern Research Group's lead analyst on Ukraine, Belarus, Moldova, Eastern Neighbourhood issues and the Russian economy. He has served abroad as Deputy Head of Mission in Sofia (2003-06) and as Head of the Economic Section in Moscow (1995-99). He was Head of the Central Europe & East Adriatic Research Group (2000-2002) and has also been the lead analyst on Poland, Bulgaria, Bosnia, Kosovo, Macedonia, Croatia and Serbia.

List of GCRF COMPASS Delegates (in an alphabetical order)

Surname	First name	Affiliation	Position
Azerbaijan			
Abusov	Kavus	ADA University	Assistant Professor, and COMPASS Research Associate
Gafarova	Nargiz	ADA University	Expert on Strengthening ADA
Ismailzade	Fariz	ADA University	Vice-Rector, and COMPASS Research Associate
Ismayilova	Nargiz	ADA University	Director of the Centre of Excellence in EU Studies and COMPASS National Team Leader
Rahimlova	Gunay	Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Head of Division, Human Resources Department
Safarov	Elgun	State Committee for Family, Women and Children Affairs	Head of Information and Analytic Research Department; State Committee; Government
Valiyev	Anar	ADA Uni	Associate Professor; and COMPASS Research Associate
Yagubova	Inara	ADA University	Expert on Strengthening ADA University's Research Potential
Ziyadova	Gunay	ADA University	Director of Admissions and Student Records
Belarus			
Karol	Andrei	Belarusian State University (BSU)	Rector
Kakhanouski	Aliaksandr	BSU	Dean, Faculty of History
Lukina	Larissa	BSU	Head of the Department of International Relations
Masharski	Kirill	BSU	Ministry of Economy of the Republic of Belarus
Nazaranka	Artsiom	BSU	Senior Lecturer and Researcher and COMPASS National Team Leader
Preiherman	Yauheni	Minsk Dialogue Track II Initiative	COMPASS Research Associate

Shadurski	Victor	BSU	Dean, Faculty of International Relations and COMPASS Research Associate
Rakhmanov	Sergei	Parliament	Chairman of the Standing Committee of the Belarus Parliament
Tajikistan			
Hafizov	Muhammadinom	TNU	COMPASS Research Associate
Imomzoda	Muhammadyusuf	TNU	Rector of TNU
Kholiqnazar	Khudoberdi	Centre for Strategic Studies	Director of the Centre for Strategic Studies under the President of the Republic of Tajikistan
Mirboboev	Rahmatullo	Ministry of Education	First Deputy Minister of Education and Science
Muminov	Hikmat	Academy of Sciences	Vice-president of the Academy of Sciences of Tajikistan
Nurulla-Khodzaeva	Nargis	TNU	Professor at School of International Affairs and COMPASS Research Associate
Salimov	Farrukh	TNU	Professor at School of International Affairs and COMPASS Research Associate
Samiev	Holahmad	TNU	Dean of School of International Affairs, and COMPASS Research Associate
Shahidi	Munira	TNU	Professor at School of International Affairs and COMPASS National Team Leader
Uzbekistan			
Akhmedova	Guzal	UWED	Head of Department
Aripov	Eldor	Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Director of the Centre for Analysis and Forecasting
Fayzullaev	Alisher	UWED	Professor of International Relations and COMPASS Advisory Board member
Kurmanov	Alisher	Parliament	Senator, Parliament
Mirzaliev	Alisher	UWED	Research Fellow
Rakhimov	Alisher	UWED	COMPASS Research Associate
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