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

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

**Session 1**

**Transforming Human-Environmental Relations**

*Conference Hall*

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

Cyrus Samimi (Vienna)
Transitions of Land Use Practices, Possible Ecological Degradation and Sustainable Development in the Eastern Pamirs of Tajikistan

Aufar M. Gareev (Ufa), Ruslan R. Sulejmanov (Ufa)
Natural and Man-Made Soil Degradation in Bashkortostan

Malika Ikramova (Tashkent)
Impact of Transition Processes on Environmental Risk Assessment and Risk Management Strategies in the Transboundary Basin of Zarafshan

**Session 2**

**Legal Systems in Transition**

*Breakfast Hall*

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

Paolo Sartori (Halle)
Islamic Law under Tsarist and Soviet Rule: Tashkent Islamic Courts

Hans-Joachim Schramm (Bremen)
Private Law in Caucasian and Central Asian Countries

Azar Aliyev (Kiel), Daulet Baydel’dinov (Almaty)
Foreign investment law in Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan and Russian: Balance of interests

**Teabreak**

**Session 3**

**Challenges for Resource Utilization**

*Conference Hall*

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

Heiko Pleines (Bremen)
The Energy Sector and the Political Stability of Regimes in the Caspian Area: A Comparison of Kazakhstan and Azerbaijan

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

Tolkunbek Asykulov (Bishkek), Brigitta Schuett (Berlin)
Integrated watershed management in Central Asia - Implementing an Educational and Research Concept for Capacity Building in Kyrgyzstan

**Session 4**
**History and Memory**

*Breakfast Hall*

Chairs: Bakhtyor Babadjanov (Tashkent), Raoul Motika (Hamburg)
Barbara Christophe (Braunschweig)

The Institutionalization of Cultural Patterns of Interpretation: Teachers of History as the Interface between Collective and Individual Recollection in Georgia, Kyrgyzstan and Lithuania
Louise Andersen (Tübingen), Roland Hardenberg (Tübingen)

Death and Regeneration: Genealogies, Oral Histories and Ritual Economies in Rural Kyrgyzstan
Otto Luchterhandt (Hamburg)

The Germans in the Multiethnic and Multireligious Society of Kyrgyzstan

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

14:00 – 15:30 **Session 5**

**Mobility and Cross-Border Cooperation**

*Breakfast Hall*

Chairs: Mirzokhid Rakhimov (Tashkent), Gernot Nerb (München)

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

Economic Transition, Household Behavior and Well-Being in Kyrgyzstan
Gulzhan Alimbekova (Almaty), Barbara Dietz (Regensburg), Muzaffar Olimov (Dushanbe)

Migration and Remittances in Central Asia: Kazakhstan and Tajikistan
Reimund Seidelmann (Giessen), Andreas Vasilache (Bielefeld)

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

**Session 6**

**Transforming Institutions and Statehood**

*Conference Hall*

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

From Kolkhoz to Jamaat. Transition of Rural Islamic-Background Communities in the Former USSR
Hafiz Boboyorov (Dushanbe)

Local Governance and Fragile Statehood. Institutional Arrangements and Development Paths in the Amu Darya Border Region
Joachim Ahrens (Goettingen)

Emerging Market Economies in Central Asia: The Role of Institutional Complementarities in Reform Processes
15:30 – 16:00  **Teabreak**
16:00 – 18:00  **Agora**  

**Human Capacity Building: Challenges and Chances**  
*Meeting in the premises of displayed Posters*

- Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG)
- Deutscher Akademischer Austausch Dienst (DAAD)
- Erasmus Mundus, Cooperation and Mobility Programme in the Field of Higher Education
- Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit (GTZ)
- Hanns Seidel Foundation
- InWEnt (invited)
- Kyrgyz-Russian Slavic University
- Kyrgyzstan-Turkey Manas University
- OSCE-Academy Bishkek
- Soros Foundation – Kyrgyzstan (invited)
- Sprachlernzentrum, contractual partner of Goethe-Institute Almaty
- Tempus-Programme for Development of Institutional Cooperation and Modernization of Higher Education Systems
- University of Central Asia
- Volkswagen-Stiftung

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

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

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

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

- Interventions by Bohdan Krawchenko (Bishkek), Joerg Stadelbauer (Freiburg)
  - Panelists
  - Janybek Orozaliev (Bishkek/ Kassel)
  - Botakoz Kassymbekova (Dushanbe/ Berlin)
  - Maxim Ryabkov (Bishkek)
  - Brigitta Schuett (Berlin)

10:30 – 11:00  **Teabreak**
11:00 – 13:00  **Experiences in Research Cooperation and Future Challenges**  
*Conference Hall*

Plenary Discussion chaired by Hermann Kreutzmann (Berlin)
Panelists
Ingeborg Baldauf (Berlin)
Daulet Baydeldinov (Almaty)
Evamarie Hey-Hawkins (Leipzig)
Rustam Ibadov (Samarkand)
Nurbek A. Omuraliev (Bishkek)
Tolganai Umbetalieva (Almaty)
Klaus Vajen (Kassel)

Closing remarks
Hermann Kreutzmann (Berlin)
Indra Willms-Hoff
Member of the Executive Management of Volkswagen Foundation

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch at the Hotel ”Ak Keme”
Afternoon Landmarks of Urban Development in Bishkek (optional excursion)
19:00 Farewell Dinner at the Restaurant ”Arzu”