

The politico-geographical region of Central Asia, comprising the now independent, former Soviet republics of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan, is becoming increasingly important in the international arena for strategic reasons, and not least for its abundant resources. The transformation processes in the region are hence attracting growing attention among the global players.

In June 2007, the European Council adopted a new EU Strategy for Central Asia, which is intended to improve and foster bilateral and regional co-operation in seven relevant issue areas, such as: security, rule of law, economy, energy, environment, education, and dialogue.

During this international conference high-ranking policy makers and scholars from Central Asia and the EU are going to take stock of what has been achieved during the first year of implementing the EU-Central-Asia-Strategy. The focus will be on the following questions:

How can issues of energy security and environment be dealt with in a conflict-preventive manner? How to develop sustainable programmes for education and academic exchange, as well as viable terms of intercultural and interreligious dialogue which are based on common interests shared by the two regions? What kind of co-operation projects, on state or civil society level, have worked, which did not, and why?

You are cordially invited to participate in the discussions of this conference.

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Conference Fees/Registration:

€ 180,- including accommodation, meals and fees.
For students (age 30 or under), members of the armed services and alternative service as well as unemployed with proper identification: € 90,-. Conference fees are to be paid in cash at the time of registration.
We request that you register by name, address, institution/organization at:

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Registrations will be confirmed as long as places are available. Should you have to cancel your registration, please inform us as soon as possible.

Accommodation and meals:

Participants will be accommodated in single rooms or double rooms, if preferred. All meals are served at the Academy. By prior arrangement, rooms and meals may be available before and after the conference.

Directions:

Loccum is located 50 kilometers west of Hanover in Lower Saxony. The nearest airport is at Langenhagen airport near Hanover. The nearest train stations are Wunstorf, Minden and Nienburg. Detailed instructions will be sent to all registered participants.

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HOUSE SCHEDULE:

8.30 MORNING PRAYER, 8.45 BREAKFAST

12.30 LUNCH, 15.30 COFFEE/TEA,

18.30 DINNER

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**Co-operation
with Central Asia**

**The Potential of
the EU's Central
Asia Strategy**

**International Conference
15 – 17 September 2008**

In co-operation
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Hamburg (IFSH)

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■ Monday, 15 September 2008

- 15:00 Welcome and Opening
Dr. Corinna Hauswedell, Loccum
Dr. Wolfgang Zellner, CORE, Hamburg
- 15:15 **Keynote Addresses**
Minister of State Gernot Erlar, Federal Foreign Office, Berlin
Nurlan Onshanov, Ambassador of the Republic of Kazakhstan in Germany, Berlin
- 16:30 **Opening Panel**
Central Asia and the EU – One Year after the EU-Central Asia Strategy
Pierre Morel, EU-Special Representative for Central Asia, Brussels
Prof. Dr. Martha Brill Olcott, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Washington
Prof. Dr. Bulat Sultanov, Institute for Strategic Studies at the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Almaty
Dr. Sukhrob Sharipov, Centre for Strategic Research at the President of the Republic of Tajikistan, Dushanbe
N.N., Tashkent, Republic of Uzbekistan
Dr. Andrea Schmitz, German Institute for International and Security Affairs, Berlin
Facilitator: *Dr. Corinna Hauswedell*
Followed by plenary discussion
- 19:30 **Co-operation and Diversification in Energy Policy – Chances for the European-Central Asian Relations**
Dr. Dossym Satpaev, Director, Assessment Risks Group, Almaty
Prof. Dr. Anatoly Kholmatov, International Funds for the Aral Sea (IFAS), Dushanbe
Pierre Morel, EU-Special Representative for Central Asia, Brussels
Johannes Regenbrecht, Head of Unit, Federal Foreign Office, Berlin
Dr. Petra Opitz, German Energy Agency, Berlin
Facilitator: *Dr. Wolfgang Zellner*
Followed by plenary discussion

■ Tuesday, 16 September 2008

- 09:30 Introductions
Panel I: Co-operation through Education and Academic Exchange
Prof. Kulash Nogataevna Shamshidinova, Dep. Minister of Education of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Astana
Dr. Barbara Rhode, Directorate General Research, EU Commission, Brussels
Facilitator: *Dr. Corinna Hauswedell*

10:45 **Panel II: Co-operation through Intercultural and Interreligious Dialogue**

Prof. Dr. Muratbek Imanaliev, Institute for Public Policy, Bishkek
Darja Bavdaz-Kuret, State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Slovenia, Ljubljana
Facilitator: *Dr. Anna Kreikemeyer*, CORE, Hamburg

12:30 Lunch break

13:20 Opportunity to visit the Cistercian Monastery Loccum (founded in 1163)

14:30 Continuation of the conference in two parallel workshops

Workshop I **Co-operation through Education and Academic Exchange**

Part 1:

Benedikt Brisch, Head of Unit, German Academic Exchange Service, Bonn
N.N., Aga Khan Foundation, Bishkek
Prof. Dr. Dr. Murad Haitov, Faculty of Law, Turkmen State University, Ashgabad
Dr. Tim Ephenhans, Director, OSCE-Academy, Bishkek
Dr. Barbara Rhode, Brussels
Prof. Kulash Nogataevna Shamshidinova, Astana
Prof. Dr. Dr. Johann W. Gerlach, President, German-Kazakh University, Almaty
Michael Schlicht, Head of Unit, Federal Ministry of Education and Research, Bonn
Dr. Wolfgang Levermann, VolkswagenStiftung, Hanover

Facilitator: *Dr. Corinna Hauswedell*

Workshop I, Part 2:

Co-operation on Water and Environmental Issues

Prof. Dr. Malik Burlibaev, Astana
Prof. Dr. Anatoly Kholmatov, Dushanbe
Andrea Leone, AIDCO/E6, EU Commission, Brussels
Dr. des. Jenniver Sehring, Assistant Professor, University of Würzburg

Facilitator: *Dr. Wolfgang Zellner*

Workshop II

Co-operation through Intercultural and Interreligious Dialogue

State Secretary *Darja Bavdaz-Kuret*, Ljubljana
Prof. Muratbek Imanaliev, Bishkek
Muhiddin Kabiri, Chairman of the Islamic Revival Party of Tajikistan (IRPT), Dushanbe
Julie McBrien, University Amsterdam/University College Utrecht, Utrecht/Amsterdam
Malikachon Normukhamedova, Spiritual Administration of Muslims of Uzbekistan, Tashkent
Omur Orhun, Ambassador, OSCE Special Representative on Combating Intolerance and Discrimination against Muslims, Istanbul
Dr. Arne C. Seifert, Ambassador ret., Central Asia Adviser, CORE, Berlin
Prof. Dr. Bulat Sultanov, Almaty
Facilitator: *Dr. Anna Kreikemeyer*

19:30 **Lessons Learnt Forum**

Information and exchange on existing and completed co-operation projects with Central Asian partners

■ Wednesday, 17 September 2008

09:30 **Closing Panel**

Reports from the Workshops and Responses in the Light of EU Practice

Benedikt Brisch, Bonn
Dr. des. Jenniver Sehring, Würzburg
Dr. Arne C. Seifert, Berlin

Dr. Barbara Rhode, Brussels
Andrea Leone, Brussels
Darja Bavdaz-Kuret, Ljubljana
N.N., EU Commission, Relations with Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia (EECCA), Brussels

11:15 **Final Plenary Discussion**

Facilitator: *Dr. Anna Kreikemeyer*

12:15 **Conclusions and Perspectives**

Dr. Corinna Hauswedell
Dr. Wolfgang Zellner

12:30 Lunch and end of the conference

12:50 Departure of the bus to Wunstorf (arrival appr. 13:30 h)

Conference languages:
German – English – Russian (simultaneous translation)

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Registration

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15 – 17 September 2008

- I herewith register for the conference.
- I will use the shuttle bus on 15 September 2008 at **13:50 h from Wunstorf (Exit ZOB)**
- Remarks (on vegetarian food etc.

Date & Signature: