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DKU Annual International Conference:

Central Asia's Transformations Since 1991

Date: 25-26 April 2019

Since the onset of political, economic and societal transformations in Central Asia following the breakup of the Soviet Union it is propitious to understand the major trends, changes, and challenges in the development of Central Asian countries today. The conference aims to bring together experts and scholars from Kazakhstan and beyond to discuss the major aspects of political, economic, technological, societal and cultural transformations in the region since 1991 and the challenges faced by its countries ahead. Preliminarily, research topics of individual submissions can include but are not limited to:

- Trends and challenges of political development in the region
- Development and aspects of political culture in the region
- Trends and aspects of multiculturalism in the region
- Migration and re-emigration in the region since 1991
- Market reforms and economic development in the countries of Central Asia
- Problems and trends in education in Central Asia since 1991
- Trends and problems in the development of the health sector in the region
- Trajectories of state and nation-building in Central Asia
- Foreign development aid in Central Asia: dynamics, trends, and problems
- Central Asia's diplomacy and soft power within and outside the region
- Soviet legacies and memories in the everyday life of Central Asians
- Problems and chances in the development of science and technology in the region
- Gender and gender policies in countries of Central Asia
- Security threats and responses in Central Asia
- Climate change and policies to tackle it in the region
- Trends and policies in the energy sector in the region
- Central Asia's digital transformation since 1991: trends and problems
- Development of Central Asian transport and logistics since 1991
- Central Asia and the development of continental transport and trade in the region

Submission guidelines for abstracts:

Candidates are welcome to submit abstracts of no more than 350 words before 30 January 2019. For key dates please refer to the specification of dates enclosed further below. The submitted abstracts should include the following:

- title of paper
- first and surname of author(s)
- institutional affiliation
- current position and academic title
- email address
- brief summary of a research article to be included in the conference proceeding

Submission guidelines for individual papers:

After selection of abstracts all selected presenters are invited to submit individual papers expanding on the topic of their accepted abstracts. For submission dates and submission format guidelines please refer to the specifications below. In their papers candidates are expected to expand on the topic of their accepted abstracts. The individual papers must be clearly structured (introduction, main part, and conclusion), clearly articulated, bear a positive sign of an original research, and represent a significant contribution to knowledge in the respective field of study. The individual papers should enclose the list of used literature at the end of the article. All references in the text must be cited in the footnotes. The authors of individual papers are invited to use MLA style in citing both references and resources. The conference organizing committee reserves the right to reject those papers that do not correspond to the conference theme or that do not meet the above stated submission guidelines.

Submission format guidelines for individual papers:

Size	max. 5000 words excluding appendices and references
Font	Times New Roman
Font size	12
Interval	1.5

Language of the conference:

The conference will use English, Russian and Kazakh languages in discussions within individual panels. However, in order to increase efficient conduct of panel discussions the organising committee reserves the right to designate a panel as 'English only', 'Russian only', and 'Kazakh only'. In the case of submission of individual papers the organising committee will consider submissions in all three languages. However, in the case of paper proposals submitted in Kazakh language the abstracts must be provided in English or Russian.

Schedule of key dates:

Announcement of the conference: 30 November 2018
Deadline for abstract submission: 30 January 2019
Notification of selected participants: 08 February 2019
Deadline for submission of individual papers: 29 March 2019
Registration and announcement of conference program: 12 April 2019
Conference date: **25-26 April 2019**

Conference committee:

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