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Central Asia: New Great Games or Great Opportunities?

Central Asian States and Their Paths to Development and Prosperity

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Friday, 16 September

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Conference

Location: *InterContinental Hotel Chicago
Magnificent Mile
2nd Floor, Kings Court
505 North Michigan Avenue
Chicago IL, 60611*

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM

Registration

Location: *2nd Floor Lobby, Kings Court*

9:00 AM – 9:30 AM

Welcoming Remarks

- Frank Priess, Deputy Head of European and International Cooperation
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9:30 AM – 11:00 AM

Panel I: *Political Stability and Security*

Moderator

- Klaus-Jürgen Hedrich, Parliamentary State Secretary, ret., Bundestag, *Germany*

Panelists

- Rustam Makhmudov, Political Scientist, Freelance Analyst, *Uzbekistan*
- Dr. Dosyam Satpaev, Director Risk Assessment Group Almaty, *Kazakhstan*
- Dr. Yulia Nikitana, Associate Professor MGIMO, *Russia*
- Prof. Li Xin, Shanghai Institutes for International Studies, *China*

Reflective Remarks

- Dr. Cynthia Buckley, Professor of Sociology University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

11:00 AM – 11:15 AM

Coffee Break



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11:15 AM – 12:45 PM Panel II: *Religion, Policy Making, and Extremist Elements/Movements*

Moderator

- Dr. Russell Zanca, Board Member
Chicago Central Eurasian Group, *USA*

Panelists

- Rafik Sayfulin, Director ret.
Institute of Strategic Studies, Freelance Analyst
Uzbekistan
- Dr. Vitaly Naumkin, President
Institute of Oriental Studies, *Russia*
- Dr. Yerlan Karin, Director, Kazakhstan Institute for
Strategic Studies, *Kazakhstan*
- Prof. Qiang Xiaoyun, Shanghai Institutes for
International Studies, *China*

Reflective Remarks

- Tobias Zech, Member of Bundestag
Christian Social Union, *Germany*

12:45 PM – 2:00 PM Break for Lunch

Location: *2nd Floor, Camelot Room*

1:30 PM

Keynote Speaker

- Daniel Rosenblum, Deputy Assistant Secretary of
State for South and Central Asian Affairs
United States Department of State



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2:00 PM – 3:30 PM

Panel III: *Economy, Inter-Regional Trade and Cooperative Prospects as a New "Silk Road"*

Moderator

- Claudia Crawford, Director of Moscow Office
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Panelists

- Kahramon Bakaev, Director
Zerkalo Research Institute, *Tajikistan*
- Dr. Liu Jinqian,
Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences, *China*
- Dr. Boris Schmelev, Director of Foreign Policy,
Institute of Economics, Russian Academy of
Sciences, *Russia*
- Dr. Timur Shaimergerenov, Head of Research and
Analysis, Nazarbayev Center, *Kazakhstan*

Reflective Remarks

- Tim Wenniges, Director of Shanghai Office
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3:30 PM – 5:00 PM

Panel IV: *Natural Resources as Sources of Wealth and Ecological Concerns*

Moderator

- Michael Bechtel, Board Member
Chicago Central Eurasian Group

Panelists

- Thomas Helm, Director of Astana Office
Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung
- Dr. Cynthia Werner, Professor and Head
Texas A&M University, USA
- Bertrand Malmandier, Representative for United
Russia in Europe
- TBD

Reflective Remarks

- Heinrich Schulz, Geschäftsführer
Deutsch-Turkmenisches Forum