

Thirty years of Central Asia's international relations: taking stock and looking forward

04 March 2020, AUCA Room T16

9:00 - 9:20 - Welcome coffee

9:20 - 9:30 - Welcome remarks by Dr Andrew Kuchins, President of AUCA, and Mr Shairbek Dzhuraev, Director of Crossroads Central Asia

9:30 - 10:30 KAZAKHSTAN AND KYRGYZSTAN

- **The Cost of Pragmatism of Kazakhstan's Foreign Policy**
Dr Nurseit Niyazbekov, KIMEP University, Kazakhstan
- **The Foreign Policy of Kyrgyzstan: Evolving Needs and Choices**
Dr Emil Dzhuraev, OSCE Academy, Kyrgyzstan

Chair: Dr Eric McGlinchey, George Mason University, USA

Coffee

11:00 - 12:30 TAJIKISTAN, TURKMENISTAN AND UZBEKISTAN

- **Tajikistan's International Relations: Pursue Own Agenda or Keep Catching Up?**
Mr Muslimbek Buriev, Cabar Asia, Tajikistan
- **The Political Economy of Turkmenistan's Neutrality**
Dr Payam Foroughi, AUCA, Kyrgyzstan
- **Thirty Years of Uzbekistan's International Relations: Quo Vadis?**
Dr Farkhad Tolipov, Bilim Karvoni Independent Research Center, Uzbekistan

Chair: Mr Shairbek Dzhuraev, Crossroads Central Asia, Kyrgyzstan

Lunch

14:00 - 15:30 EXTRA-REGIONAL POWERS AND/IN CENTRAL ASIA

- **Tightening the Belt? Challenges for China's Development-Security Nexus in Central Asia**
Dr Catherine Owen, University of Exeter, UK
- **Does Russia Have a Strategy for Central Asia?**
Dr Yulia Nikitina, MGIMO, Russia
- **The Limits of US Staying Power in Central Asia**
Dr Eric McGlinchey, George Mason University, USA

Chair: Dr Farhad Kerimov, AUCA, Kyrgyzstan

Conclusion