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