

## **5<sup>th</sup> Interdisciplinary Central Asia Day**

**7 December 2018**

### **New Tendencies in and around Central Asia:**

#### **Domestic Developments, Regional Cooperation and External Relations**

Central Asian states are undergoing diverse developments. On the domestic level, different strategies of power consolidation, adaptation and modernization are accompanied by challenges in economic development, societal demands, political stability, and peace and security.

On the regional level, we are observing the transformation of established patterns of regional cooperation. It seems that the mutual distrust and ineffective collaboration that have dominated politics in the region for more than two decades are being replaced by close regional engagement. Central Asian leaders are pushing for regular regional dialog and are already arranging some meetings without the participation of extra-regional leaders.

Such domestic and regional developments may have certain implications for Central Asia's external relations. In particular, against the backdrop of China's rising role in the region, Russia's traditional special concerns and interests, and the EU's current efforts to explore new opportunities for effective cooperation with the states of the region, recent developments in Central Asia have become a topical issue for discussion.

Hence, the Fifth Central Asia Day will be dedicated (but not limited) to discussion of following questions:

- What are the current developments in the Central Asian states? Are there new challenges and opportunities in terms of power strategies, institutional development, state-society relations, and peace and security?
- Are we really witnessing a revival of regional integrationist processes in Central Asia? What are the possible perspectives for ongoing active regional dialog and cooperation?
- What are the possible implications of current developments in Central Asia for their relations with external players (especially China, Russia and the EU)?

We invite all interested scholars to present on these and other related topics. Please submit an abstract of a maximum of 300 words for a 15 minute presentation and a short academic bio (2-3 sentences), including contact details, by November 11, 2018. The program will depend on presentation proposals received. The workshop is expected to run from 10:00-17:00.

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Participation is free of charge. Coffee breaks and lunch will be provided. However, we cannot cover participants' expenses associated with travel and accommodation. Please contact us if you have any questions.